

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING UP TO	)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5558
\$500,000 TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	)	Introduced by Councilor Juan Carlos
SERVICES LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION	)	González in concurrence with
PARTNERS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL	)	Council President Lynn Peterson
SUPPORT FOR METRO RESIDENTS	)	
IMPACTED BY FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT	)	
ACTIONS	)	

WHEREAS, Metro's Supportive Housing Services (SHS) program is funded by voter approved personal income and business profit taxes, and is governed by Metro Code Chapter 11.01 to provide funding to local governments for the provision of supportive housing services that address homelessness and housing instability in the region; 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, recent federal policy and funding actions have been associated with a significant increase in instability and disruption for people throughout the region, including reported physical, emotional and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, reports estimate that detainments by federal immigration officials increased substantially across the region, with figures cited as approximately a 4000% rise in 2025 and more than 500 detentions in the Metro region during October alone; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, the number of individuals in immigration enforcement-related detention centers reportedly increased by an estimated 70%, in the period between January 20 and December 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security reports it has facilitated the deportation of more than 605,000 people and "voluntary self-deportation" of an additional 1.9 million people since January 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, reports indicate that detentions and subsequent proceedings have often departed from legal due process or established practice, including: violent large-scale apprehensions of people identified by shared racial and/or ethnic characteristics; frequent transfers of detained people across state lines, limiting access to legal counsel; detention center conditions that have raised concerns regarding standards of care; limitations on timely notifications of family members and the ability to manage personal affairs; and transfers or

deportations to detention facilities located in countries with which the detained person has no prior personal connection, contributing to great uncertainty and fear regarding legal status and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, according to Pew Research Center, 28% of U.S. residents are immigrants or are U.S. born and have at least one immigrant parent, contributing to an estimated one in four adults in the U.S. worrying that they or someone close to them may be deported; and

WHEREAS, community-based organizations, school-based social workers, legal aid organizations, mutual aid groups, and advocates working closely with immigrants, refugees and families with mixed immigration status report direct impacts of these actions that put households at increased and/or imminent risk of homelessness and an inability to attend to basic needs; and

WHEREAS, these impacts include but are not limited to: inability to pay for housing and other basic household expenses due to detention of income-earning people within households; a decline in workforce participation leading to loss of income; an increase in school absences; loss of transportation; and serious challenges accessing basic needs, healthcare, and services among Metro area residents; and

WHEREAS, reports indicate that these impacts have extended to households across varying immigration statuses, as regional and national accounts describe incidents in which people who are legally present within the country and/or lawfully employed have been detained, further contributing to increased uncertainty and fear regarding enforcement actions and their scope; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in local jurisdictions across the region such as the Cities of Portland and Hillsboro and Multnomah and Washington Counties declaring states of emergency specific to federal immigration enforcement impacts; and

WHEREAS, Washington County and the City of Hillsboro have each allocated up to \$200,000 to support individuals and families who have been negatively impacted by immigration enforcement activities, with other local jurisdictions currently considering similar allocations; and

WHEREAS, substantial changes in federal policy, funding, and other federal actions are expected to continue for several years, with associated impacts at a scale and duration that may exceed the capacity of an individual city, county, or regional government to address independently; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council is considering a framework for regional action to mitigate federal policy and funding change impacts, ensuring that agency decision-making prioritizes strategic, long-term and systemic actions; and

WHEREAS, Metro is unlikely to have an ongoing balance of carryover funds in the future, and the Metro Council must consider the volatile nature of high-income earner income tax collection in any future administrative fund allocation decisions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

1. Authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with SHS Local Implementation Partners to provide up to \$500,000 total of Metro's SHS administrative fund balance for the purpose of addressing imminent housing instability resulting from increased federal immigration enforcement activity, in accordance with the following requirements:
  - a. The intergovernmental agreement provides that the funding is one-time, with no expectation of renewals or replacement funds
  - b. The intergovernmental agreement will distribute the funding to each local implementation partner using the allocation percentages outlined in Metro Code Chapter 11.01: 21 1/3 percent to Clackamas County, 45 1/3 percent to Multnomah County and 33 1/3 percent to Washington County
  - c. The intergovernmental agreement must also comport with the following:
    - i. Prioritized populations / outcomes:
      1. Funding must serve households directly impacted by immigration enforcement actions such that they are at risk of homelessness, experiencing housing instability, or unable to meet basic needs, and/or households whose legitimate fear of these actions has resulted in risk of homelessness, enhanced housing instability, or inability to meet basic needs
      2. Funding must be deployed with minimal barriers to access, including being reasonably accessible by individuals and households who do not have existing relationships with SHS service providers and who have never before experienced homelessness, directly, or through referral
      3. Supported households' residence must be within the Metro Service Area
    - ii. Eligible uses of funds:
      1. All funds must be programmed in alignment with existing allowable uses of SHS funding, and can include direct payments to households or other supports that address housing stability needs, including but not limited to:
        - a. Rental assistance payments
        - b. Utility payments
        - c. Transportation support (*including resolving impoundment fees or car repairs*)

- d. Basic needs
- 2. Administrative fees should not exceed existing agreements for similar services with contracted SHS providers
- iii. Funding distribution timeline:
  - 1. Funding must be deployed within the current fiscal year, with priority given to distribution of funds within quarter three
  - 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 approved in form by the Office of the Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 18th day of December 2026.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney