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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 supported housing programs to meet the needs of homeless adults who are in recovery or have significant disabilities. This program continues the local long-term voucher program that is narrowly tailored to households with fixed incomes, to improve housing stability and reduce rent burden, including many households who reside in tax credit or other regulated affordable housing.

Program Summary

Rents in some tax credit or other regulated affordable housing exceed what people on long-term disability or with other very low incomes are able to afford. This program supports a local investment in a long-term rent subsidy pilot that complements the federally-funded Housing Choice Voucher program and our local Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) program. The program leverages support from Meyer Memorial Trust. The local long-term voucher functions more flexibly than the federal voucher program, and provides increasingly necessary ongoing rental assistance to people whose limited income otherwise excludes them entirely from the rental market.

This project is testing the long-term local voucher concept by using it in a very specific circumstance – assisting people who are seniors or living with disabilities with limited fixed incomes and significant rent burdens (typically receiving income of less than \$800 per month, and prior to subsidy pay more than 70% of that income to rent) to afford the rents in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units. Those units have rents that are restricted but they are not tied to tenant income, so they are increasingly out of reach for the target group in this pilot project. Some assisted households also reside in moderately-priced private market units. The funds make it possible for people in the target population to afford the rent (at 30% of their income). In doing so, this program would leverage the income that the target group is deriving from their federal benefits and the inventory of publicly funded affordable housing.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Provide vouchers for SSI households seeking rent-restricted affordable housing units.	NA	45	50	55
Outcome	Percent of households who remain housed 12 months after entry*	NA	NA	NA	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Pilot program in FY 2019; outcome measures not yet available.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$362,260	\$0	\$376,760	\$138,240
Total GF/non-GF	\$362,260	\$0	\$376,760	\$138,240
Program Total:	\$362,260		\$515,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,240
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,240

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund - \$138,240

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 10054C-19 Supportive Housing - Local Long Term Rental Vouchers

The voucher program was increased by 10 vouchers.