

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-097

Approving a Room-Block Agreement at the Hotel Located at 121 NE 181st Avenue, Gresham, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The use of emergency shelter is one of many approaches employed by the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) to address homelessness and related issues.
- b. Entering an agreement to rent a block of rooms at the hotel located at 121 NE 181st Avenue (“Room-Block Agreement”) will add 44 new emergency shelter units to the JOHS portfolio and will support safety on the streets for individuals or families who have been referred to a permanent supportive housing (PSH) program, but have not yet moved into a permanent apartment. It prioritizes households based on factors such as behavioral health needs, disabilities, and length of homelessness and provides a safe, low-barrier, housing first, housing-focused, and supportive twenty-four (24) hour motel shelter room. This strategy has proven highly effective in other communities to ensure that people who have been identified for upcoming PSH apartments have the stability they need to be able to work effectively with their housing case managers to prepare to enter a PSH unit. This program supports the rapid and effective expansion of PSH through the utilization of Bridge Shelter that closes a critical gap in the Coordinated Access and housing placement process and helps JOHS meet both its housing placement and PSH goals as outlined in the Metro SHS Measure Local Implementation Plan (LIP).
- c. Approval of the Room-Block Agreement in substantial conformance with the proposed terms is in the best interests of Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Execution of the Room Block Agreement on terms substantially similar to those proposed is approved.
2. Renewals, extensions and amendments may be executed without further Board action.


ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2022.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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