

Program # 25091 - "Housing a New Beginning", Resource Book for Women and Version 2/14/2005 s

Priority: Safety Net Services **Lead Agency:** County Human
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Ray Hudson
Related Programs: 25026, 25029, 25031, 25038, 25039, 25087, 25089
Frameworks: Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness

Executive Summary

Annual free event for recovering women provides conference and resource guide on all types of housing assistance, landlord/tenant rights, domestic violence, childcare, and addiction counseling. Conference features housing resource specialists, motivational speakers, provider panels, workshops, resource room and lunch. Entirely funded with Beer & Wine Tax dollars.

Program Description

This program focuses on safe, affordable housing for individuals and families in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction. For many, achieving a safe and nurturing home means knowing about affordable housing options. An annual housing resource guide (Housing a New Beginning), is printed and distributed to both consumers of addictions treatment and to a wide range of social service providers throughout our community. The guide gives direction on how to navigate the array of both public and private non-profit housing assistance agencies; offers information on the continuum of housing opportunities; summarizes resources specifically for those in domestic violence situations; and addresses child care selection concerns. The guide also contains information on addiction recovery and holistic healthcare. The program also includes an annual day-long conference designed to teach attendees how to obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing. The conference targets women in treatment and in early recovery, although service providers also attend on a space-available basis. Childcare and lunch is provided at the conference. The Housing a New Beginning resource guide is provided to all conference attendees.

Program Justification

This program meets the Basic Living Needs Priority by providing comprehensive, multi-disciplinary information to assist recovering women and families in meeting basic housing and healthcare needs. The interplay between treatment and supportive healthcare services on the one hand and housing on the other hand not only prevents people from experiencing homelessness and healthcare crises but also builds more safety and stability for our community at large. Provides targeted information to recovering women and their families. This population often encounters additional barriers to housing because of domestic violence. The conference educates participants in how to use the resource book effectively.

Almost 75 percent of the printing costs of the resource book are offset by its sale to social service agencies.

This program fits into the Poverty Framework and the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness by providing easy access to information about housing, healthcare and social services.

Performance Measures

150 page resource guide will be printed and available for clients.
200 women or more will attend the annual conference.

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

1,000 copies of the resource guide were available and 200 women attended the annual conference. 2006 will be a similar number.

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

Funded by Local 2145 Beer and Wine Tax monies. If we choose to take the money we have to provide this service.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$53	\$149
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$151	\$173
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$204	\$322
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$204	\$6,822
Program Total:	\$0		\$7,026	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,822

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded totally by Local 2145 Tax Sharing, \$6,500.

Significant Program Changes

None anticipated.