

Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Mary Shortall
Related Programs:	25010A, 25011, 25015		
Frameworks:	Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Crisis intervention, financial assistance and service coordination for low income elderly and disabled residents cut from State funded Medicaid and Oregon Project Independence programs. These short-term services are provided to meet basic living needs. ITAX funds used to prevent evictions, transition individuals from homelessness, provide prescription assistance, and pay for basic medical and related expenses. (This offer amended by the board, see significant program changes for more information).

Program Description

The Aging and Disability Services Division Safety Net program provides a wide variety of basic living needs, including: Emergency Housing Assistance to prevent eviction or obtain permanent, medically suitable housing if client is homeless or medically at risk. Assistance is also provided to establish new housing because of domestic or caregiver violence, and when a resident is moving to subsidized housing when current housing costs exceed 50 percent of available income. Emergency prescription assistance for people without other resources and help in planning long-term payment solutions and gaining stability for medication needs.

Emergency Special Needs Assistance for medically at-risk people without other resources. Funds used for repair and purchase of durable medical equipment, emergency dental care, and emergency foster home and residential facility placements.

In-home services that provide medication management, personal care, wellness checks, care planning and coordination, transportation, meals and advocacy for residents who need assistance with activities of daily living to remain independent. Intervention is also intended to mitigate the need for more extensive care in the future and maintain long-term stability.

Program Justification

All of the ADSD Safety Net programs link to the Basic Living Needs Priority and the associated indicators, Improving Health and Increasing Access to Stable, Affordable and Decent housing. These programs are necessary because of State budget cuts and the ongoing shortage of low-cost housing in the County as described in the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness. Assistance is based on a holistic assessment of the client's health and basic living needs, and includes education, referral to other community supports and planning to mitigate the need for future help. Typical examples of assistance include repair of a wheelchair so a resident can get to the doctor or to a Senior center; purchasing medications and help with signing up for patient assistance programs through pharmaceutical companies; connecting with food banks and senior centers to offset medication costs; and paying deposits and other housing costs so homeless residents can obtain stable housing.

Performance Measures

Number of residents accessing services: 1)Prescription Drug program, 2)Housing Assistance, 3)Multnomah Project Independence (MPI) for Care Needs, 4)Special Needs.

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

A total of 1,767 residents served by the ADSD Safety Net ITAX program in FY04: Prescription Drugs: 96 (from 2/04 through 6/04); Housing Assistance: 128; MPI care needs: 308; Special Needs: 105; Home delivered meals: 700 (68,457 meals).

Residents expected to be served in FY05: Prescription Drugs: 200; Housing Assistance: 154; MPI Care Needs: 550; Special Needs: 210.

Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

Multnomah County Income Tax Initiative.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$322,473	\$0	\$288,313	\$0
Contracts	\$2,363,602	\$0	\$1,737,798	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$5,000	\$0	\$7,604	\$0
Internal Services	\$2,875	\$0	\$71,714	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,693,950	\$0	\$2,105,429	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$10,302	\$18,151
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$1,872	\$15,451
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$12,174	\$33,602
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,693,950	\$0	\$2,117,603	\$33,602
Program Total:	\$2,693,950		\$2,151,205	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.40	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,602
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,602

Explanation of Revenues

Multnomah County Income Tax Initiative.

Budget Note:

A Board amendment reduces funding for this offer by \$588,521. This reduction consists of \$545,986 in pass through funding and \$42,535 in personnel funding (0.50 FTE Nurse Practitioner).

Significant Program Changes

Although Medicare prescription drug assistance is now available, it is grossly inadequate to meet existing needs, and it is expected that 04-05 prescription assistance requests will increase significantly. Planning for the termination of ITAX funding is also on-going.

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