



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST CONTINGENCY REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/21/13
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am
Date Submitted: 3/13/13

Agenda Title: Update for the Board on the general fund contingency transfer of \$10,000 approved Nov. 8th, 2010 to assist the Veterans Affairs Administration and Community Partners in housing chronically homeless Veterans

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: March 21, 2013 **Time Needed:** 15 mins
Department: Non-departmental **Division:** District 1 & 4
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

December 2, 2012, the Board approved a transfer of \$10,000 from general fund contingency to assist the Veterans Affairs Administration and community partners in an effort to house 87 chronically disabled veterans. This short presentation will update the Board on the status of the funds and the ongoing effort to house veterans.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) is a critical program in ending homelessness for Veterans. The program is funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Veterans Affairs Administration (VA) and combines rental assistance and clinical services to ensure chronically homeless veterans get off the streets, into housing and have the support services they need to stay housed. HUD-VASH vouchers are allocated to communities based on need. Multnomah County currently has 305 vouchers,

which means we have the ability to serve 305 disabled homeless veterans through this program.

The County's funds were combined with \$10,000 each from Home Forward, City of Portland and United Way of the Columbia Willamette for a total of \$40,000 and provided the flexible assistance needed to utilize the vouchers. A report will be presented to the Board. On average, \$300 was spent per veteran housed.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This effort is in partnership with the City of Portland, Home Forward, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and multiple non-profit partners including JOIN, Transition Projects, and Northwest Pilot Project.

Required Signatures

**Elected Official
or Dept Director:**



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