

Program #30201 - Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter 4/21/2021

Department: Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) has prioritized the equitable expansion of year-round shelter capacity, particularly for people who are more vulnerable on the street, including adult women. AHFE also holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, and that eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity must be a focus of programming. This program offer maintains essential funding for 229 beds of year-round 24/7 emergency shelter for women, including the Gresham Women's Shelter, the downtown SOS Women's Shelter, and Jean's Place, a shelter for women seeking a sober environment.

Program Summary

Emergency shelter is vital to protecting the basic health and safety of individuals while they are experiencing homelessness. This program funds 229 emergency shelter beds for 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 contracted service providers that adhere to AHFE's Community Guidelines for shelter, which includes the equitable delivery of services in accordance with the principles of assertive engagement and trauma-informed care. All shelter, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, reduced barrier, and culturally responsive or specific programming that emphasizes meeting participants' immediate need for basic health and safety.

The beds funded in this program offer include the Gresham Women's Shelter, which opened in the Fall of 2016 with 90 year-round beds that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is the only 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 women experiencing homelessness with emergency shelter options. This shelter partners with community based organizations to screen for eligibility and coordinate intake.

The SOS Women's Shelter is located in the Old Town neighborhood and provides 75 beds of year-round, 24 hour, 7 day a week shelter for women. The shelter provides women experiencing homelessness with a range of support services upon entry that support their transition out of shelter into permanent housing. Jean's Place, located in inner NE Portland, provides a more structured shelter environment for women that offers a clean and sober transitional living option.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of year-round emergency shelter beds	229	229	100	229
Outcome	Number of people served in year-round emergency shelter beds	799	1,250	340	800
Output	Overrepresented BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer. FY 2021 estimate significantly impacted by COVID-19 and physical distancing guidance for congregate shelters.

*This is a new equity measure intended to demonstrate whether program offer investments are meeting the commitment to reduce racial disparities in homelessness overall. and in specific programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,465,710	\$0	\$2,492,600
Materials & Supplies	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$19,500	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$80,000	\$2,465,710	\$19,500	\$2,492,600
Program Total:	\$2,545,710		\$2,512,100	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,465,710	\$0	\$2,492,600
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,465,710	\$0	\$2,492,600

Explanation of Revenues

State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) \$784,630
 City of Portland General Fund \$1,707,970

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10052B Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) was not able to continue the contract with The Salvation Army for the Female Emergency Shelter (SAFES) for FY 2020. This reduced the bed count for women-only shelters by approximately 107 beds. JOHS is committed to supporting the expansion of quality beds for women in Multnomah County, like the women and couples' beds at the new Laurelwood Center.