

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-1530 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE SECTION 11.01.130 (ADMINISTRATIVE COST RECOVERY) CONCERNING USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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### **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 measure, Metro retains 5 percent of SHS tax collections to administer a regional program.

To enable disbursement of its administrative funds to local governments for one-time investments in improved service delivery, Metro Council held a first reading and public hearing of Ordinance No. 25-1530 on March 4.

On April 10, Metro Council held a second public hearing and considered an amendment (labeled Version A in the distributed materials) that proposed revisions to better support integration with existing regional service delivery; to clarify that funds will be used for strategic, one-time investments; and to limit eligible recipients of these funds to Metro's local implementation partners—Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. Metro Council adopted the amendment.

### **POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

To ensure administrative funds are used strategically to support the existing work of the Supportive Housing Services programs, Metro Council may consider directing staff to work with county staff to identify key opportunities for investments that would benefit from availability of one-time funds. A future resolution adopted by Metro Council may identify key regional needs to specify the types of investment Metro Council will consider for funding distribution.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 25-1530.