



**What is happening:**

For the first time since its creation in 2016, the Homeless Services Department (formerly the Joint Office of Homeless Services) is facing a nearly 25% budget cut due to reductions in Supportive Housing Services Measure funding and General Fund dollars. **The Department started fiscal year 2025 with a \$420 million budget, but the anticipated revenue for FY 2026 will be less than \$317 million.**

**Why:** Supportive Housing Services Measure tax revenue is \$21 million lower than expected for both FY 25 and 26. The department also surpassed its spending goals last year and is likely to do the same this year. That will leave less carryover to soften the blow. Plus, Multnomah County also faces an overall General Fund shortfall of \$21 million that is requiring most County departments to contemplate a 12% cut. The City of Portland faces similar challenges.

**Homeless Services Department FY26 Proposed Budget**

Divisions	FY 2025 Current Service Level	FY 2026 Submitted Budget	Difference	Percentage Change
Administration & Operations	9,622,202	9,297,740	(324,462)	-3%
Cross Departmental	40,403,770	28,820,483	(11,583,287)	-29%
Housing Placement & Retention	93,064,336	75,538,055	(17,526,281)	-19%
Safety off and on the Streets	145,384,658	116,012,531	(29,372,127)	-20%
Supportive Housing	77,177,981	65,295,804	(11,882,177)	-15%
System Support, Access, & Coordination	54,995,455	21,259,442	(33,736,013)	-61%
<b>Total</b>	<b>420,648,402</b>	<b>316,224,055</b>	<b>(104,424,347)</b>	<b>-25%</b>

Multnomah County is doing what we said we would: moving our unsheltered neighbors into shelter and permanent housing on a much bigger and more rapid scale.

Progress in the Portland region benefits all Oregonians. As the state's economic hub and largest provider of homeless services, we must continue addressing homelessness as a regional challenge.

For the coming fiscal year, Multnomah County will need \$104 million from our funding partners to sustain the progress we've made. Providing these additional funds ensures we can continue our economic growth in the Portland region, sustain vital programs and fund homeless services providers to continue providing services at the level needed.