

Permanent Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability Info Session

October 6, 2022

Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
- Background on Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS)
- PSH NOFA Overview
- Questions & Answers
- Wrap-Up



Background on Metro SHS

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In May 2020, voters in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties approved the Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Measure.

- Funds supportive services across the Tri-County area
- Focuses on ending racial disparities in rates of homelessness
- Dedicates 75% of funds to prevent and end “chronic homelessness” & 25% to prevent and end other forms of homelessness
- Each County developed a Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to guide the use of funds - this NOFA aligns with Multnomah County’s LIP



PSH NOFA Overview

Timeline



- NOFA release: Friday, September 30, 2022
- Optional information session: Thursday, October 6, 11 am - 12:30 pm
- Responses Due: Wednesday, October 26, 2022
- Funding awarded: the JOHS expects to notify applicants about funding awards by or before Wednesday, November 30, 2022.
- Tenant-based PSH implementation: projects should be prepared to begin the contracting process in December 2022, and begin implementing programming in early 2023.
- Project-based PSH implementation: apartments must be available to begin receiving referrals (either as existing apartments turnover or when a building opens) by or before June 30, 2023.

Available Resources



The PSH NOFA will be used to allocate up to \$5.8 Million in Metro SHS dollars to fund rent assistance and support services to expand project-based and tenant-based PSH for up to 285 adults.

- Up to \$10,000 per PSH placement/apartment per year for supportive services (staffing and client assistance)
- Up to 285 total Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) “vouchers” administered by Home Forward
- Access to the regional Risk Mitigation Pool (RMP), modeled after the Portland Housing Bureau’s RMP and administered by the Housing Development Center.

Eligible Populations



PSH funded through this NOFA can serve households referred through Coordinated Access who meet the following criteria:

- Household earns at or below 30% of Area Median Income
- Head of household has a disabling condition
- Head of household experiencing or at imminent risk of long-term, literal homelessness
- Head of household demonstrates need for tightly knit supportive services to retain housing

The PSH apartments funded through this NOFA must focus on serving adult-only households.

Project Types

- **Tenant-based PSH:** Supportive Housing (SH) service providers partner with Home Forward to implement new PSH programming.
- **Project-based PSH (apartments requiring RLRA rent subsidies):** SH service providers partner with building owners and Home Forward to implement new PSH programming.
- **Project-based PSH (services only / apartments NOT requiring RLRA rent subsidies):** SH service providers partner with owners of existing subsidized apartments partner to implement new PSH programming.
- **Master-leased PSH:** SH service providers partner with building owners and Home Forward to implement new PSH programming.

Funding Priorities



- Expand pool of PSH providers funded by JOHS
- Expand culturally specific PSH for Black and Indigenous communities and other Communities of Color
- Expand PSH focused on serving transgender, nonbinary and two-spirit people of color
- Expand PSH focused on serving people with significant physical and behavioral health disabilities

Investment Requirements for All PSH Projects

See Section 4 of the NOFA for investment requirements for all PSH projects and additional requirements for project-based PSH projects.

- Direct recipients of service funding **must be JOHS qualified vendors** of Supportive Housing services, as listed in Appendix A
- Funds must be used to **create new PSH capacity**
- Projects that include **multiple service providers are encouraged**, and **must include a letter of endorsement from partner service orgs**
- Projects must **adhere to the SH Service Guidelines** detailed in Appendix B.
- All **referrals will come through the Coordinated Access System**
- Projects **must operate in compliance with the Housing First approach** and **implement low-barrier policies** as outlined in the NOFA

Investment Requirements for Project-based PSH Projects

- Apartments **must either be designated within existing affordable housing buildings at turnover, or in new buildings that will be online by June 30, 2023**
- JOHS expects **most or all project-based PSH apartments to be studio or one-bedroom apartments**
- Absent very specific programmatic justifications (for example, recovery housing models), occupancy policies **must not require being clean and sober**
- Operate as **low-barrier housing** for **people with significant disabilities** including severe and persistent mental illness
- Coordinate with existing funders of the project on any updates to financing and regulatory agreement documents needed

Required Submittal - All PSH Projects

See Section 5 of the NOFA for what needs to be included in a proposal. Proposals can be no more than 4 pages. Bullet points are encouraged!

- Basic project details (e.g. contact info, funding request, # HHs served, etc.)
- Overview of target population, service model & key strategies for effectively serving BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ people
- Proposed services budget using provided template (not included in page limit)
- Partnership projects only: short description of role each org will play & how orgs will work together
 - Not included in page limit: letter of endorsement from each partnering service provider org
- Optional (not included in page limit): describe technical assistance or support needed to make this project successful if awarded

Required Submittal - Project-based PSH Projects

There are some additional questions for project-based PSH projects. These projects can have up to 1 additional page if needed for these questions.

- Additional project details (e.g. name and address of housing development, timeline, number of total apartments, proposed PSH apartment mix, etc.)
- Overview of how building design and location meet needs of PSH target population
- Overview of project's commitment to operating as housing first and low-barrier
 - If available (not included in page limit): attach current tenant screening

Selection Process



- Joint Office staff will perform a threshold review of submissions to ensure they meet the minimum requirements.
- An evaluation committee made up of city/county staff, community members, and staff from local providers (who are not applying for funds) will review and score each submission.
 - Scores will be given based upon responses to the questions laid out in the NOFA. Consult the rubric section for more information.
- The final funding decisions will be made by the Joint Office's Director.

Evaluation Criteria



- 7 points: project demonstrates clear ability to effectively serve one or more population prioritized in the NOFA
- 2 points: project is led by or includes meaningful partnerships with culturally specific organizations or programs that specialize in serving one or more BIPOC and/or LGTBQIA2S+ communities
- 1 point: project expands pool of organizations receiving JOHS and/or Metro SHS funding



Questions?

Wrap Up

- If you did not receive the NOFA by email and would like to be added to our NOFA e-list, please put your email address in the chat
- JOHS will send out a FAQ based on what was covered in today's info session by the end of next week (10/14)
- All PSH NOFA materials can be found online at:
www.multco.us/johs/2022-permanent-supportive-housing-psh-notice-funding-availability-nofa
- JOHS will post this PowerPoint, the FAQ and Info Session recording here
- Reach out to Adam Yang at adam.yang@multco.us with additional questions