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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This offer funds rapid re-housing and supports for 595 households. For the majority of people experiencing homelessness returning to permanent housing requires a combination of a limited duration, highly flexible allocation of rental assistance, housing placement and retention support, and access to income acquisition assistance, including benefits and/or employment assistance. This program will prioritize highly vulnerable households, including women, families, and people with disabilities, and emphasize culturally specific and responsive services.

Program Summary

The Executive Committee of A Home for Everyone (AHFE) adopted a set of recommendations at its January 2015 meeting which, if fully implemented, will keep our community on track to reduce the unmet need for permanent housing by 50% by the end of 2017. Implementation of those recommendations will substantially reduce or eliminate the over-representation of people of color in the homeless population, reduce unsheltered homelessness among women through a combination of permanent housing and shelter, and provide critical housing and shelter resources to people with severe and persistent mental illness.

Recommendations include an increase in "Rapid Re-Housing" placements into permanent housing for AHFE priority populations-people of color, women, and people with disabilities. The goal of rapidly re-housing is an additional 1,130 individuals or 595 households by aligning investments in recognized best practices, including:

- Short-term flexible housing placement & retention for women & families, single women, couples, youth, & women fleeing domestic violence;
- Shared housing for women and youth, including women with children, single women, and women escaping domestic violence;
- Longer term rental subsidies for higher barrier households in the priority populations;
- Short-term flexible housing placement and retention services targeted to the priority populations in East County;
- Benefits Acquisition support for disabled individuals in the priority populations;
- Employment support, including targeted support for TANF families, alignment of housing and employment programs for the target populations, and support for low-barrier and self-employment income options.

All services funded will be delivered by non-profit organizations that are either culturally specific or culturally responsive, and will adhere to community guidelines for rapid re-housing, including delivering services in accordance with the principles of assertive engagement and trauma informed care.

This program is scalable on a cost per household served basis. Effective alignment and use of resources recommends making a minimum commitment of 200 households and scaling in increments of 100 households. The program will be funded jointly with City of Portland General Fund and Multnomah County General Fund.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Households receiving housing placement and retention services	NA	NA	NA	595
Outcome	Households retaining their housing 12 months after subsidy	NA	NA	NA	75%
Output	Households receiving income acquisition assistance through benefits or employment services	NA	NA	NA	300
Outcome	Households served who achieve sustained or increased income	NA	NA	NA	250

Performance Measures Descriptions

At least 595 households, or 1,130 individuals, will receive rapid rehousing placement services and financial assistance to obtain and maintain permanent housing. At least 75% of those will remain housed 12 months after the end of subsidy. All households will have access to income acquisition services. At least 300 will take advantage of those services and 250 will see increases in their income that will support long-term housing stability. Measures assume that both this program offer and the parallel proposal for City of Portland General Fund are fully funded.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

This program offer represents portions of the following AHFE proposed investment priorities: Permanent Supportive Housing - Site based and scattered site (HLH.1), PSH - Site based and scattered site units connected to Unity (HLH.3), Placement and Retention Services for Women and Families (HSG.2), Benefits Acquisition (HSG.3), East County Placement and Retention (HSG.7), Rent Assistance for all Populations (HSG.9), Housing and Workforce Alignment for TANF Families (WKF.1a), Bring Workforce to Housing (WKF.1b), Bring Housing to Workforce (WKF.2) and Equitable Access to Employment Project (WKF.4).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,006,625	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$3,006,625	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$3,006,625	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: