



Commissioner Nick Fish
City of Portland

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To: Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

From: Commissioner Nick Fish and Director Traci Manning

Subject: FY 2013-14 Portland Housing Bureau Requested Budget

We are pleased to submit the Requested Budget for the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB).

We continue to make progress by aligning programs with our strategic plan, improving transparency and accountability, implementing our equity agenda, investing in our community, and advancing our core mission in the face of declining resources.

As you know, we face a perfect storm: a rising tide of need, a national recession, high unemployment, federal sequestration and declining state and local resources.

Our requested budget reflects community priorities and the City's core business. It includes over \$2.3 million in cuts to local and federal support for critical programs serving low-income Portlanders. We have taken great care to align with our partners and leverage our resources to invest in proven, cost-effective strategies.

As in past years, PHB's General Fund allocation primarily funds programs that help people prevent homelessness or end their homelessness as quickly as possible.

We are requesting \$1,083,863 in General Fund to fund priority programs. At the top of our list is funding to keep the men's homeless shelter, Clark Center, open.

Despite the challenges, we enter the new fiscal year with optimism. With Council's support, we opened veteran's housing at Gray's Landing in the South Waterfront, and preserved homes for older adults and the disabled through our 11x13 Preservation Campaign. We are making progress on our plan to end homelessness, and in removing barriers to housing choice in the private rental market.

We are grateful for Council's historic support of our mission and look forward to continuing this work.