

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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| FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING UP TO |) | RESOLUTION NO. 25-5492 |
| \$15,000,000 TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO |) | |
| SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN CITY OF |) | Introduced by Metro Council President Lynn |
| PORTLAND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS |) | Peterson |
| UNSHeltered HOMELESSNESS |) | |

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, the Metro Council referred to the Metro area voters a personal and business income tax for the purposes of funding Supportive Housing Services in the Metro region (Measure 26-210, the “Supportive Housing Services Measure”), which Metro Area voters approved on May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council subsequently codified Measure 26-210 in Metro Code Chapters 11.01, 7.05, 7.06, and 7.07; and

WHEREAS, through the hard work of Metro’s County implementation partners and service providers around the region, the regional Supportive Housing Services (“SHS”) program has in its first three years of implementation helped thousands of households avoid or escape homelessness, including funding more than 6,200 housing placements, more than 15,000 eviction preventions through regional rent assistance, and the creation or sustaining of more than 1,800 temporary shelter units; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code 11.01.130 authorizes Metro to distribute SHS administration funds to a Local Implementation Partner to support specific needs identified by Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council finds an acute need for additional shelter services exists in the City of Portland, making immediate investments imperative; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is a Local Implementation Partner under Metro’s Supportive Housing Services Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has developed a City Shelter Services Program to add additional shelter capacity, and

WHEREAS, Metro Council finds that a strategic one-time investment to jumpstart the Mayor’s plan is in the interest of the Region, and

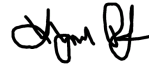
WHEREAS, Metro is unlikely to have a similar level of carryover funds in the future available for this level of investment, and Metro staff has communicated to Multnomah County and the City of Portland that these are one-time funds, and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has an established partnership with the City of Portland to provide shelter services within the City of Portland, creating an opportunity for Metro to work collaboratively with Multnomah County and the City of Portland in support of their efforts and for the benefit of the region, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Metro Council authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County to provide up to \$15,000,000 of Supportive Housing Services administrative funds to support the City of Portland's programs to address unsheltered homelessness, provided:
 - a. The intergovernmental agreement must require that data from any programs that use these funds are reported in Multnomah County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and to Metro consistent with the Metro SHS Data Sharing Agreement; and
 - b. The intergovernmental agreement provides that the funding is one-time.
2. The Metro Council authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to identify any additional requirements and restrictions to be included in the intergovernmental agreement; and
3. The intergovernmental agreement must be in a form approved by the Office of the Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 1st day of May 2025.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5492 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING UP TO \$15,000,000 TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN CITY OF PORTLAND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

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| Date: | April 29, 2025 | Prepared by: Kristin Dennis, Metro Council Chief of Staff |
| Department: | Council Office | |
| Meeting Date: | May 1, 2025 | Presenter: Kristin Dennis, Metro Council Chief of Staff |

ISSUE STATEMENT

Metro Council seeks to ensure that Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding provides tangible benefits where needed most across the region. In a time of continuing crisis in our communities and broader financial uncertainty, responsive action is of critical importance.

BACKGROUND

In May 2020, voters in greater Portland approved Measure 26-210 to fund services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The measure created personal and business income taxes that fund Supportive Housing Services (SHS) across the region. Pursuant to the SHS measure and Metro Code, Metro retains 5 percent of SHS tax collections to administer a regional program.

As Metro and the Counties built up their programs, revenue outpaced annual administrative spending. Metro currently has approximately \$30 million in reserves, which can be used for current and future administration of the SHS program. During and after the Stakeholder Advisory Table process and other SHS reform discussions, Metro discussed setting a portion of these funds aside to seed a regional fund for affordable housing development. However, due to urgent needs for funding within current allowable uses, Metro Council sought to provide flexibility to make strategic investments of Metro’s administrative funds to support efforts of regional significance.

On April 17, 2025, Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-1530 to enable disbursement of its administrative funds to Local Implementation Partners for one-time investments in support of programs that otherwise meet SHS use of funds requirements, as directed by future Metro Council resolution.

On February 4, 2025, Mayor Keith Wilson came to a Metro Council work session where he outlined his plan to end unsheltered homelessness and requested SHS funds to support this effort. On March 13, the Multnomah County Commission unanimously approved a resolution directing the transfer of \$15 million of Metro SHS funds to the City of Portland if Metro transfers those funds to Multnomah County.

A unique set of circumstances led to Metro having these available resources that are not otherwise critical for immediate administrative needs. It is unlikely that Metro will have these resources available for flexible programming in the future given current revenue and budget forecasts. Therefore, local implementation partners that receive additional funds from Metro administrative funds should understand that those investments are one-time.

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Staff recommends passing the resolution as submitted. Council may further direct staff to require additional specific features in a subsequent IGA with Multnomah County. Given the one-time nature of these funds, Council may consider adjusting the amount of funds made available to Multnomah County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Resolution No. 25-5492.