

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: Strategic Investment

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs: 91006

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Strategic Investment Program-funded Community Housing Fund receives by contract \$150,000 annually to be spent on affordable housing. The Board has identified the County's mission of providing permanent supportive housing for County clients, and support for minority homebuying fairs, as the most appropriate uses for these funds.

Program Description

The SIP Community Housing Program makes grants for two purposes:

Minority Homeownership - the program contributes up to \$5,000 annually to each of three minority homebuying fairs.

Permanent Supportive Housing - The program makes grants to permanent supportive housing projects to pay for predevelopment and development expenses. Grantees agree that the housing projects will house homeless people with disabilities. During 05-06, the Housing Director is recommending grants for seven housing projects, totalling 256 units, for Board approval.

For FY 06-07, the Board has decided to transfer funds from the account to pay the Housing Authority of Portland to administer the new consolidated rent assistance program.

Program Justification

The County and its jurisdictional and community partners have identified permanent supportive housing as the best evidence-based strategy for preventing and resolving homelessness among people with disabilities. Thousands of new PSH units are needed. The County has to ask other jurisdictions (cities and the State) to spend their affordable housing funds for our clients. Having any amount of capital to contribute to PSH projects brings the County to the table as a contributor. The funds also enable nonprofit developers to get started on predevelopment activities for housing projects.

The Fund is a component of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

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	Grants	5	4	9	4
Outcome	Permanent Supportive Hsg Projects	2	1	6	1
Outcome	Minority Homebuying Fairs	3	3	3	3

Performance Measure - Description

Three grants annually are disbursed to minority publishers to support homebuying fairs. One or two grants annually are disbursed to nonprofit developers to support the development of permanent supportive housing projects (05-06 is an exceptional year in which we expect to disburse six grants).

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The receipt and disbursement of the funds for affordable housing is part of the SIP contract and accompanying Board resolutions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Internal Services	\$0	\$8,475	\$0	\$369
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$591,552	\$0	\$353,841
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$615,027	\$0	\$369,210
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$615,027	\$0	\$369,210
Program Total:	\$615,027		\$369,210	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Taxes	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$465,027	\$0	\$219,210
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$615,027	\$0	\$369,210

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

During 05-06 the Board decided to create a one-time program to make grants to housing projects and spend down much of the balance of the SIP Community Housing Fund. Therefore the number of permanent supportive housing grants this year will exceed previous years.

For 06-07 the number of grants will decrease because funds are being diverted to the Housing Authority of Portland, and because the balance of the Fund will be spent down.

The future of the Fund is in doubt because of LSI's plans to sell their manufacturing plant.