

Program #30202 - Safety off the Streets - Alternative Shelter for Adults

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The expansion of emergency shelter capacity under A Home for Everyone (AHFE) has included an expansion of the range of shelter options available to meet equitably the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness. AHFE also holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity must be a focus of programming. Alternative Shelters, including village style shelters, are supported through this program offer. These alternative shelters differ in appearance from traditional facility based shelters, but provide the same access to basic safety and hygiene services, and to the support services needed to transition from shelter to permanent housing.

Program Summary

With just over half the population identified in the 2019 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) as unsheltered, and waiting lists for shelters still very long, it is essential to continue to support the community's existing emergency shelter capacity. All shelter, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, reduced barrier, and culturally responsive or specific programming that emphasizes meeting participants' immediate need for basic health and safety. Alternative shelters represent a comparatively small, but important component of that capacity. Alternative shelters provide safety off the streets and critical transition services to people who are not able to access or may not thrive in traditional shelter environments.

This program offer provides, among other things, the essential operating support for the Kenton Women's Village, the innovative transitional living community for women, most of whom have experienced long-term homelessness and face multiple barriers to accessing permanent housing. This community-supported alternative shelter has proven highly effective at helping women transition back into permanent housing.

In addition to supporting operations at Kenton Women's Village, this program offer supports enhanced transition services for alternative shelter participants at Dignity Village and the St. John's Village, as well as funding to assist with the development of new alternative shelter options.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer			
Output	Number of people served annually	156	160	160	188			
Outcome	Percentage of people exiting alternative shelters to transitional and permanent housing	75%	35%	35%	35%			
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes			

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer.

*This is a new equity measure intended to demonstrate whether program offer investments are meeting the commitment to reduce racial disparities in homelessness overall, and in specific programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$0	\$338,150	\$0	\$342,850
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$338,150	\$0	\$342,850
Program Total: \$338,150		3,150	\$342,850	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$337,450	\$0	\$342,850				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$337,450	\$0	\$342,850				

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$342,850

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10052C Safety off the Streets - Alternative Shelter for Adults