

Program #10053C - Housing Placement & Retention - Homeless Families (Part I)

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs: 10053D

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Homeless Family System of Care (HFSC) works collaboratively as a leadership/direct service team to address the unique needs of homeless families in Multnomah County. Through this program and 10053D, the Mobile Housing Team (MHT) will maintain its current capacity to provide housing placement, ongoing support and flexible rental assistance to 400 of our community's most vulnerable homeless families. MHT is a collaboration of Multnomah County and seven homeless service providers a majority of whom are culturally specific agencies.

Program Summary

The HFSC was created four years ago as the primary coordinated effort to assist families experiencing homelessness to make a rapid and sustainable transition back into permanent housing. It is a collaboration of agency leaders and direct service staff that practice shared budgeting, leveraging of resources, shared accountability, case consultation and ongoing process improvement. The system has shared values that include the practice of assertive engagement, using an equity lens to assure racial and social justice and a shared belief that all homeless families should be housed. The majority of agencies in the collaborative are culturally-specific providers.

When combined with program 10053D, MHT currently has capacity to provide 400 families with housing placement/retention services per year using short-medium term flexible rental assistance (0-12 months) and client assistance. Eligible families may be living in shelter, doubled up, experiencing domestic violence, living on the streets, in cars or places not meant for habitation. A broad definition of homelessness allows us to equitably serve families that are most vulnerable in a variety of living situations. In FY 2017, 79% of the families served through MHT identified as being from communities of color, achieving the system goal of improving access and outcomes for these communities. 12 months after the end of subsidy, 80% of households remain permanently housed.

This program offer maintains 76% of the MHT's current housing placement capacity, yielding 305 placements. The remaining capacity is in program 10053D.

Homeless families access the system through a coordinated entry process that first screens them for immediate safety and then for overall vulnerability. Because many more families are seeking housing assistance than MHT is resourced to provide, families are prioritized based on vulnerability, housing opportunity and provider capacity.

This program leverages federal and state funding including a number of HUD grants. The system has had a three year collaboration with DHS that leverages a full time DHS staff person who is an integrated member of the team and provides eligibility assistance and benefits acquisition.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer				
Output	Number of households placed in housing	393	305	305	305				
Outcome	Percentage of homeless family households who remain housed 12 months after exit	80%	80%	80%	80%				

Performance Measures Descriptions

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	\$2,441,870	\$958,370	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$2,441,870	\$958,370	
Program Total: \$0		0	\$3,400,240		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$958,370				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$958,370				

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$958,370

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 10062A Rapid Rehousing - Existing Services

Due to how the FY 2017 budget was structured there is not the ability to assign last year's funding to individual program offers for Housing Placement and Retention (formerly Rapid Rehousing) the in FY 2018. The history for FY 2017 program offers 10062A –Rapid Rehousing Existing Services and 10062B – Rapid Rehousing Expansion is shown in FY 2018 program offer 10053A – Housing Placement and Retention – Adult Households.