

Program # 50028A - Adult Offender Housing

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50027, 50029, 50030A, 50031, 50032A, 50033, 50034, 50035, 50036

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Transitional Services Unit (TSU) Offender Housing links over 985 recently released, high-risk and violent offenders (including mentally ill and predatory sex offenders) to short and long-term housing at residences managed by community partners including Central City Concern, Transition Projects, Salvation Army, VOA, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare and YWCA. With 245 total beds, TSU provides housing to an average of 324 offenders each month. By stabilizing offender shelter needs, TSU decreases the chance that dangerous offenders will re-offend, increases their compliance with post-prison supervision, and helps parole officers monitor their whereabouts. TSU Housing works: 73% of offenders in TSU housing did not re-offend.

Program Description

TSU Housing provides short- and long-term housing to dangerous and disabled offenders, newly released from prison, who are homeless or whose housing poses public safety concerns. Each day, TSU Housing provides shelter to an average of 324 offenders (985 per year) at residences such as the Medford, Estate, Everett, Couch Street and Gazelle Houses, Glisan Street Shelter, Prescott Terrace, Harborlight, and more. TSU Housing develops a long-term housing plan for every offender placed in transitional housing. TSU works closely with community providers to make appropriate housing placements, share information, and coordinate services. When appropriate and necessary, TSU refers offenders to residences where offenders are monitored by case managers and provided support services aimed at changing criminal behavior, such as drug abuse relapse prevention and group counseling to alter criminal thinking.

Program Justification

Research has shown that connecting offenders to housing reduces the risk of committing new crimes. As Petersilia (2003) notes, "Housing and homelessness affect recidivism (re-arrest rates)...and parolees' homelessness influences overall crime rates in the community." TSU Housing is aligned with the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness and loosely linked to county safety principles and strategies. Using evidence-based approaches and innovative partnerships with community housing organizations, TSU Housing reduces re-offenses among extremely high-risk offenders by targeting homelessness and related factors that destabilize an offender's living situation and spur new criminal activity. Data shows that TSU Housing works: last year 73% of the offenders on TSU Housing's caseload did not re-offend.

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	Average number of offenders sheltered daily.	0	0	240	180
Outcome	Percent of sex offenders in subsidized treatment who also receive housing.	0%	0%	35%	40%
Output	Average number of offenders provided housing annually.	1,307	0	1,903	1,550

Performance Measure - Description

New measures. Changes in offenders sheltered daily and annually in FY 06-07 reflect potential reductions in beds without funding to meet increased costs (See program offer #50028C).

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 423.483: "the county, in partnership with the department, shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision; (d) Sentenced, on or after January 1, 1997, to 12 months or less incarceration." OAR 191-0630005 through OAR 191-063-0040. Contracts: Medford Housing-1996 Public Safety Levy; Couch Houses -- PDC Contract (10 year contract with early penalty); Gazelle House -- IGA with HUD. ORS 182.515 mandates the use of evidence-based practices such as TSU in correctional programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$486,903	\$0	\$533,080	\$0
Contracts	\$423,472	\$942,024	\$905,317	\$490,871
Materials & Supplies	\$20,505	\$83,800	\$20,565	\$83,800
Internal Services	\$113,695	\$131,203	\$79,125	\$35,316
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,044,575	\$1,157,027	\$1,538,087	\$609,987
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$128,032	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$429,889	\$69,809
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$557,921	\$69,809
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,044,575	\$1,157,027	\$2,096,008	\$679,796
Program Total:	\$2,201,602		\$2,775,804	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$47,085	\$0	\$23,639	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,157,027	\$0	\$509,987
Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$47,085	\$1,157,027	\$23,639	\$609,987

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by county general funds \$1,538,087; Strategic Investment Funds \$100,000; and state Department of Corrections \$509,987.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50069, Transitional Service Housing - Adult Offenders

As a part of the 2006 mid-year revenue reduction package, DCJ budget modification DCJ-09 reduced \$1.8 million of state revenue. This program reduced state revenue by \$564,800 and replaced the funds with the general fund budgeted in program offer 50071 Low and Limited Offenders. That shift was made to continue housing for high risk offenders.

The 2007 program offer includes \$100,000 SIP funds added to provide housing to mentally ill offenders.