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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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 a critical expansion of short term shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing capacity for people experiencing or at imminent risk of chronic homelessness, in particular individuals living with serious and persistent mental illness. The offer leverages and builds on existing intensive behavioral health programs in the Health Department’s Behavioral Health Division that serve this vulnerable population.

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 A Home for Everyone 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, and makes a specific commitment to immediately expanding behavioral health services at all levels of the continuum, from shelter, to transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. This program offer reflects that commitment and funds:

- Critical new motel-based emergency shelter capacity and crisis case management for individuals in the Health Department’s CHOICE program. This will provide immediate safety off the streets for people living with severe behavioral health needs, while they transition to longer-term housing options.
- An expansion of the very successful Stabilization Treatment Preparation (STP) transitional housing program, a partnership between the Health Department and the Department of Community Justice that serves people who are justice involved and living with significant behavioral health conditions. The expansion funded here will provide culturally specific STP programming focused on the African American community.
- An addition of culturally specific homeless focused staff capacity to the Addictions Benefits Coordination (ABC) team to assist with addiction treatment services access for people with substance use disorders who are experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness.
- Long-term rental assistance and housing placement services for people served by any of Multnomah County’s Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams. The ACT teams provide an intensive level of ongoing support services to people with severe and persistent mental illness, and this investment will provide those individuals the financial support they need to move to permanent supportive housing.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY20 Actual | FY21 Budgeted | FY21 Estimate | FY22 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of individuals placed into or retained in transitional and permanent housing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 100 |
| Outcome | Percentage of households retaining permanent housing after 12 months | N/A | N/A | N/A | 80% |
| Outcome | Overrepresented BIPOC retain permanent housing at rates as high or higher than Non-Hispanic whites* | N/A | N/A | N/A | Yes |

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This equity measure applies to ACT team participants who are placed into permanent housing with resources from this offer, and advances the commitment that Metro Measure funds be used to reduce racial disparities in homelessness.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Requested General Fund | Requested Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2021 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,040,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,040,000 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$3,040,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,040,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,040,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$3,040,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: