

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds a critical expansion of short- to medium-term rental assistance and housing placement and retention services for people experiencing episodic homelessness. It specifically focuses on increasing exits from homelessness among families with children, survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and youth. A majority of this investment will be in culturally specific capacity and a significant majority of the households served will be from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

**Program Summary**

The Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) passed by voters in May of 2020 generates dedicated funding to significantly reduce homelessness in Multnomah County and the region. The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure sets out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. The LIP strategies prioritize the A Home for Everyone and Measure commitment to eliminating racial disparities among people experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness. The LIP specifically calls out the need to expand rental assistance, housing placement, and housing retention support services for those who are doubled up, living in shelter, or unsheltered and who need a limited duration commitment of flexible rental assistance and support services to regain stable housing.

This program offer funds rapid rehousing placement and retention services for 250 households, including short- to medium-term flexible rent assistance and housing placement and retention services. In keeping with recommendations in the LIP, the rental assistance in this offer will remain as flexible as possible to meet the unique needs of each household. Eligible populations will be served through three homeless services systems of care: families with children under age 18, youth, and survivors of domestic and sexual assault (DV/SA). Eligible households may be living in shelter, doubled-up, experiencing DV/SA, living on the streets or in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation. A broader definition of homelessness allows systems to equitably serve vulnerable households in a variety of living situations.

In FY 2020, 81% of the households served through rapid rehousing in the family system and 86% from the DV/SA system identified as being from communities of color. Households access services through Coordinated Access, which include staff from culturally specific partners who screen for immediate safety and overall vulnerability, provide navigation services and match to available resources. This program leverages Federal and State funding including U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of households newly placed and retained	N/A	N/A	N/A	250
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing at 6 months post-exit	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC Households will retain housing at rates as high or higher than Non-Hispanic whites*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC households will retain housing at a rate as high or higher in FY 22 than in FY21**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*/\*\* These are new equity measures intended to track whether investments in this program offer are leading to equitable outcomes for Communities of Color and helping to reduce racial disparities in homelessness.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177,995
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,065
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,196,060</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$2,196,060</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,196,060
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,196,060</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$2,196,060

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: