

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25083, 25092
Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Contact: Ray Hudson
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

This program targets predominantly homeless individuals who consume a disproportionately large portion of public safety and hospitalization dollars. These clients, many with addiction and mental health issues and chaotic lives, won't access or consider services without continuous direct intervention and support. Services are provided in the streets/community, courts, or jails.

Program Description

This program addresses the needs of severely addicted clients who often suffer from mental and physical illness. These clients typically experience chronic homelessness and repeated incarceration and hospitalization. The program is a ten-member team (this offer funds four of ten) based on the Assertive Case Management model (ACT), which has been proven successful with this population. The goal is to get clients into treatment and housing. An outreach team (7 workers) establish daily contact with homeless individuals in the community or in the Jails, Hospital, etc.. The team works to motivate clients towards recovery and getting off the streets, assists clients with daily problems(food, clothes, etc), and related services from the A & D Recovery Supports Fund. When clients are ready for treatment, the team works with contracted providers to secure and coordinate treatment for them. The team continues contact with the client to support their success in treatment/housing. 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 work at Community Court. These two meet daily with defendants to assess any social service and crisis intervention needs they may have. They provide recommendations to the court and refer defendants to appropriate treatment and services. This offer also includes a new Program Coordinator position to act as a community liaison, particularly to the African-American community with its strong institutional networks.

Program Justification

This critical program ties to the cities 10-year Plan to End Homelessness by directly targeting homeless individuals as clients. This program links to the Basic Needs Priority by assuring access to basic health services (addiction and mental health) for chronically homeless, addicted citizens of Multnomah County. The clients are extremely high utilizers of county and city services in the jails, courts, and hospitals. This program offers initial crisis level response and long-term case management to clients and will result in clients moving from chronic, continuing care conditions toward a less vulnerable, more self-sufficient state. This program promotes healthy behaviors by addressing the use of drugs and alcohol and it's negative impacts. This program assists vulnerable populations in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing through case management, advocacy and counseling support.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Number of client contacts	0	1,500	5,000	5,000
Outcome	Number transitioned into treatment or housing	0	70	90	90

Performance Measure - Description

Since start of fiscal year 05-06 the team has had: 4200+ contacts with clients, made over 900 referrals to treatment and social services, successfully transitioned 344+ individuals into services, transitioned 69 clients into housing, case managed over 670 clients, 1900+ direct contacts with case managed clients and 1700+ indirect contacts(lawyers, judges, treatment providers, family, etc...). This offer funds four of ten members, accordingly would fund approx. 40% of these numbers.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$341,107	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$4,360	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$33,372	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$378,839	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$14,074	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$43,436	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$57,510	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$436,349	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$436,349	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

In FY06 this program was funded with \$512k of County General Fund. This was coupled with \$127k of one-time only carryover State Mental Health Grant funding. In addition in FY06 there was \$54k of Local Admin funding. The \$222k of MHS 25 was reallocated to fund others crisis programs, as this program does not lend itself to a fee for service model. These figures make up the \$403k in additional County General Fund that is requested in this backfill program offer.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

The success of this unit over the last year has resulted in an increase in visibility and referrals and requests from other city, county, governmental and service organizations. This increase is due to many factors including direct cost savings by a decrease in recidivism, jail bookings (estimated: \$1000+/per booking) and hospitalizations (\$700+/per day) as well as a noticeable increase in the quality of life in the clients served. As example, some clients served by CBS have had their bookings decrease from 90+ yearly to 0. By estimate this is an approximate system savings of \$100,000 or more for just one client served. By community report, the CBS services have also lessened the negative impact of these clients on the community by decreasing maladaptive behaviors such as criminality. Examples of partner and referral agencies include: Mult. Co. Dept of Community Justice, the Sheriffs Department and jails, Portland Police Department, Voluntary Substance Abuse Treatment Program (VSAT), Mentally Ill in Jail committee, Homeless Alcohol and Drug intervention Network (HADIN), Vulnerable and Homeless Outreach Network (VAHON), Cascadia Treatment Not Punishment (TNP), Mult. Co. Mental Health, CODA, DePaul, and Hooper.