

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

Executive Summary

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds ongoing rent assistance and housing placement and retention services for seniors, including those housed as part of the Metro/Kaiser 300 Regional Housing Initiative for Seniors. 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. This program offer supports and expands existing programming coordinated through AHFE to provide stability for seniors with disabling conditions experiencing homelessness.

Program Summary

The Measure passed by voters in May of 2020 generates dedicated funding to significantly reduce homelessness in Multnomah County and the region. The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure sets out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. The LIP strategies prioritize the AHFE and Measure commitment to eliminating racial disparities among people experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness. The LIP also recognizes the need for investments in a continuum of pre- and post- housing services.

This offer advances the LIP goal of reducing chronic and episodic homelessness, by committing long-term rental assistance and wrap around support services to highly vulnerable older adults experiencing or imminently at risk of homelessness. 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. 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 the combination of rent assistance, housing placement, retention support staffing, and benefits acquisition assistance funded through this offer. Funds in this offer also leverage the short-term funding for seniors provided by Kaiser Permanente through Health Share of Oregon as part of the Metro 300 initiative. It will provide the ongoing rental and service support funding to keep seniors with disability conditions who were housed through the Metro initiative in housing long-term.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of seniors placed or retained in permanent housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Outcome	Percentage of senior households retaining housing 12 months post-exit	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC sr. households retain housing at rate as high or higher than population percentage*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*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
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$2,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$2,000,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: