

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Clackamas County

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: August 11, 2020 **Approx Start Time:** 2:00 PM **Approx Length:** 30 mins

Presentation Title: Supportive Housing Services Update (Metro Measure 26-210)

Department: H3S/Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC)

Presenters: Jill Smith, Vahid Brown, Richard Swift, Drenda Howatt

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Staff is providing an update on activity related to the implementation of the Supportive Housing Services Measure. No action is required of the Board at this time.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Background:

On May 19, 2020, voters in the Portland metro region approved a measure that would raise money for supportive housing services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

This measure provides critical funding for supportive services to accompany the affordable housing development Bond previously passed. The supportive housing services measure ensures that for the next decade our neighbors facing the greatest barriers to stable and permanent housing will have access to both housing and the services necessary to keep them stably housed

The Here Together measure was designed to raise the funds needed to match the scale of need without placing a burden on low and middle-income families. The measure created a regional 1% marginal tax rate on taxable income over \$200,000 a year, (joint household) or \$125,000 a year (single), and a 1% business net profits tax for regional businesses with sales over \$5 million. This measure was originally projected to raise \$250 million per year with approximately \$50M per year to be distributed to Clackamas County. COVID 19 impacts to the economy will certainly impact that projection and those impacts are still being assessed. The funding raised from this measure will be spent in the county where it was generated and funding decisions will be made locally.

Metro's Role

To ensure program implementation upholds promises made to voters by demonstrating successful outcomes with stable housing throughout our region. Metro staff will set up systems and structure to provide robust oversight and accountability and ensure transparency of public funds.

County's Role

As experts in implementing programs that serve our community members experiencing homelessness, our County partner's role is to implement the Supportive Housing Services programs in their county. In partnership with service providers and community partners they will develop and implement programs that respond to the unique needs in their communities.

Funding Distribution

- Multnomah County 45.33%
- Washington County 33.33%
- Clackamas County 21.33%
- Up to 5% for Metro to provide oversight and administration
- At least 5% of funding must be allocated for regional impact

Timeline

July – September 2020

Summer Stakeholder Committee

- Develop regional outcome metrics
- Refine Regional Values
- Ensures community voices help to shape implementation

Clackamas County community engagement work (contracted culturally specific providers)

Clackamas County identifies and recommends 5 members to serve on the Regional Oversight Committee for a two year term.

September – December 2020

- Clackamas County local advisory body formed and meeting regularly.
- Community engagement work outcomes documented and integrated into Local Implementation Plan (LIP).
- Clackamas County Board approves / executes IGA / LIP

January – April 2021

- Metro Council approves/executes IGA/LIP
- Outreach and engagement with community based providers in anticipation of RFP being issued in spring 2021.
- Community engagement continues with a focus on the entire county to better understand barriers to access and identify rural needs.
- Both taxes, high income earner and 1% Business Profits tax begin January 2021
 - Full implementation of a new tax mechanism takes 2 to 3 years.

April – July 2021

- Contracts entered into as a result of RFP responses.
- Development of new programs and data requirements for homeless management information system (HMIS).
- Provider training on HMIS and data requirements
- Ongoing oversight and engagement with contracted providers.
- Ongoing regular meetings of the local stakeholder Committee.
- Program implementation and outcome measurement begins.

Spring/Summer 2021 ongoing

- Ongoing community engagement
- Ongoing oversight and engagement with community providers.
- Ongoing regional meetings and the development of a regional housing and housing services program.
- Ensure alignment with IGA/LIP and measure requirements
- Participate in annual audits

Local Implementation Plan Elements: Each county will prepare a Local Implementation Plan to describe their local housing and homeless service needs, current programming and unmet programming capacities, and proposed use of funds in accordance with the purposes of the regional Supportive Housing Services program. The LIP will include the following elements:

- **Racial Disparity Analysis:**
- **Racial Equity Strategies:**
- **Inclusive Decision Making:**
- **Priority Populations:**
 - Commitment to prioritize funding as follows:
 - 75 percent to serve people who have extremely low incomes and one or more disabling conditions, who are experiencing long-term or frequent episodes of literal homelessness or are at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness; and
 - 25 percent of funding to serve people who are experiencing homelessness or face/have substantial risk of homelessness.
 - This distribution of resources to serve priority populations may be adjusted over time as chronic and prolonged homelessness is reduced.
- **Current Investments**
- **Geographic Distribution:**
 - Strategy to distribute services throughout jurisdictional and Metro Service District boundary.
- **Access Coordination:**
 - An approach to coordinating access to services with partnering jurisdictions and service providers across the region.
- **Procurement Plans**
- **Planned Investments**
- **Outcomes Reporting**

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the funding source?

Taxes collected as a result of the passage of Metro measure 26-210 effective spring/summer 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
 - Sustainable and Affordable Housing
 - Efficient & effective services
- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?
 - The HereTogether measure provides Clackamas County will funds to pay for additional affordable housing with the critical supportive services, which aligns with the board priority of ensuring safe, healthy and secure communities.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

There will be multiple opportunities for community engagement as well as an open recruitment process for the local oversight committee.

OPTIONS:

Informational only, no Board action at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

This information is an update on the process currently underway to prepare for implementation of the Metro Supportive Services Measure 26-210. Staff intends to provide the Board regular ongoing updates. No action is required of the Board at this time.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____
Department Director/Head Approval _____
County Administrator Approval _____

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