

### Program #10043A - Prevention Diversion - Prevention

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**Department:** Nondepartmental

**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

# **Executive Summary**

This program would prevent 550 individuals from becoming homeless and living unshelterd, in emergency shelters, or transitional housing. In order to reduce homelessness we must reduce the number of people becoming homeless in our community. Done correctly, prevention is a much better strategy for the individual or family, because they avoid the trauma of becoming homeless, and for the community, because it can be substantially less costly to prevent a person's homelessness than to end it once they have become homeless.

#### **Program Summary**

The Executive Committee of A Home for Everyone (AHFE) adopted a set of recommendations at its January 2015 meeting which, if fully implemented, will keep our community on track to reduce the unmet need for permanent housing by 50% by the end of 2017. These recommendations include preventing at least an additional 550 people from becoming literally homeless in the coming year.

The recommendations adopted by the Executive Committee included investments in strategies that will reduce the inflow into literal homelessness by at least 1,000 people, through a combination of prevention and diversion. Prevention and diversion are similar in that both assist a person or family to avoid becoming literally homeless, meaning they are sleeping on the streets, in shelter, or in transitional housing. Prevention does this by helping someone who currently has a home from losing that home (e.g., a tenant facing eviction for non-payment of rent). Diversion assists someone who does not have permanent housing of their own to obtain permanent housing before becoming literally homeless (e.g. someone coming off long term-treatment transitions directly to permanent housing).

This program would fund at least 550 homeless preventions for the AHFE priority populations, in particular for women, people of color and people with disabilities. It would do this primarily through three recommended strategies adopted by the Executive Committee, all of which have been shown to be effective at preventing homelessness:

- Flexible eviction prevention financial assistance;
- In-home support services for people with disabilities living in affordable housing whose behaviors are jeopardizing their tenancy:
- Legal representation for low-income tenants facing eviction.

All of the providers contracted to provide services through this program will be culturally specific or culturally responsive. The program will be funded jointly with City of Portland General Fund and Multnomah County General Fund.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer			
Output	Individuals served with prevention assistance	NA	NA	NA	690			
Outcome	Percentage of individuals retaining their housing 12 months after assistance	NA	NA	NA	80%			
Outcome	Individuals prevented from becoming homeless	NA	NA	NA	550			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

To achieve the AHFE objective of 550 preventions, if 80% of those served with eviction prevention are projected to retain their housing at 12 months then, output must be 690 individuals served. Measures assume that both this program offer and the parallel proposal for City of Portland general fund are fully funded. Both jurisdictions are requested to contribute revenues to the measures projected. Measures will be adjusted accordingly in the event that either jurisdiction does not fully fund the request.

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# **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

This program offer represents portions of the following AHFE proposed investment priorities: Housing Stability and Eviction Prevention (HLH.2), Eviction Prevention for All Populations (HSG.4), Tenant Protection Team (HSG.5) and Contingency Assistance Pool (HSG.6).

# **Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$442,200	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$442,200	\$0	
Program Total:	\$0		\$442,200		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Program Revenues					
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

## **Explanation of Revenues**

# **Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: