

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 effective housing placement and retention strategies in order to reduce homelessness among highly vulnerable households, including seniors. AHFE also 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. In partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Health Share, this program supports and expands existing programming coordinated through AHFE, including rent assistance, housing placement and retention, and supportive services to provide stability for seniors with disabling conditions experiencing homelessness.

Program Summary

A lack of affordable housing, limited retirement incomes, and higher costs for healthcare and other necessities are pushing greater numbers of older adults into homelessness. Individuals who experience homelessness have a higher rate of hospital readmissions and emergency room visits while also suffering from poorer health outcomes and higher mortality rates. This is especially true for medically fragile seniors. People over 55 and people with disabling conditions grew substantially as a percentage of the homeless population, according to the 2019 Point-in-Time Count, and the trend is expected to continue.

For the majority of seniors experiencing homelessness, returning to permanent housing requires a combination of rent assistance, housing placement, retention support staffing, and benefits acquisition assistance. A recently created initiative of the health care and philanthropic sectors is poised to expand the availability of these types of services, in partnership with local government. The new Regional Supportive Housing Impact Fund (RSHIF) promises to combine philanthropic and health system funds and to deploy those in partnership with local government to increase the availability of deeply affordable housing with services for people with complex health needs.

The Metro 300 housing initiative is the first funded effort of the RSHIF. Using funds allocated to RSHIF by Kaiser Permanente, the Joint Office of Homeless Services is working with the Department of County Human Services, the Department of Community Justice, and community based service providers to create culturally responsive and sustainable housing opportunities for 140 people experiencing homelessness who are over 50 with a disabling condition. The individuals will come from a variety of places, including the parole and probation system, local culturally specific recovery services programs, and from the aging and disability system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of seniors placed or retained in permanent housing	46	140	100	140
Outcome	Percentage of senior households retaining housing 12 months post-exit	N/A	80%	80%	80%
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

This offer is focused on placing 140 disabled seniors experiencing homelessness into housing between January 2020 and December 2021. The Output Measure has been updated to capture the total number of households placed or retained, rather than just those placed in a given fiscal year. *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
	2021	2021	2022	2022
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
Program Total:	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000

Explanation of Revenues

Metro/Kaiser 300 Regional Housing Initiative \$1,600,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10053F Housing Placement & Retention - Metro/Kaiser 300 Regional Housing