

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Contact: Ray Hudson

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Hooper Center Sobering Station provides a safe holding environment for intoxicated individuals while they become sober. Services are delivered in secure units designed to safely house intoxicated persons. Individuals are counseled by program staff about options for alcohol and drug treatment and encouraged to seek further care. Individuals indicating a readiness to accept treatment are often able to enter the detoxification program run by Central City Concern in the same building.

Program Description

The Sobering program has two goals: 1) provide a medically monitored environment in which inebriates can 'sober up' and regain their functionality, and 2) provide a point of intervention for the chemically dependent. In support of these goals, Sobering staff perform a wide range of duties that include initial evaluation by an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), monitoring, intervention, and pre-release EMT evaluation. The staff provides information about chemical dependency and counsels clients to enter into recovery and treatment programs. The Hooper Center Sobering program includes mobile outreach (the CHIERS van) to intoxicated persons through the City of Portland. Approximately 65% of the clients are white, 11% are Hispanic, 10.5% are Native American and 8% are African American. Males are 84% of the clients and females 16%. The average length of stay is 5.4 hours.

Program Justification

The Sobering Station directly links to the Basic Living Needs Priority by providing intervention into the lives of publicly intoxicated people brought to the program under civil hold by law enforcement, CHIERS, or as volunteers. The Sobering program serves both a public safety function to provide a medically monitored environment in which public inebriates and become sober while protected from abuse and neglect, and a behavioral health function to provide a point of intervention for the chemically dependent. Sobering directly connects to both the Poverty Framework and the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness Framework by providing persons a link to services that can help them to meet basic health and safety needs and the opportunity to break the cycle of homelessness. The program is a tremendous benefit to city police by saving them approximately 900 additional bookings (and associated care) per month.

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	Total admissions	11,175	11,000	11,125	11,200
Outcome	Successful discharge.	100%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measure - Description

A successful discharge includes: 1. No deaths in sobering 2. Clients are cognizant of surroundings and no longer in immediate danger of harm to self or others.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$570,000	\$340,683	\$570,000	\$340,683
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$570,000	\$340,683	\$570,000	\$340,683
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$22,371	\$11,563
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$64,750	\$16,833
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$87,121	\$28,396
Total GF/non-GF:	\$570,000	\$340,683	\$657,121	\$369,079
Program Total:	\$910,683		\$1,026,200	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$340,683	\$0	\$340,683
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,396
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$340,683	\$0	\$369,079

Explanation of Revenues

\$340,683 from Local 2145 Beer & Wine Tax.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25036, A&D Sobering ITAX