

Program #10059A - COVID-19 Emergency Response - Physical Distancing &

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Medical Isolation Shelter

Department:NondepartmentalProgram Contact:Marc JolinProgram Offer Type:Innovative/New ProgramProgram Offer Stage:As Adopted

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

In March of 2020, following public health guidance, the Joint Office of Homeless Services took immediate steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the homeless population and otherwise mitigate impacts of the pandemic on those experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. These activities, which will continue in FY 2021, include operating physical distancing and voluntary COVID isolation shelters, safety on the streets outreach, and support for contracted service providers. This program offer funds physical distancing and voluntary COVID-19 isolation motel shelters to ensure adequate physical distancing capacity within the shelter system, as well as adequate space for people experiencing homelessness and other community members with COVID-19 symptoms to isolate and recover.

Program Summary

As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Joint Office of Homeless Services took immediate steps to ensure that all congregate and semi-congregate shelters within its shelter system provided necessary physical separation, hygiene, and cleaning practices for occupancy, sleeping, eating, and access to services. Initial efforts in FY 2020 included standing up capacity to serve up to 450 people in physical distancing shelters in local community centers and voluntary COVID-19 isolation rooms in local motels (isolation motels) to allow for spacing out within existing facilities and the ability to isolate individuals who might otherwise infect others. As community centers prepare to be returned to their original uses, and we seek to maintain overall shelter capacity in our community, the physical distancing shelter capacity is being transitioned to motels (physical distancing motels), and that transition will continue in early FY 2021, with eventual capacity of 375 rooms in a motel setting, in addition to the planned continuation of 120 motel rooms for isolating those who have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.

In transitioning to physical distancing motel shelters, based on public health imperatives, this program will ensure that people who are at highest risk of severe and fatal consequences from COVID-19 are out of congregate and semi-congregate shelter settings and remain isolated until a vaccine and/or effective treatments are widely available. Those with the highest risk factors based on age, underlying medical conditions, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) identity are prioritized into the physical distancing motel sites. They have the safety of a fully supported motel room that opens to the outdoors. The rooms are supported with basic amenities that reduce risk of infection, including private bathroom and shower, individually wrapped meals, and access to laundry services. There is also 24/7 on-site staffing, including physical and behavioral health, in order to be able to routinely check on guests, assess any symptoms of illness, provide support, and ensure rapid access to higher levels of care as needed, as well as on-site access to technology and staff to support transitions out of motel shelter and into permanent supportive housing as rapidly as possible. This program offer funds physical distancing and voluntary COVID-19 isolation motel shelters for FY 2021.

Performa	Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer				
Output	Physical distancing and medical isolation capacity (beds/rooms) provided per night	N/A	N/A	N/A	495				
Outcome	Number of unique individuals receiving physical distancing and isolation supports in motel settings	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,250				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021	
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,656,275	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,990,475	
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,880,000	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,526,750	
Program Total:	\$	\$0		\$33,526,750	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,526,750			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,526,750			

Explanation of Revenues

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) - \$4,656,275

City of Portland CARES - CRF - \$11,870,475

City of Portland CARES - Emergency Solutions Grant - \$17,000,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: