

FUSE Project Overview

Frequent User System Engagement

FUSE works to support communities break the cycle of homelessness and crisis among individuals with complex medical & behavioral health challenges who are the highest users of emergency rooms, jails, & homeless services by facilitating coordination, & partnership to connect public service systems.

Project Details

Background

FUSE is a proven model, developed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing, identifying frequent users of jails, hospitals, and homeless services and then improving their lives through supportive housing. FUSE uses data-sharing to understand who is cycling through systems and then equitably prioritizes durable supportive housing resources and defines FUSE-participant specific supportive services. Participants are provided affordable housing with wraparound support services, which stabilizes their lives and significantly reduces returns to jails, homelessness, reliance on emergency health services, and improves overall quality of life. Drawing on the learnings of the 2021 Multnomah County FUSE analysis, this FUSE pilot project is a Multnomah County cross-department collaboration between DCJ, DCHS, Health, JOHS, and the Sheriff's Office.

Goals

The goal of FUSE is for reduced jail, health care, and homeless services utilization and increased housing stability thereby better supporting frequent users of these systems. The FUSE supportive housing framework stabilizes frequent users of homeless, health and justice services, ending the costly revolving door of unaligned and unsuccessful service delivery.

Scope and Deliverable

- Create a by-name list through multi-system data matching to identify individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness and are being failed most frequently by the criminal justice, health care, and homeless services systems
- Provide eligible individuals with Permanent Supportive Housing with personalized wrap-around services to reduce rates of recidivism and need for emergency department care

Core Project Team:

- Department of County Human Services
- Department of Community Justice
- Health Department
- Healthshare of Oregon
- Joint Office of Homeless Services
- County Sheriff's Office

Technical Assistance:

Corporation for Supportive Housing

Tentative Timeline:

NOFA release: Spring 2023

By name list and NOFA completed: June 30, 2023

Participants housed: July 2023-December 31-2023