

## Supportive Housing Services

### Application to join the Tri County Planning Body

Metro and the three counties are recruiting members for a new group that will help inform the implementation of the [supportive housing services program](#) (SHS).

Supportive housing services is a new regional program that helps people experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their housing. Funded by a new tax that voters approved in May 2020, the program started in July 2021. The program advances racial equity by especially meeting the needs of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) because these groups experience housing instability and homelessness at higher rates than others. Read more about the [SHS work plan and values](#).

The regional program funds Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties, paying for new and expanded services and housing resources. These include:

- Emergency services such as outreach and shelter
- Help getting into housing and help paying rent
- Advocacy and case management
- Services related to mental health, physical health, language and culture, education, employment, addiction and recovery, tenant rights and other needs

Each county has its own local implementation plan, which set goals for how they will use the funds. These plans were developed with input from people who are or have been homeless, BIPOC community members, advocates and service providers. Plans were endorsed by local advisory groups, boards of county commissioners, the SHS Regional Oversight Committee and approved by Metro Council.

#### The Tri County Planning Body

Because this program is regional, Metro and its partners are creating this Tri County Planning Body to help coordinate and improve services across the whole region. The group will help create goals, strategies, metrics and a regional investment fund to address homelessness across the region. The group will not replace community-centered work but will help the program be as effective as possible by coordinating across the region.

The group will:

1. Develop a regional plan with strategies, metrics and goals as identified in the SHS workplan and the counties' implementation plans.
2. Review proposals from the counties with strategies and financial investments that advance regional goals and outcomes.
3. Provide guidance and recommendations to the counties on the implementation of strategies to achieve regional goals and outcomes.
4. Approve and monitor financial investments by county partners from the regional investment fund.
5. Provide guidance on using SHS values at a regional level.
6. Monitor and provide guidance on the implementation of the regional plan.

Particular areas of focus will likely include: expanding supportive housing, supporting long-term rent assistance, partnering with affordable housing, expanding culturally specific affordable housing, creating metrics and data collection and evaluation methods, and helping systems and services (such as healthcare, education, workforce and criminal justice) work together.

### Membership

The Tri County Planning Body will consist of 17 members, including an elected official from each county plus Metro, four members representing each county, and one additional member. The group will include the following perspectives:

- People who have been homeless and/or very low-income
- Black, Indigenous, People of Color and other marginalized communities
- Culturally responsive and culturally specific service providers
- Elected officials, or their representatives, from each county and Metro
- Representatives from business, faith and philanthropic areas
- People who do housing and homelessness services, who routinely engage with unsheltered people
- People working in health and behavioral health, especially culturally specific healthcare
- Representation ensuring geographic diversity

Additionally, the group is seeking people with these areas of expertise and/or experience:

- **Culturally specific and responsive practices:** personal and/or work experience in development, implementation and community engagement
- **Data:** Multi-system data integration, data framework development, research and evaluation, and de-colonizing data
- **Multi-system integration:** personal and/or work experience with projects and programs that integrate multiple systems such as but not limited to: health, justice, housing, employment
- **State and federal systems:** personal and/or work experience in program implementation with local, state and federal funding sources such as Medicare, SNAP, CDBG, HUD
- **Programmatic expertise:** personal and/or work experience in permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, best practices in supportive housing and homeless services (e.g. Housing First, trauma informed care, assertive engagement)

### Commitment

- Attend 2-3 hour meetings online, or in-person when safe to gather. Meetings may be more frequent in the first year (monthly) and at least quarterly throughout program implementation.
- Regular meeting attendance. Members may miss up to two meetings in each fiscal year.
- Spend an additional 1-2 hours preparing for each meeting.
- Apply [SHS values](#) in your participation on the TCPB.
- Serve a two-year term.\*

*\*Terms are staggered. Some committee members will initially serve a one-year term in the first year. All members can be reappointed for two additional two-year terms.*

Resources are available to help support participation, and will be made available to members as requested. These include but are not limited to:

- Childcare during meetings
- Computer to use during meetings
- Improved internet access
- Help with Zoom and related support
- Stipends for participation
- Travel expenses to Metro (when gatherings are safe)
- Interpretation/translation

Please see Attachment B for more information and a sample request form.

#### [Application due date and process](#)

Applications are due by Monday, February 18th, 2022 at 11:59PM PST.

Applications will be accepted using [this online form](#), and other options are available if needed for any reason. Please email [housingservices@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:housingservices@oregonmetro.gov) with any questions and/or for help with other formats such as print or assistance by phone.

If you need a communication aid, sign language interpreter or other accommodation in the application process, call 503-797-1890 five business days in advance.

All applicants will be informed whether or not they have been selected to serve on the committee, using the phone number or email you provide. Metro Council will appoint and codify the committee.