

Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Ray Hudson
Related Programs:	25037		
Frameworks:	10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Alcohol and Drug addicted clients with chaotic lives often won't access services without direct support. This program targets predominantly homeless individuals who consume a disproportionately large portion of public safety and hospitalization dollars. Services are provided in the streets, community courts, or jails. Itax funds support this program.

Program Description

This program is designed to address the needs of severely addicted clients who suffer from both mental and physical illness. These clients typically experience a combination of conditions that result in chronic homelessness. The program is a six member team based on the Assertive Case Management model, which has been successful as a cost effective approach to this population in other cities. The goal of Assertive Case Management model is to get clients into housing and treatment. A team of outreach workers establish daily contact with homeless individuals in their assigned area. The workers are trained in motivational techniques, and talk to the clients about treatment opportunities, housing, and related services. They are also able to assist clients with daily problems, using food and clothing vouchers and related services from the Alcohol & Drug Client Basic Needs Services Fund. This daily contact and support helps build a working relationship with the client, who is often distrustful of 'authority'. When a client is ready to take steps toward treatment, the team works with County contracted providers to secure a treatment slot for them. The team continues contact with the client, when appropriate, to support their success in treatment. The team includes members of ethnic communities who can focus on African American, Hispanic/Spanish speaking, and Russian speaking clients. Two members of the Team are outstationed at Community Court, providing inter-departmental coordination. These two team members meet daily with defendants in order to assess any social service and crisis intervention needs they may have. The consultants provide recommendations to the court and refer defendants to the most appropriate services, such as mental health and substance abuse treatment, employment, housing, domestic violence, alternatives to prostitution, food and clothing resources, and education programs.

Program Justification

This program provides access to basic health services (addiction treatment) for chronically homeless, addicted citizens of Multnomah County. The clients of this program are extremely high utilizers of county and city services in the jails, courts, and hospitals. This program offers crisis level response to: chronic and/or acute physical issues; mental illness; and addictions, and will result in clients moving from chronic, continuing care conditions toward a less vulnerable, more self sufficient state. The program ties to the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness by directly targeting homeless individuals as clients.

Performance Measures

At least, 70 homeless and not treatment ready clients will be transitioned into treatment and supported, transitional housing.

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

During the past year the team had over 1500 contacts with approximately 160 chronic homeless individuals. Sixty-four of these individuals became motivated to enter treatment. Next year's results are expected to be slightly higher.

Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

This is a Multnomah County Income Tax initiative.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$308,269	\$378,696	\$450,007	\$288,563
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Materials & Supplies	\$15,583	\$2,913	\$7,599	\$5,537
Internal Services	\$49,633	\$12,906	\$63,866	\$99,043
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$373,485	\$394,515	\$521,472	\$413,143
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$7,569	\$21,419
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$21,646	\$24,854
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$29,215	\$46,273
Total GF/non-GF:	\$373,485	\$394,515	\$550,687	\$459,416
Program Total:	\$768,000		\$1,010,103	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	5.88	4.12
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$394,865	\$0	\$413,143
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,273
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$394,865	\$0	\$459,416

Explanation of Revenues

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Significant Program Changes