



Program #10052C - Safety off the Streets - Gresham Women's/DV Shelter Preservation 2/17/2017

Department: Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone committed to adding 650 beds of year-round shelter, with a priority for adult women. This program offer maintains essential funding for this commitment: (1) The Gresham Women’s Shelter opened in the Fall of 2016; it is a Domestic Violence (DV) informed 90 bed 24/7 low-barrier shelter for anyone identifying as a woman that works with community partners to offer an array of services; (2) DV shelter expansion through adding 46 one month motel vouchers for women and their children fleeing domestic violence for whom traditional shelter is not an available or suitable option.

Program Summary

In FY 2017, the A Home for Everyone Executive Committee recommended the creation of 650 additional traditional and non- traditional shelter beds in order to help provide a shelter option to all women and people with disabilities by the end of 2017. While homelessness has significant detrimental effects on everyone, women's' health and safety are placed at even greater risk for harm without a safe and stable place to call home.

As of January of 2015, there were more than 500 unsheltered women on a given night in Multnomah County. Of those, nearly half reported a history of domestic violence. Because of this, A Home for Everyone's Executive Committee called for an expansion of women’s shelter and housing placement capacity, with an emphasis on supporting women fleeing or living with the trauma of DV.

The Gresham Women's Shelter program was launched in the Fall of 2016 with 90 year-round, 24/7 emergency shelter beds; it is the first publicly funded year-round shelter for adults in Gresham. The shelter is DV informed and designed to alleviate the pressure points in the DV system while providing homeless women with shelter options. This shelter partners with 211, The Gateway Center, and A Call to Safety to screen for eligibility and coordinate intake.

Additionally, the funding in this program offer supports 46 one month motel vouchers that can be used to assist women in staying safe from immediate danger when shelter beds are full, act as bridge funding when a survivor and her family have a permanent housing placement in the works but nowhere to stay and finally as a respite for women and children who are ill and unable to safely stay in the shelters.

Both of these shelter expansions were funded substantially with State Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Program funds. Those funds are not included in the Governor’s proposed budget . Absent state funding, without the funds requested in this program offers, those programs will lack the necessary resources to continue operations unless reductions are made in other shelter or housing programs.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Year-round emergency shelter beds	N/A	90	90	90
Outcome	Women served in year-round emergency shelter beds*	N/A	N/A	N/A	459
Output	Domestic violence survivors receiving emergency shelter one month vouchers	N/A	46	46	46

Performance Measures Descriptions

*FY 2017 Purchased/Estimate left blank because new capacity came on part way through year. The multiplier 5.0956 (based on 2015 HUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report data) was used to calculate Next Year Offer. The multiplier reflects the average # people served by 1 shelter bed over course of year.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$385,187	\$475,000
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$89,813	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$475,000	\$475,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$950,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$475,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$475,000

Explanation of Revenues

Funding for this program is a shared commitment between the County and the City of Portland.
 County General Fund - \$475,000
 City of Portland General Fund - \$475,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

In response to the homelessness crisis, the State of Oregon's Legislature responded by making an additional \$10 million available mid-biennium to local jurisdictions. This funding was appropriated after the County adopted the FY 2017 budget. The one-time-only state funding of \$880,000 of Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) to expand local shelter capacity. That funding was not renewed in the Governor's FY 17-19 budget.