

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 permanent housing placement for vulnerable populations, including homeless youth. 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. The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC), through this program, provides services essential to achieving successful housing and developmental outcomes for homeless youth, including case management, recovery-oriented services, peer mentorship, health and parenting resources, as well as housing placement/retention.

Program Summary

The HYC is a highly collaborative and coordinated system comprised of four nonprofit agencies, including a culturally specific agency, that provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment, pregnancy and parenting support, and health services to youth up to age 25, experiencing homelessness. This program maintains current capacity to provide essential housing and developmental supports for youth, including Assertive Engagement (AE), Parenting Education, Recovery Oriented Supports & Engagement (ROSE), and housing placement and retention supports. Services include:

- **Assertive Engagement (AE) (case management):** These services are fundamental to moving youth into independence by providing assessment, transition planning and support from staff that are relationship-focused, mobile, and operate throughout Multnomah County. AE staff provide linkage to education, employment, health, mental health and addictions treatment, housing services, and provide follow up care upon exit from programs.
- **Parenting Support:** HYC has seen a 30% increase in the number of youth accessing services who are pregnant and/or parenting. With supports on-site and at mobile locations, HYC can provide culturally responsive services and meet the developmental needs of pregnant and parenting youth. Housing placement funds are provided to place youth in appropriate housing options.
- **ROSE:** For the majority of youth served, access to mental health and addiction recovery support services is essential to their housing and developmental success. Ninety-three percent of youth served have either addiction or mental health issues, with 53% reporting co-occurring issues. The ROSE program provides certified staff and peer mentors who engage youth experiencing homelessness in recovery supports, conduct assessments, and connect youth to formal treatment programs, provide follow up care, on-going supports, and healthy recreation alternatives.
- **Housing:** Programs provide a range of developmentally appropriate housing options, which include onsite housing with 24-hour staffing, scattered site housing, rapid rehousing, shared, and group housing. Housing navigators assist youth to access the housing options that best fit the youth's needs and provide retention supports.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of youth receiving recovery support services	680	700	700	700
Outcome	Percentage of youth households retaining housing at 6 months post-exit	69%	75%	70%	70%
Outcome	Number of youth newly placed or retained in transitional or permanent housing	543	400	560	400
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 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	\$74,187	\$0	\$76,916	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,786,273	\$1,652,110	\$2,813,825	\$1,725,204
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,860,460	\$1,652,110	\$2,890,741	\$1,725,204
Program Total:	\$4,512,570		\$4,615,945	
Program FTE	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,652,110	\$0	\$1,725,204
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,652,110	\$0	\$1,725,204

Explanation of Revenues

HUD HomeSafe \$763,224
 State Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) General Fund \$201,000
 City of Portland General Fund \$760,980

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10053H Housing Placement & Retention - Youth Services