



HereTogether SMILE Briefing
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Who is the
HereTogether
coalition?

We need all three:

Shelter, services and
affordable housing in order to
end our region's
homelessness crisis.

Portland Metro Region

The Point-in-Time survey counted **6,633** people living unhoused in the Portland Metro Region (2022).

- **5,228** in Multnomah County, *40% BIPOC*
- **808** in Washington County, *19% BIPOC*
- **597** in Clackamas County, *17% BIPOC (2019)*

Investments in Homelessness: 2020 versus 2023

	Total Investments: 2020	SHS Projected Investments: 2023	Total Investments: 2023
Multnomah	\$91.1 M	\$90.8 M	\$181.9 M
Washington	\$12.8 M	\$66.8 M	\$79.6 M
Clackamas	\$6.6 M	\$42.7 M	\$49.3 M
Metro-Wide	\$110.5 M	\$200.3 M	\$310.8 M

Supportive Housing Services Investments: Year 1

	Revenue: Actual	Total Amount (allocated and spent): FY 21/22	Total Amount Unspent	Percent Spent of Allocated
Multnomah	\$94.9 M	\$35.78 M	\$59.12 M	37%
Washington	\$69.8 M	\$21.87 M	\$53.17 M	24%
Clackamas	\$44.6 M	\$5.20 M	\$41.44 M	7%
Metro-Wide	\$209.3 M	\$ 62.84 M	\$153.73 M	27%

Supportive Housing Services Investments: Year 2 Q 1

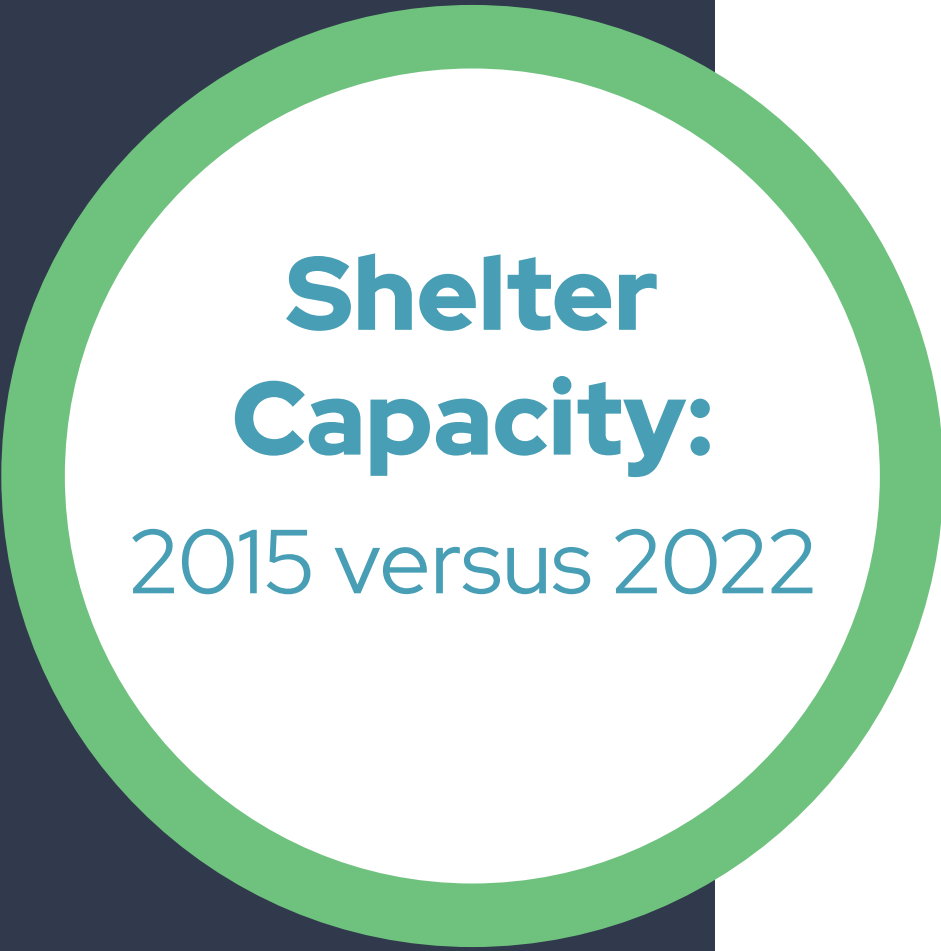
	Projected Investments: FY 2023	Budget: Actual	Total Amount (allocated and spent): FY 2023 Quarter 1	Percentage of Budget Spent Quarter 1
Multnomah	\$90.8 M	\$107.1 M	\$8.64 M	7%
Washington	\$66.8 M	\$49.59 M	\$4.82 M	10%
Clackamas	\$42.7 M	\$28.98 M	\$989,045	3%
Metro-Wide	\$200.3 M	\$ 185.69 M	\$14.45 M	13%



2021-2022

Metro's Progress

- Over **4,560** people moved into housing in Multnomah County.
- **35,550** families received eviction prevention services to avoid homelessness in Multnomah County.
 - ◆ **9,200** region-wide just from SHS.
- **514** new shelter beds created.
- **159** people found jobs.



**Shelter
Capacity:**
2015 versus 2022

Multnomah County Alone Year-Round Shelter Beds

- 2015: 521
- FY 2022: 1,600-2,100
- Budgeted for FY 2023:
2,600+

In 2022, over half of the Joint Office's budget was dedicated to expanding and operating shelter.

Source: Multnomah County

ADVOCACY AHEAD:

**HereTogether Coalition's
2023 Roadmap**

1.

Expedite moving folks from the streets into housing with creative infrastructure and programming. *Part 1*

- Ramp up the Regional Long-Term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program.
 - ◆ Ramp up usage of RLRA vouchers and **expand** voucher eligibility.
- Increase the number of **deeply affordable units** by pairing Regional Long-Term Rent Assistance (RLRA) vouchers with affordable housing bond projects.
- Prioritize converting hotels/motels into housing.
 - ◆ Urge Oregon Legislature to fund another round of Project Turnkey.

1.

Expedite moving folks from the streets into housing with creative infrastructure and programming. *Part 2*

- Explore creative opportunities with proven outcomes to expedite the path from the street to safe housing.
 - ◆ Scale up eviction prevention and short term rent assistance services.
 - ◆ Invest in innovative programs like the Trust Youth Initiative.
- Streamline permitting as soon as possible.
- Remove common barriers to housing and employment.
 - ◆ Develop a Tri-County Homeless Court program.

2.

Grow and retain the workforce needed to address our region's crisis at scale.

- **Support living wages and benefits that ensure service providers can recruit and retain enough staff to reach full capacity.**
- **Grow the frontline workforce pipeline.**
 - ◆ For example: Pilot new and fund existing programs for training people with lived experience to become frontline workers.
- **Center equity in contracting.**
 - ◆ Metro's Tri-County Planning Body should develop work groups in each county to set up equity and innovation funds within the Regional Investment Fund.

3.

Improve efficiency through better coordination and streamlined processes.

- Establish clear rules for Supportive Housing Services carryover funds from Year 1 and beyond.
- Streamline systems to ensure people leaving health and correctional institutions are not discharged directly into homelessness.
 - ◆ Bump up resources for direct service workers.
 - ◆ Involve Health Share of Oregon and health system partners in jurisdictional planning.
- Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement.
 - ◆ Community and stakeholder engagement must be ongoing.

4.

Ramp up data collection, integration and reporting.

→ Accelerate Built for Zero implementation.

- ◆ Such as **setting up** regularly updated dashboards, easy-to-use data entry systems and **investing in** mobile data entry devices and systems.

→ Coordinate information technology systems across all health and human services.

- ◆ By mapping and integrating **current regional information systems**.

→ Improve reporting practices and accountability.

- ◆ Such as through the quarterly SHS reports.



2023:
**A Year of
Advocacy**

Last year, 12 people were moved into housing *each day* in Multnomah County.

There's so much to be hopeful for as we move into 2023.

Sign up for our regular Happening Now Newsletter to stay up to date on what's going on to address the homelessness in the Portland region.

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Thank you! Questions?