

Program # 90031 - Housing Program

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Priority: Safety Net Services Lead Agency: Community Services

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Contact: Diane Luther

Related Programs:

Frameworks: Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness

Executive Summary

The Housing Program (HP) is the County's lead office engaging initiatives that provide links to comprehensive supports and services which lead to permanent, affordable housing in least restrictive environments for County clients. The Program creates new housing projects, catalyzes systems change to support clients in housing, and represents the Chair and the County in multi-jurisdictional housing policy activities. The Program partners extensively with other jurisdictions and across County Departments.

Program Description

The Housing Program plays the lead role at the County in developing new, and strengthening current, public and private partnerships that identify and address service gaps that are barriers to an integrated, comprehensive continuum of supportive housing opportunities for our clients. Guided by the BCC's commitment to creating housing for special needs populations and homeless families, the HP pursues two types of housing outcomes. The first type of outcome is new buildings that house our clients. HP partners with DCHS, DCJ, OSCP and Health to link service dollars with capital dollars, accessing the capital funds from other jurisdictions (Portland, Gresham, State of Oregon and HUD) to build housing. HP is the place in the County where expertise in housing finance, development and politics resides. HP administers the SIP Community Housing Fund, which provides capital funding (avg \$135,000 annually) to housing. The second type of outcome is client success in the private housing market. Program initiatives are under way to create culture change in the County, new funding configurations, and new services funding to provide support to clients that results in housing stability.

Program Justification

Each night 4000 people sleep on the streets or in shelters across Portland. Most are part of the County's client base - people with mental, physical and developmental disabilities and chronic illnesses; people transitioning from jails and prisons; victims of domestic violence; people with addictions and homeless families. The Housing Program coordinates the County's engagements in new initiatives to house our clients - the Program is the "point person," or lead County office, in the new Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Performance Measures

1)At least two permanent supportive housing projects for County clients will be in the development pipeline during 05-06. 2)At least seven program initiatives to enhance housing outcomes for County clients will continue in 05-06.

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

Last year three new County-supported housing projects for people with disabilities opened (Midland Commons, Prescott Terrace, and Rose Quarter), totalling 271 housing units. Projects this year will include the "New Westport," a 30-unit pre-recovery project for homeless people with disabilities; and Leander Court, a family project with units set aside for DCJ clients who are addicted women with children.

Program initiatives to continue include 1)implementing the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2)creating the new \$50 million Bridges To Housing program to build housing and fund services for homeless families, 3)Corporation for Supportive Housing systems change grant implementation and renewal, 4)startup of a new Supportive Housing Network for individuals working to create and strengthen supportive housing, 5)implementation of Fresh Start program to help clients overcome bad rental and criminal histories, 6) services financing analysis to discover Medicaid opportunities to support people in housing, 7)a training program for supportive housing property managers and case managers, 8)restructuring the rent assistance system that provides one-time financial help to households that are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and 9)a new multi-jurisdictional Funders Committee to plan financing of construction of new supportive housing.

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice

A mandated activity is to administer the SIP Community Housing Fund.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$91,654	\$0	\$100,133	\$0
Contracts	\$77,200	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$8,650	\$0	\$8,200	\$0
Internal Services	\$4,698	\$0	\$6,555	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$182,202	\$0	\$118,888	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$1,381	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,381	\$500
Total GF/non-GF:	\$182,202	\$0	\$120,269	\$500
Program Total:	\$182,202		\$120,769	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$73,200	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$500
Total Revenue:	\$73,200	\$0	\$1,003	\$500

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,000+ is paid to the County Housing Program from the lease of the Midland Commons property.

Significant Program Changes