

**Program # 25053 - MH Crisis Transportation**

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<b>Priority:</b>	Safety Net Services	<b>Lead Agency:</b>	County Human
<b>Program Offer Type:</b>	Existing Operating	<b>Program Contact:</b>	Nancy Winters
<b>Related Programs:</b>	25050, 25051A, 25054		
<b>Frameworks:</b>	Poverty Framework		

**Executive Summary**

Mentally ill individuals needing to get to treatment appointments often don't have transportation. Bus and taxi vouchers are authorized by the Call Center to get individuals to treatment. Individuals requiring involuntary treatment can be securely transported, thus saving the police from having to transport. State funds pay for this program.

**Program Description**

This program is primarily utilized by vulnerable indigent residents in urgent need of crisis services. Without this service, there would not be readily available access to cost-effective, community-based crisis services. For those individuals with chronic and severe mental health symptoms, continuing care and access to services is essential to maintain long-term stability and maintain the best quality of life possible. Funds can be used to taxi an individual to an urgent appointment or assessment that will stabilize the presenting crisis. Utilization of these funds prevents using other emergency services, such as police. The type of transportation can be secure or unsecured. For example, when a mentally ill resident of Multnomah County has been involuntarily admitted to a hospital outside of the region, the Call Center arranges secure transportation back to Multnomah County for a Court commitment hearing.

**Program Justification**

This program provides readily available access to crisis services that lead to longer-term stability, thus linking to the Basic Living Needs priorities. By ensuring access to adequate healthcare, the program links to the Poverty Framework. Individuals with Oregon Health Plan coverage have a transportation benefit for this purpose. But for those persons without insurance there would be no access to immediate crisis services without utilizing more expensive modes of transportation or transportation provided by law enforcement. Having access to crisis transportation allows the County to meet its legal obligation as Local Mental Health Authority to ensure individuals who are involuntarily committed attend legal hearings whether they are hospitalized locally or out of area. As a result, this saves dollars that would otherwise be spent by the legal system in the event that committed individuals were unable to appear for court hearings.

**Performance Measures**

Number of individuals provided with secure crisis transportation  
Number of individuals provided with non-secure crisis transportation

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

Non-secure transports such as bus or cab was provided to 29 individuals last year and 53 individuals were securely transported by specially trained mental health professionals in a vehicle designed to keep the individual safe.

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

OAR 309-032-0545 Adult Mental Health Services (1)(a)(A)(B)309-032-0960 Standards for Community Treatment Services for Children, Definitions (11), MHO Contract Part II, Section V, Statement of Work,(B)(d) ORS 430.620- Establishment of community mental health and developmental disabilities program by one or more counties, if the County chooses to directly operate or contract for a community mental health program then they must expend county funds for this purpose.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contracts	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$405	\$1,146
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$1,158	\$1,330
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,563</b>	<b>\$2,476</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$1,563</b>	<b>\$52,476</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$50,000</b>		<b>\$54,039</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,476
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$52,476</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

This is almost entirely funded by the State.

**Significant Program Changes**

None anticipated.