

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Bridges to Housing (B2H) is a regional program providing supportive housing opportunities for high resource using, homeless families. It is a key component of the Multnomah County-City of Portland Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. B2H intends to address the cycle of multi-generational homelessness. This is an innovative, new program that demonstrates the positive impact of supportive housing in assisting high-need homeless families with substantial barriers to success and creates stable families with thriving children.

Program Description

Bridges to Housing provides two years of intensive case management, childcare subsidies, wraparound funds, and access to mainstream services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment for adults and children to very low income, high resource using, homeless families. The families will be placed into permanent affordable housing with a rent subsidy that allows them to afford the unit permanently. The funds are directed to services, as the housing units in this program offer must already exist. Services will be intensive with caseloads no greater than fifteen families per full time case manager. Services must be strengths-based, designed to help the family maintain their housing, and give them the tools and service connections that will allow them to remain stably housed at the end of the two years of services.

Program Justification

The program meets the Basic Living Needs (BLN) priority area goals in that it is a holistic approach focused on coordinated service that addresses the multiple and complex needs of families. It is centered in the ideal of "transition to self-sufficiency". This program offer meets the BLN priority in that (a) it provides intervention and coordination of services, (b) "assures care for vulnerable members of the community", and (c) "promotes healthy behaviors".

Bridges to Housing is a regional program including Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Clark Counties as well as the housing authorities in these counties and all of the major cities. This program is the most important family component of the City of Portland/Multnomah County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The entire program will house 900 homeless families over the course of ten years. The funding request in this program offer will fund services for approximately forty five homeless families in Multnomah County which will be used as the pilot programs for the larger Bridges to Housing program. These programs and their successes will be used to leverage \$20 million or more in government and foundation contributions. The services funded by this program offer will be paired with units of housing already funded by the City of Portland's commitment of \$1 per year for five years in funds for capital development of Bridges to Housing units and the Housing Authority of Portland's investment of 50 Project Based Section 8 vouchers per year to subsidize the rent of the housing units.

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	high resource using homeless families served over two years	0	0	0	45
Outcome	% of families served will remain in permanent housing after two years	0%	0%	0%	70%

Performance Measure - Description

45 high resource using homeless families served over two years

70% of families served will remain in permanent housing after two years

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Funded with County General Funds

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:
New program for FY 2007