

JOHS Safety Off the Streets

Program Description & Goals

This program provides for basic safety of people experiencing homelessness. This includes a range of emergency night and day shelter services, including shelter for specific populations, winter and severe weather shelter, and associated emergency services expenses. While not a solution to homelessness, emergency shelter and associated emergency services are vital to protecting the basic health and safety of individuals and families while they are experiencing homelessness, particularly those with disabling conditions and older adults. Day and night shelters are critical locations for people to learn about and access the services they need to find permanent housing, acquire an income, and receive health-related services. Most adult shelters have priority access for women, veterans, those with disabilities, and those ages 55 and older. Other shelters are specifically for youth under 24 years old, domestic violence survivors, and families with children.

Performance	Actuals FY 2019-20	Actuals FY 2020-21	Target 2021-22	Target FY 2022-23	Strategic Target
Average length of time (days) spent in homeless shelter (all populations)	67	40	60	75	75
Number of individuals who accessed homeless services, but who had not accessed homeless services in the previous two years	5,360	4,340	5,500	5,900	5,900

Explanation of Services

Emergency shelter and associated emergency services are vital to protecting the basic health and safety of individuals and families while they are experiencing homelessness, particularly those with disabling conditions and older adults. This program includes the following:

- ◆ Night shelter: Overnight shelter programs for all populations include approximately 1,560 beds of year-round shelter, 250 beds of motel shelter, and 300 beds of winter shelter. Shelters are low-barrier and most, such as the Willamette Center, operate 24/7. Funds are contracted to nonprofit providers to pay the operating expenses for shelter, including maintenance, staffing, materials and supplies, and on-site services.
- ◆ Day shelter: Day shelters serve the purpose of providing a safe place to be out of the elements during the day, access to showers and other hygiene services, and as a vital point of access to the services needed to end homelessness. Day shelters function as resource centers, bringing together numerous partners at one location to offer an array of services, including employment, health care, and education. ??????
- ◆ Severe weather shelter: In the event of severe weather that significantly elevates the risk to people sleeping unsheltered in our community, additional shelter capacity is added and remains in place for the duration of the event. This program includes base funding to open severe weather shelter on an as-needed basis during the course of the year.
- ◆ Emergency assistance: This program also funds an array of services associated with ensuring basic safety, including staffing, flexible funding for material needs, and extended information and referral services during winter months.
- ◆ Alternative shelter: Alternative shelter spaces (including ‘villages’) provide a safe space to sleep and access resources for those who are not currently served by traditional shelters. People using these alternative shelters have improved access to services with the goal of moving in to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

Equity Impacts

Achieving equity in the delivery of homeless services requires that all communities have equitable access through multiple pathways into services, and that services are culturally-specific and -responsive. All JOHS investments are evaluated using an equity lens.

Of the people newly served in Emergency Shelter in FY 2018-19: 48% were people from communities of color; 24% identified as black or African American; 13% identified as Hispanic or Latino/a; 13% identified as American Indian or Alaska Native; 3% identified as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; and 3% identified as Asian.

Changes to Program

During 2020-21 and 2021-22, utilizing one-time State and Federal pandemic response funding, funding from the Supportive Housing Services Measure (SHSM), and funding from the 2021-22 joint City/County fall strategic investments in houselessness, the JOHS acquired and entered into long-term leases for a number of congregate non-congregate (motel) shelters. These acquisitions leveraged one-time funds to permanently expand Safety off the Streets emergency shelter capacity, the ongoing operations for which will be supported by SHSM funds and other investments.

Program Budget

	Actuals FY 2019-20	Actuals FY 2020-21	Revised FY 2021-22	Requested Base FY 2022-23	Requested with DP FY 2022-23
Bureau Expenditures					
External Materials and Services	10,586,000	10,553,563	35,437,634	9,031,161	13,107,490
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Requirements Total	10,586,000	10,553,563	35,437,634	9,031,161	13,107,490

Budget Narrative

Resources	The City's contribution to the JOHS budget is from the City's General Fund and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).
Expenses	City funds are pass through payments to JOHS and are used to support staffing, contracted services, and facilities charges. The total JOHS budget is represented in the Multnomah County budget where the office is hosted. For more information, please see the Multnomah County JOHS budget.
Staffing	Not applicable. See Multnomah County's budget for staffing and FTE details.
Assets and Liabilities	The City has no assets or liabilities associated with this program.

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