

Program # 21009 - Homeless Families

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Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	School and Community
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Mary Li
Related Programs:	21003, 21005, 21007, 21009, 21014, 21015A, 21016A, 21018, 21020A, 21022, 21023, 21024, 21016B, 21020B, 21025A, 21025B, 21026		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Homeless Families programs offer transitional housing and support services for low-income and homeless families, pregnant or parenting teens, as well as short-term shelter/services during winter. It also provides anti poverty services that include Information & Referral; Short-Term Intervention; Individual, Group & Family Services; and a Housing Stabilization Program targeted to culturally specific families.

Program Description

The program has several components: Information & Referral -- identifying resources/services and linking consumers to them; Winter Shelter -- additional service capacity during the winter; Homesafe -- transitional housing and intensive case management for teen parent families; Short-Term Intervention -- helping a household meet basic needs such as food boxes, back-to-school assistance, transportation, or clothing; Housing Stabilization -- case management and client assistance to stabilize family housing; Community Transition School and Learn Links -- full-service alternative education for children of homeless families; and, the Welfare Reinvestment Program -- adult workforce development and employment services. Programs are supported through Caring Community activities fostering improved service delivery, access to services, and increased community engagement towards an overall goal to improve academic success.

Program Justification

Homeless Families services support Basic Living Needs Indicators of Success: % of community members not living in poverty; and, % of renters who pay no more than 30% of income for housing and utilities and meet Basic Living Needs Strategies: Educate and intervene to keep people from experiencing health, housing or economic crisis; Ensure access to appropriate information, referral, and assistance to people needing help with basic needs, including food, shelter, and clothing; Provide or link people to comprehensive community supports and services that lead to and/or keep people in stable, affordable housing; and, Provide readily available and accessible crisis services that include family centered plans and/or individual case management for long-term stability

A recent Portland State study showed formerly homeless people spend 65% less time in hospitals once in permanent housing; other studies indicate supportive housing results in a 50% decrease in incarceration, a 50% increase in earned income, and a 40% rise in employment.

In FY04, 4,129 individuals in families were served; nearly half needed domestic violence services as well.

Performance Measures

Homeless Families: 220 homeless families will participate in transitional housing and support services. 65% (143) of families will obtain permanent housing and 50% (110) will increase their income at exit. Of these, 70% (100) will remain in permanent housing 6 months later. These outcomes and percentages are consistent with similar programs in other jurisdictions.

Anti Poverty Services: 60,000 callers will be receive I&R services. 8,400 people will receive short term intervention and 4,220 people will receive support services.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

Homeless Families: 226 families participated in transitional housing and support services; 59% (133) were in permanent housing at their exit; 74% (167) increased their income at exit. Anti Poverty services are newly redesigned and FY04/5 data is not transferrable.

Program Mandate: 3 Program Choice but No Funding/Service Level Choice

ORS 458.505-515; OAR Chapter 813 Div. 210; CO Ord. #921 -- Community Action funds, agencies, councils

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$361,242	\$39,956	\$318,763	\$36,206
Contracts	\$164,604	\$2,940,291	\$168,554	\$2,723,921
Materials & Supplies	\$337	\$0	\$8,360	\$0
Internal Services	\$106,043	\$225,124	\$61,745	\$203,868
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$632,226	\$3,205,371	\$557,422	\$2,963,995
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$35,485	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$219,074	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$254,559	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$632,226	\$3,205,371	\$811,981	\$2,963,995
Program Total:	\$3,837,597		\$3,775,976	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.55	0.45
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$147,114	\$0	\$118,698	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,205,371	\$0	\$2,963,995
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$147,114	\$3,205,371	\$118,698	\$2,963,995

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund - Current Service Level;
 HUD Homesafe, Family Futures and Horizon Families - Current Service Level as requested in Renewal to HUD;
 OHCS - Housing Stabilization Program - Current Funding Level notified by funder;
 OHCS - Emergency Housing Account - Current Funding Level notified by funder;
 OHCS - State Housing Assistance Program - Current Funding Level notified by funder;
 OHCS - Community Service Block Grant - Reduction in funding level, notified by funder approx 14% reduction in current services

Significant Program Changes