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NORTHWEST PILOT PROJECT

LONG-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE (LRA) VOUCHER PROGRAM

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Project Overview

Eighteen-month pilot to demonstrate efficacy of locally funded and administered rent voucher program in Multnomah County, Oregon. While the pilot was 18 months, the voucher is available to the tenant as long as the need it. The project demonstrated that program administration could be easily and effectively done by the local Housing Authority while also reducing barriers for applicant households.

Target Population

Extremely low income (income is **0 – 30%** of the Median Family Income –MFI – or a maximum of \$18,480 annually for a single adult) senior or medically needy households who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of homelessness due to rent burdens of 70% or more.

Pilot timeframe: January 2018 thru June 2019

HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS	
Number of households who received voucher	55
Head of household over age 55	46
Households with minor children	3
Homeless or chronically homeless at admission to program	15
Single person	37
Two person household	16
Female head of household	32
Person of color head of household	26

Head of household has primary language other than English	5
Social Security benefits are sole income source	49
Average monthly total rent per household	\$1,061
Average monthly rent subsidy payment	\$821
Household's average monthly rent payment	\$240

ADDITIONAL DATA	
Households who successfully leased up their voucher	55
Average time to lease up voucher	19 days
Households who exited program in good standing	3 (two deceased, one voluntary move out of state) Note: the three vouchers were offered to other households.
Households still stable in their housing as of November 2019	55– 100% success rate
Household living in tax-credit apartment	21
Landlords new to rent voucher type program; not familiar with Section 8 program	7

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