

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to establish the Joint Office for Homeless Services (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland and Multnomah County have a history of strong partnership in addressing issues of public concern and the provision of various government services deemed necessary by the residents of the two jurisdictions. Included in that are plans, policies, and services to address the issue of homelessness.

Despite closely coordinated efforts in years past, socio-economic and housing market conditions continue to adversely impact some of the jurisdictions most vulnerable residents. Homelessness among individuals and families persists, and the number of people on the edge of housing stability has increased. To address challenges that exist in providing support and housing to individuals who are homeless, it is necessary for local governments to be willing to try new and different approaches.

Building on the efforts of the past, the City and County, in coordination with community partners, have been working together for the past 3 years to develop a policy and program structure that moves the two jurisdictions beyond simply coordinating respective services, to the joint development and provision of policies and services for homeless individuals and families.

The structural actualization of the joint policy and service effort is the proposed Joint Office of Homeless Services. This office is an institutional mechanism designed to be a single office for the City and County to plan, develop policies, and administer services for homeless individuals and families. A joint structure, rather than a coordinated effort, should yield efficiencies in not only the development of public policy, but the administration of contracts for services at the governmental and provider level.

The proposed legislation and the accompanying documents are the necessary City Council actions needed to actualize this proposal.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The proposed legislation establishes an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Portland and Multnomah County for 5 years from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021, delineating areas of responsibility and the provision of services for homeless individuals and families. The agreement commits the City to \$15,000,000 of baseline funding per year, indexed to inflation, to be distributed to the Multnomah County Chair to support the Joint Office of Homeless Services under a prescribed schedule. In addition to the \$15,000,000 baseline, the agreement details the City and County's ability to contribute additional funds beyond the baseline for homeless services, as determined through the respective jurisdictional budget processes.

Outlined below are the baseline and other funds that will be transferred to the Joint Office of Homeless Services for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

City Baseline Funding	
General Fund Ongoing	10,138,009.00
General Fund One-Time	1,930,226.00
HOME – STRA*	947,800.00
General Fund Ongoing – STRA*	408,965.00
<i>Total STRA*</i>	<i>1,356,765.00</i>
JOHS pass through to other County Departments	1,575,000.00
<i>Total General Fund One-Time</i>	<i>3,505,226.00</i>
Total Baseline	\$ 15,000,000.00
Other Funding	
General Fund One-Time	7,730,074.00
HUD HOPWA Grant	1,091,788.00
HUD ESG Grant	452,694.00
HUD ESG Grant – STRA*	250,409.00
HUD Continuum of Care	
Planning Grant	459,435.00
McKinney-OTIS Grant	317,970.00
Total Other Funding	\$ 10,302,370.00
City Total Funding Amount	\$ 25,302,370.00

**Short Term Rent Assistance*

Community impacts and community involvement:

Community members and service providers have been deeply involved in the Home for Everyone planning efforts that have led to the proposed Joint Office of Homeless Services. The increased funding levels and joint policy and program efforts should provide additional clarity on where and how decisions with regard to homeless services are made, and efficiencies in service delivery should yield better program outcomes for residents accessing services.

100% of the direct service funding within the Joint Office of Homeless Services, including the City of Portland's contribution, will support extremely low income individuals and families – primarily households with income between 0 and 30% of the area median income.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount