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PORTLAND
Building an Equitable Economy

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City of Portland's Economic Opportunity Program

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Interagency Partnership



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Program & Funding Overview

Funding is \$2.7M and serves 1,100 Portlanders annually.

Focus on homeless/homeless/housing, ex-offenders, immigrants, and communities of color.

City funding supports Career Coaching provided by community-based orgs.

Program design brings community-based orgs and the public workforce system into a team effort.



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Worksystems adds \$6M to serve more people and enhance services.

This includes:

- \$2.5M for Career Coaches
- \$1.8M for occupational training
- \$1.1M for work-based learning
- \$550,000 for rent assistance

The City's investment makes it possible to secure these additional funds for Portland!



Populations



54% Communities of Color

**50% GED/High School
Diploma or less**

36% Long-term unemployed

**30% returning from
incarceration**

**26% without stable
housing**

**22% African
American**

22% Latino/a

Partners



- Central City Concern
- Constructing Hope
- Human Solutions
- IRCO
- Oregon Tradeswomen
- Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
- New Avenues for Youth
- POIC
- Portland Youth Builders
- Self Enhancement Inc.
- SE Works

Results



**City of
Portland \$**

**Worksystems
\$**

Adults

413

589

Youth

448

130

Program Partner

Freda Ceaser, Director of Employment Services
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Program Graduates

- *Participants providing testimony of their experiences*

Thank you!!