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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer meets a critical need for 50 additional secure-site shelter for single women and women with children fleeing domestic violence. The newly introduced coordinated access system for domestic violence identifies higher numbers of families needing secure-site shelter than there are beds available in the system. This secure site shelter could take the form congregate shelter, master leased motel rooms, or master leased apartments.

Program Summary

In order to achieve the goals of the A Home for Everyone, the Executive Committee has recommended expanding safety off the streets options by at least 650 beds by the end 2017, with a particular emphasis on providing safe shelter options for women and people with disabilities while they await access to permanent housing. Within the broad goal, there is a specific recommendation to increase secure site domestic violence shelter by at least 50 beds.

Although reported rates of domestic violence have declined, a large number of predominantly women, and women with children, are forced to choose between remaining in a physically and/or emotionally abusive setting and homelessness, because they lack the financial resources and support services to escape the situation they are in. In 2015, the Domestic Violence System received an average of 57 requests for emergency shelter per month. The system currently offers only 76 beds. On a monthly basis, more than 80 requests for emergency motel vouchers were turned away. And because of the growing challenge locating permanent housing in the current market, shelter stays are increasing in length and thus the total number of people served annually by the existing beds has declined (about 100 people fewer were served in 2015).

With the funding proposed here, the domestic violence system, through a contracted non-profit provider, would cover the ongoing operating expenses of at least 50 additional beds of secure-site shelter. Access to the additional secure-site beds would be through the newly implemented coordinated access system adopted by domestic violence system. This system screens families into available shelter and emergency housing resources based on the level of danger and need they face.

This program will be funded jointly through City of Portland General Fund and Multnomah County General Fund.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of bed-nights provided	NA	NA	NA	18,250
Outcome	Individuals safely sheltered and engaged in permanent housing placement services.	NA	NA	NA	150
Outcome	Number of secure-site shelter beds	NA	NA	NA	50

Performance Measures Descriptions

The basic output for emergency shelter is number of bed nights provided. An essential outcome from any emergency housing is provision of basic physical safety, and engagement in permanent housing placement services. Measures shown assume full funding of both the request for County General Fund, and the parallel request for City of Portland General Fund. Both jurisdictions are requested to contribute general fund revenues to the measures projected. Measures will be adjusted accordingly in the event that either jurisdiction does not fully fund the request.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

This program offer represents portions of the following AHFE proposed investment priorities: Permanent Supportive Housing - Site based and scattered site (HLH.1) and "Safe Haven" for Severely Disabled (SoS.NR).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$201,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$201,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$201,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: