

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) has prioritized a range of highly effective housing placement and retention strategies in order to significantly reduce homelessness among vulnerable adult households and respond to increases in racial disparities. AHFE holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity must be a focus of programming. This program supports existing programming to house and retain hundreds of people experiencing homelessness through limited duration rental assistance, mobile housing placement and retention support staffing.

Program Summary

For the majority of people experiencing homelessness, returning to permanent housing requires a combination of limited duration, flexible rent assistance, housing placement and retention support staffing, and access to income acquisition assistance. This housing placement and retention strategy, often referred to as “rapid rehousing,” is a recognized best practice and critical element of the housing placement strategies prioritized through AHFE.

In the 2019 Multnomah County Point-in-Time Count, the vast majority of the people counted were in adult-only households. Additionally, the count confirmed that communities of color continue to be significantly overrepresented in the adult population. This program retains existing capacity in housing placement and retention programs that help adult-only households return to permanent housing, with an emphasis on ensuring that those strategies are also reducing racial disparities. These investments in rapid rehousing programs for adult households leverage significant Federal, State and local resources to support the efforts of people experiencing homelessness to secure and retain permanent housing. Services are delivered by a range of skilled nonprofit partners and directed to communities of color, women, and other vulnerable adults experiencing homelessness. The services include flexible rent assistance and housing placement and retention staffing accessed through: culturally-specific service providers serving Multnomah County’s communities of color; shelters, day centers and street outreach programs, including targeted outreach in Gresham and East County, and the countywide Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) program that consolidates multiple Federal, State and local funding streams in a fund administered by Home Forward, which in turn contracts the funds to 19 nonprofit partners who offer prevention and rapid rehousing programs throughout the County.

Through this program offer, 1,900 households will receive the housing placement, retention, and income acquisition supports they need to obtain and/or retain permanent housing. Based on current data, 79% of the people served in the programs included in this offer are People of Color, a 10% increase from the prior year.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of households placed or retained in permanent housing through the STRA program	489	785	1,700	785
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing at 6 months post-exit	83%	80%	80%	80%
Outcome	Number of households placed or retained in permanent housing with sources other than STRA program	834	1,115	450	650
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC placed or retained in housing at rate as high or higher than percent of population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer. FY 2021 estimate includes outcomes associated with COVID-19 funding.

*This is a new equity measure intended to demonstrate whether program offer investments are meeting the commitment to reduce racial disparities in homelessness overall, and in specific programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$88,720	\$38,022	\$171,444	\$47,043
Contractual Services	\$1,155,087	\$4,016,873	\$1,200,262	\$4,054,458
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$3,296	\$0	\$2,866
Internal Services	\$0	\$962	\$0	\$1,510
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,243,807	\$4,059,153	\$1,371,706	\$4,105,877
Program Total:	\$5,302,960		\$5,477,583	
Program FTE	0.70	0.30	1.15	0.35

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,455,860	\$0	\$3,567,349
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,455,860	\$0	\$3,567,349

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$1,510 in indirect revenues.
 City of Portland General Fund \$3,515,930
 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Entitlement \$51,419
 Multnomah County Video Lottery Funds \$538,528

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10053A Housing Placement & Retention - Adults & Women Households