

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

### Executive Summary

The Short-Term Rent Assistance System (STRA) provides rent assistance, limited mortgage assistance, and emergency motel vouchers to individual and family households at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

STRA is a collaboration among the County, the City of Portland, and Home Forward as a key strategy of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

This program offer provides \$1,500,000 of pass-through to continue current County investment matching increased funding by Home Forward (\$500,000) and leveraging continued funding from City of Portland general funds (\$500,000).

Approximately 1,000 additional households will be served and are expected to maintain a 90% rate of permanent housing six months after exit from service.

### Program Description

Research shows that prevention of homelessness is a much more effective and efficient use of community resources than intervention once a household has entered homelessness. Local data reinforces this, with exceedingly high housing stability after six months achieved by households who have often accessed less than three months of assistance.

Through the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Reset Report, the County, the City of Portland, and Home Forward have integrated the majority of each jurisdiction's rent assistance funding into a single system. STRA, managed by Home Forward on behalf of all partners, executes and manages one contract per provider, and collects one set of data and seeks one set of outcomes - rather than the three or more that used to exist.

Access to services is maintained for both single and family households, as well as culturally specific services for racial/ethnic communities, domestic violence victims, homeless youth, and others.

### Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure  | Previous Year Actual (FY11-12) | Current Year Purchased (FY12-13) | Current Year Estimate (FY12-13) | Next Year Offer (FY13-14) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output       | # of households served   | 521                            | 500                              | 538                             | 1,000                     |
| Outcome      | % of households served who remain in permanent housing 6 months after exit | 90.0%                          | 80.0%                            | 80.0%                           | 80.0%                     |

### Performance Measure - Description

Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing with attached appropriate support services, where a household can stay without time limit.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

N/A

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

|                         | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses        | 2013                  | 2013                 | 2014                  | 2014                 |
| Contracts               | \$500,000             | \$0                  | \$1,500,000           | \$0                  |
| Total GF/non-GF:        | <b>\$500,000</b>      | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$1,500,000</b>    | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Program Total:          | <b>\$500,000</b>      |                      | <b>\$1,500,000</b>    |                      |
| Program FTE             | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 |
| <b>Program Revenues</b> |                       |                      |                       |                      |
| Total Revenue:          | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           |

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$1,500,000 - County General Fund (OTO)

**Significant Program Changes****Last year this program was:** #25133B, HSVP - Short-Term Rent Assistance

In FY13 this program was funded with one time only funds. This program offer requests ongoing funding for this purpose.