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# 191242

Emergency Ordinance

## \*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement between Multnomah County Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Portland Housing Bureau to implement an emergency rent assistance program

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. On December 15, 2022, Multnomah County Commission approved budget modification #JOHS-001-23 for \$28.6 million in Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding, of which \$15 million was allocated to the emergency rent assistance program administered by Multnomah County ("County") and the City of Portland, Portland Housing Bureau ("City").
2. As part of the emergency rent assistance program provider network, the County has allocated \$5 million to the City's Expanded Partner Network (EPN) to distribute rent assistance to culturally specific communities. The amount budgeted to EPN consists of \$4,200,000 in rent assistance, administered by Home Forward, the program's centralized payee. The remaining \$840,000 is for program administrative costs, including outreach, intake and application assistance, for EPN partners and the City.
3. The City is designated as manager the of the EPN rent assistance contracts. The County and City desire to enter into an agreement, to compensate the City for the service of contracting and managing the program administrative funds for the EPN related to the emergency rent assistance program.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Council directs:

- A. The Commissioner-in-Charge is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County, substantially in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The City is hereby authorized to receive payments in the amount of

Introduced by

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Requested Agenda Type

Consent

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date  
April 19, 2023

\$840,000 from the County.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the program funds must be obligated within required timeframes; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

## Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](#) 49.18 KB

An ordinance when passed by the Council shall be signed by the Auditor. It shall be carefully filed and preserved in the custody of the Auditor (City Charter Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 2-122)

Passed by Council

April 19, 2023

Auditor of the City of Portland

Simone Rede

## Impact Statement

### Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

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### Financial and Budgetary Impacts

Of the total \$5 million amount budgeted to EPN, \$4,200,000 is for rent assistance administered directly by Home Forward, the program's centralized payee. The remaining \$840,000 is for EPN and the City program administrative costs. The City manages the EPN rent assistance contracts. Therefore, the County and City desire to enter into an agreement to compensate the City for the service of contracting and managing program administrative funding for the EPN agencies' rent assistance programming. This action does not change staffing levels at the City.

## Community Impacts and Community Involvement

Future public involvement is not anticipated for this item because there is already an agreement to allocate and accept the funds based on Multnomah County Commission action.

### 100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

## Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

The City manages the Expanded Partner Network (EPN) rent assistance contracts and desires to enter into an agreement with the Joint Office to compensate the City for the service of contracting and managing program administrative funding for the EPN agencies' rent assistance programming. As part of the IGA, PHB will be receiving \$840,000 for this purpose, and the funds are included in PHB's Spring Supplemental submission.

## Agenda Items

### 304 Consent Agenda in [April 19, 2023 Council Agenda](#)

Passed

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea