

### Program #10052E - Safety off the Streets - Family Shelter Expansion

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs: 10052D

**Program Characteristics:** 

## **Executive Summary**

Through A Home for Everyone, the community has recognized that, although not a solution to homelessness, expanding emergency shelter is vital to the safety of homeless families and other vulnerable populations in our community. We have also made a commitment to not turning any family away from shelter. This program adds resources to the family shelter system in order to expand ongoing shelter capacity by an additional 50 beds, plus regular overflow, in order to honor that commitment.

## **Program Summary**

Multnomah County has committed itself to not turning families away from shelter. In February 2016, we opened a new family shelter with capacity for 130 individuals, and the ability to add overflow capacity as needed. Over the past twelve months, the number of people using the family shelter has routinely reached 200 and gone as high as 260 with overflow. We have been able to accommodate this unexpected increase in demand in the current fiscal year using available one-time funding. Because of continuing challenges in the housing market, with large numbers of low-income families losing their housing to evictions and rent increases, and families in shelter struggling to find permanent housing, we will need to continue the expanded investment in family shelter for at least one more year in order to continue our no-turn away commitment.

The additional resources expand staffing at the shelter in order to be able to support the larger number of guests during the day and at night. It provides additional capacity to work with families on identifying resources to assist them in transitioning out of the shelter, and to avoid entering the shelter. The additional resources will also fund expanded supports for the children (often as many as 100) who are staying at the shelter, to assist them with activities while on site and improve their ability to remain engaged in school.

Through the Homeless Family System of Care (HFSC) coordinated entry process, families in shelter are assessed for Mobile Housing and Diversion resources. Families in shelter or inquiring about shelter are immediately diverted from shelter whenever possible. Diversion funds are used to re-secure housing, help with move in costs, and relocation.

The shelter system leverages a variety of federal, state and local resources as well as faith based and non-profit partnerships. There is a rich history of volunteerism at the shelter through community provided meals, shelter work days and partnerships with neighboring non-profit programs and county programs. These relationships leverage activities for children living in the shelter, culturally specific services and neighborhood improvement in East County.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer			
Output	Year-round emergency shelter beds*	N/A	N/A	50	50			
Outcome	Number of unduplicated households served	N/A	200	200	200			
Output	Number of bed nights	N/A	N/A	25,000	25,000			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>\*</sup>The number of people using the family shelter has reached as high as 260 in FY 2017 using overflow capacity strategies. This capacity was funded temporarily in FY 2017 using available one-time-only funding.

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Program Total:		0	\$500,000		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000			

# **Explanation of Revenues**

Funding for this program is a shared commitment between the County and the City of Portland. County General Fund - \$250,000 City of Portland General Fund - \$250,000

# Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: