



## Notice of Funding Availability: Housing Placement and Retention Announcement

Issue Date: **November 28, 2022**

Responses Due: **December 20, 2022**

Not Later Than: **5:00 PM**

LATE RESPONSES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Refer Questions to:

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**Summary:** Thank you for your expressed interest in providing Housing Placement and Retention services as part of Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) strategy to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. If you remain interested, please review the scope provided and submit responses to the questions outlined in the instructions below by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022**. Proposals should be sent in an email addressed to: [marita.wallace@multco.us](mailto:marita.wallace@multco.us) and [anna.pendas@multco.us](mailto:anna.pendas@multco.us). Responses will be used to evaluate and prioritize providers for contracted services.

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### **Background:**

Funding for this NOFA comes from the Metro Supportive Housing Services Program (SHS) which addresses homelessness and housing stability, prioritizing Communities of Color. The program aims to increase housing stability and equitable services delivery across the region through inclusive community engagement, investments in programs that advance equity, and tracking indicators that demonstrate success in these areas. More information related to the SHS strategic plan may be found in the [Metro SHS Work Plan](#) and [Multnomah County's Local Implementation Plan \(LIP\)](#).

### **Program Scope:**



The JOHS is launching three areas of concentration under Housing Placement and Retention that will prioritize (1) Placements out of adult shelter through the investment of housing placement team(s); (2) Prevention and diversion assistance for adult and women households; and (3) Staffing and peer support services. Further information on the desired scope of these programs is detailed below.

**A. Housing Placement and Retention - Placement out of Adult Shelter**

- Budget: \$1,500,000
- Program Description:
  - Mobile shelter in-reach services to connect people in alternative and other shelter programs that do not have housing placement capacity to new permanent housing opportunities
  - Eligible use of funds include: staffing (salary, wages, fringe), indirect administrative costs, client assistance, and rent assistance
- Population Served: Population A/B

**B. Housing Placement and Retention - Adults and Women Households**

- Budget: \$1,000,000
- Program Description:
  - Staffing and limited duration rental assistance (less than 24 months) to divert people who are losing their housing (eviction prevention) or are coming from institutional settings, directly to new permanent housing opportunities
  - Eligible use of funds include: staffing (salary, wages, fringe), direct program costs (i.e. payment of past debt, security deposits, risk mitigation, etc.) to address housing obstacles, indirect administrative costs, client assistance, and rent assistance
- Population Served: Population A/B

**C. Housing Placement and Retention - Staffing and Peer Support Services**

- Budget: \$510,000
- Program Description:
  - Staffing, including peer support services, rental assistance and long term supportive services to support rehousing stabilization



- Eligible use of funds includes: staffing (salary, wages, fringe), direct program costs (material and services), indirect administrative costs, client assistance, and rent assistance
- Population Served: Population A/B

JOHS is seeking proposals that demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the following program components:

- **Low Barrier:** Low barrier outreach and engagement programs should be designed to expedite and not delay a participant's return to permanent housing. Programs should follow established best practices to deliver low-barrier outreach and engagement services. These service components may vary, but providers should endeavor to reduce as many barriers as possible.
- **Informed Service Delivery:** Programs are expected to adhere to best practices in engagement and service delivery, including providing trauma-informed, person-centered, and culturally responsive or culturally specific services. Peer support and programs that allow for participant involvement in ongoing program and site development are encouraged.
- **Commitment to Racial Equity:** Outreach and Engagement providers should work continuously to reduce and eliminate racial disparities in service access and provision. In accordance with that expectation, providers should engage in ongoing racial equity work in regards to their organizational structure; staff; policies, procedures, and practices; programming; biases; restrictions; and community engagement.
- **Culturally Specific Services:** The JOHS strongly encourages the participation of culturally specific service provider organizations, minority-owned, femme-owned, emerging small organizations, and service disabled Veterans in providing these services. Approaches to this work that deliver culturally-responsive and/or culturally-specific services will be prioritized.

**Pre-Submission Optional Information Session:** Proposers are invited to attend the optional pre-submission session that is scheduled to be held on **Monday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m.** To attend this meeting, join at <https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/94452305383?pwd=NTI1V3hFVEdNY2h1RHFLcWxEL2REQT09>. To call in by phone, dial **+16694449171**; meeting ID: **944 5230 5383#**; passcode: **K@5sg7=5**



**NOFA Proposal Submission:**

**Step 1:**

If you are interested in these opportunities to provide Housing Placement and Retention, please begin by reviewing the attached documents.

- **Attachment A** - Proposal Submission Outline
- **Attachment B** - Proposal Template (required with submission)
- **Attachment C** - FY23 JOHS Budget Packet (required with submission)

**Step 2:**

An optional information session will be held on Monday, December 5 to elaborate on this process, the intentions for Housing Placement and Retention, and to address any questions that arise.

**Step 3:**

Submit Attachment B and C by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022**. Submissions should be sent in an email addressed to: [marita.wallace@multco.us](mailto:marita.wallace@multco.us) and [anna.pendas@multco.us](mailto:anna.pendas@multco.us).

**Step 4:**

A review committee will evaluate and score proposals. Selection emails will be sent out subsequently. More information about this process will be discussed during the information session.

**Proposal Submission Schedule:**

NOFA Issued	Monday, November 28, 2022
Pre-Submission Information Session (optional)	Monday, December 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
FAQs Released	Thursday, December 8, 2022
<b>Proposal Deadline</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 20, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.</b>

**Accommodations:**

Please contact Marita Wallace at [marita.wallace@multco.us](mailto:marita.wallace@multco.us)



- If you require interpretation services for the Information Session
- If you need translation for any part of this NOFA process
- If you need Technical Assistance
  - The Equity Engagement Coordinator is available to provide technical assistance, NOFA process navigation support and answer questions

#### Definitions:

- **Eviction Prevention**
  - Housing stabilization services through one-time, short, or limited-term rental assistance as necessary in order to limit the households risk of homelessness.
- **Housing Placement**
  - Identifying appropriate housing based on the individual household's needs resulting in a placement in permanent housing. Service requires engagement with the household to determine how this will be achieved.
- **In-Reach Services**
  - Mobile outreach staff that supports households experiencing homelessness with transitioning into housing from facility-based shelters, transitional campgrounds or other non-traditional safety-off-the-streets locations where structured connections to services do not currently exist.
- **Institutional Settings**
  - Institutional settings are spaces in which a variety of services are available. These settings range from correctional and medical facilities to shelters and drop-in centers. These settings do not qualify as a permanent residence and have compulsory rules and regulations.
- **Peer Support Services**
  - Individuals who provide support from a shared lived experience. Peer support increases and improves engagement with services and general quality of life (i.e. increased trust, meeting goals, meaningful relationships, etc.)
- **Population A/B**
  - **Population A:**
    - Extremely low-income;
    - Have one or more disabling conditions;



- Are experiencing or at imminent risk of experiencing long-term or frequent episodes of literal homelessness.
- **Population B:**
  - Experiencing homelessness;
  - Have a substantial risk of experiencing homelessness
- **Public Space Management**
  - Defined as a space that is open and accessible to the general public. Including but not limited to roads (including the pavement), public squares and parks where all people have access to the public right of way. Public Space Management is governed by government entities including Public Safety, Portland Fire, and Transportation.
- **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**
  - Informed by a Housing First approach, RRH interventions are a critical part of a community's effective homeless crisis response system. RRH rapidly connects households experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through individualized assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial
- **Rental Assistance (Short and Limited Term)**
  - Flexible rent assistance meant to serve those at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Assistance duration is flexible, but may not exceed 24 months.