



**Q:** Is there a set dollar amount set aside/budget for this?

**A:** Total allocation for the project is about \$2 million dollars. Based on how JOHS currently funds rapid rehousing, we are planning for 113 new placements across 10 unique shelter programs. The budget is based on the JOHS' current planning structure that assumes \$9500 per household for rent and client assistance. This budget also assumes a case management ratio of 1 case manager for every 20 shelter guests. (see page 5 of the allocation announcement)

**Q:** How exactly should we balance client assistance and staffing costs? We're experiencing some bigger costs with the population we work with.

**A:** The evaluation criteria is included in pages 7-9 of the allocation announcement. While we know that many solicitations may use the lowest bid as a selection practice, that is not the decision making framework that we are using for this solicitation.

**Q:** Is there a template we're supposed to follow or a one pager we come up with?

**A:** There is no template to use for this solicitation. You may submit your budget proposal in whatever format works best for you.

**Q:** Does JOHS have a preference for a single provider taking on the whole need?

**A:** Not a preference and also really unlikely. Looking at the list of shelters, there are shelters that are culturally specific, and some service providers might have specific expertise. Our goal is to come out with a blend of services to meet the needs. (see page 9 of allocation announcement)



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**Q:** What is the assistance timeline? Thinking about folks who may have PSH needs, do you have a sense of the folks in shelter? Would 6 months of assistance be the goal?

**A:** It's going to look different for individual needs. For a lot of folks barrier mitigation is the biggest need, but also some folks may need ramp up time. Something we see as important right now for existing programs is good communication between shelter and inreach providers. We wouldn't want folks who need PSH to be placed elsewhere that isn't going to meet their needs.

**Q:** Can you say more about what the relationship/partnership between shelter and provider will look like?

**A:** Ideally there is a strong partnership between inreach and provider. Ultimately housing providers are responsible for outcomes. But there should be strong communication and collaboration.

**Q:** Allocated amount per person, is that to help get them housed, for rent assistance? Are there gateways to vouchers? As a provider in Clackamas County we don't have a lot of paths to vouchers.

**A:** In theory, all the people placed through this program will be folks who will not need assistance beyond this support. This program is focused on folks who just need a smaller/shorter additional support to be housed. Rapid rehousing is not appropriate for higher needs households in many cases.

**Q:** When will this be decided and when will the funding cycle begin?

**A:** Proposals are due by 5pm on December 16th. We expect that we will know by the end of December or early January, depending on how many applications we



have to review. Then we will work to move as quickly as possible to get contracts out.

**Q:** What is the screening criteria for participants in this program?

**A:** This is MSHS funded and we hope that population A is served but we also know that due to the nature of programming like this that comes with less ongoing support, many households served would be population B. The JOHS does not have a screening criteria set for this.

**Q:** Who screens the participants, the shelter provider, or the placement provider?

**A:** The JOHS will serve as a liaison between the shelter operators and the placement providers to build the connections but will generally step back and allow providers to work collaboratively. Ultimately, the housing placement provider is responsible for the outcomes associated with this allocation and has the final say in the screening of participants, any referral processes, etc. We encourage collaboration and would hope that shelter operators and placement providers can work collaboratively to leverage resources to promote sustainable, successful placements.

**Q:** Does the funding for this project end June 30, 2025, or does it continue through FY25-26?

**A:** Anything the County funds is always contingent upon the availability of those funds. At this time, we know with certainty that this is in the JOHS budget for this year, FY25. We plan and assume that it will be continued into the next fiscal year but we are unable to guarantee that for this or any program.