

### Program #10064 - Eviction Prevention - Expanded Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

### **Executive Summary**

In order to reduce homelessness we must reduce the number of people becoming homeless in our community. Done correctly, prevention is a much better strategy both for individuals or families, because they avoid the trauma of becoming homeless, and for the community, because it can be substantially less costly to prevent a person's homelessness than to end it once they have become homeless.

## **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. In addition, implementation of those recommendations will substantially reduce or eliminate the overrepresentation of people of color in the street and shelter homeless population, dramatically 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.

The recommendations adopted by the Executive Committee included investments in strategies that would prevent or divert 1000 people from becoming homeless in the coming fiscal year. Prevention and diversion are similar in that both assist a person or family from becoming literally homeless, meaning they are sleeping on the streets, in shelter, or in transitional housing. Prevention does this by helping someone who currently has a home from losing that home (e.g. a tenant facing eviction for non-payment of rent). Diversion assists someone who does not have permanent housing of their own to obtain permanent housing before becoming literally homeless (e.g. someone coming out of long term-treatment transitions directly to permanent housing).

This program would fund homeless preventions for the AHFE priority populations, in particular women, people of color and people with disabilities. It would do this primarily through three recommended strategies adopted by the Executive Committee, all of which have been shown to be effective at preventing homelessness:

- Flexible eviction prevention financial assistance:
- In-home support services for people with disabilities living in affordable housing whose behaviors are jeopardizing their tenancy;
- Legal representation for low-income tenants facing eviction;

All of the providers contracted to provide services through this program will be culturally specific or culturally responsive. Aspects of this program are scalable on a cost per prevention basis.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer				
Output									
Outcome									

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

## 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	\$160,000	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$160,000	\$0	
Program Total:	\$	0	\$160,000		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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

## **Explanation of Revenues**

\$160,000 New One-Time-Only General Fund - Multnomah County

# Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: