



# JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

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Affordable Housing Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group  
c/o Jennifer Chang  
Portland Housing Bureau  
421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 500  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Affordable Housing Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group:

We understand that you have received a recommendation from the A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board, as well as others, that at least 300 of the projected 600 bond-funded units that will be affordable to households earning between 0 and 30% of AMI be dedicated to permanent supportive housing and other forms of supportive housing.

Recognizing that the bond funding cannot be used to provide support services, the AHFE Coordinating Board has also recommended that the Joint Office of Homeless Services prioritize working with the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) to identify the resources that will be needed to provide the support services to the 300 units.

The provision of the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and other forms of supportive housing is a priority for our office, especially as we continue to see rising numbers of chronically homeless people in our community. We are committed to help reach the 300 unit goal, by working with the resources in our own budget and other potential sources of support services within and outside of Multnomah County.

Although the cost of services provided to units will necessarily vary, we estimate that on average each unit will require approximately \$7,500 in support services annually. This is a significant sum, but we are confident that we can align service funding to the new 0-30% units that come online through the bond over the next several years. Our community invests a significant amount of local general fund to support services, and our service providers have access to a range of private, state, and federally funded support services.

We are grateful for the work that you are doing to ensure that the housing bond funds are invested according to the policy priorities that we share as a community. Our office is committed to working with PHB to help ensure that support services are available to those units that are committed to helping meet our critical need for PSH and supported housing.

Sincerely,

Marc Jolin, Director