

Program #10052B - Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter

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

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) has prioritized maintaining year-round shelter, with a priority of serving highly vulnerable populations, including women. This program offer maintains essential funding for the following commitment: (1) Support 240 long-established beds of year-round emergency shelter; and (2) Support the Gresham Women's Shelter, a Domestic Violence (DV) informed 90-bed 24/7 low-barrier shelter that opened Fall 2016.

Program Summary

A January 2015 Point-in-Time count found 566 women living on the streets. The AHFE Executive Committee increased local investment in shelter for women, and two years later the 2017 count showed a nearly 17% decrease. While good news, there were still 471 unsheltered women on a given night in Multnomah County, which requires ongoing commitment to prioritize shelter and housing resources for this population.

While not a solution to homelessness, emergency shelter is vital to protecting the basic health and safety of individuals while they are experiencing homelessness. This program funds 240 long-established emergency shelter beds for single women. Funds are contracted to nonprofit providers to pay the operating expenses for shelter, including maintenance, staffing, materials and supplies, and on-site services.

In addition to providing a safe place to stay, these shelters are essential locations for women to learn about and access the services they need to find permanent housing, acquire an income, and receive health-related services. Services are delivered through contractors that adhere to A Home for Everyone's Community Guidelines for shelter, which includes delivering services in accordance with the principles of assertive engagement and trauma-informed care.

The Gresham Women's Shelter opened 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 emergency shelter options. This shelter partners with 211, The Gateway Center, and Call to Safety to screen for eligibility and coordinate intake.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer			
Output	Number of year-round emergency shelter beds	330	330	330	330			
Outcome	People served in year-round emergency shelter beds*	3,065	1,739	3,008	3,000			

Performance Measures Descriptions

*FY 2017 outcomes were much higher than anticipated. FY 2018 program goals were set at baseline levels, and providers are again seeing a high turnover in shelter, so we are raising FY 2019 goals.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,436,060	\$0	\$3,428,510
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,436,060	\$90,000	\$3,428,510
Program Total:	ogram Total: \$2,436,060		\$3,518,510	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,436,060	\$0	\$3,428,510			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,436,060	\$0	\$3,428,510			

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund - \$2,583,440 SHAP - \$434,150 EHA - \$410,920

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 10052B Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter

This program combines two program offers from FY 2018: 10052B Women's Shelter and 10052C Gresham Women's Shelter/DV Shelter Preservation. The increase in other funds accounts for the additional \$10 million statewide allocation of the State Homeless Assistance Program and Emergency Housing Assistance grants. County departments were awarded the funding after the FY 2018 budget was adopted. These appropriations were reviewed during the State Rebalance process and approved by the Board in December 2017.