

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

Lead Agency: School and Community
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Emergency Services provides for emergency food assistance, and for emergency housing through the new unified rent assistance system, which offers vouchers and short-term rental assistance to homeless adults and families with children.

This program is a collaboration among DSCP, Housing Authority of Portland, City of Gresham, and City of Portland.

Program Description

Emergency Services has two primary elements: food assistance through the Oregon Food Bank, which provides both bulk food and served meals; and the new unified rent assistance system, a cross jurisdictional system operated by the Housing Authority of Portland, which offers emergency shelter, eviction protection, and rent assistance to homeless and very low income individuals and families.

Food services serve a discrete population from WIC, and targets Oregon's continued poor performance with food insecurity issues.

Program Justification

Emergency Services addresses BLN Indicator - % of renters who pay no more than 30% of income for housing and utilities and meets BLN Strategy 1 - Provide intervention and coordination of services that meet basic needs, Strategy 5 - Assist vulnerable populations in obtaining permanent and livable housing, and Strategy 6 - Provide access to income and food to every member of our community.

Hungry or lacking stable housing, adults and families can't hope to gain stable employment, maintain their physical wellbeing, or support themselves and their children in school. Research shows that intervention to prevent a marginally housed household from becoming homeless is effective in long term housing stability. Once a family is homeless, intervention to get them off the streets as quickly as possible into housing (housing first) has also been proven effective for long term housing stability.

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	Households to be served	3,091	2,700	2,500	2,500
Outcome	Households exit services to permanent housing	94%	80%	80%	80%
Output	Meals provided	104,567	103,300	103,300	102,000
Outcome	New - Households obtain permanent housing 30 days after receiving motel voucher	0%	0%	0%	50%

Performance Measure - Description

Following an extensive planning process, rent assistance services have been transferred into the new unified rent assistance system. Among numerous changes, shared outcome measures across all jurisdictions have been selected. Because they are new measures, there is no current information for some performance measures. It is expected that actual performance data will be readily available the following year.

Households served have decreased this year and projected to continue to decrease due to program efforts to serve clients more deeply, for a longer period of time. Research shows increased effectiveness using this strategy.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 458.505-515; OAR Chapter 813 Div. 210; CO Ord. #921 -- Community Action funds, agencies, councils

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$161,162	\$0	\$202,775	\$0
Contracts	\$182,140	\$1,349,911	\$285,190	\$843,234
Materials & Supplies	\$5,325	\$0	\$7,158	\$0
Internal Services	\$50,216	\$46,561	\$41,776	\$33,566
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$398,843	\$1,396,472	\$536,899	\$876,800
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$31,659	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$159,055	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$190,714	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$398,843	\$1,396,472	\$727,613	\$876,800
Program Total:	\$1,795,315		\$1,604,413	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.80	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$21,930	\$0	\$24,818	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,091,631	\$0	\$675,459
Taxes	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$204,841	\$0	\$201,341
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$21,930	\$1,396,472	\$24,818	\$876,800

Explanation of Revenues

CGF: Based on current service level

SIP: Based on unspent balance of authorized Special Needs funding. The Community Services funds (\$100,000 per year) were transferred to the Department of Community Justice late in Fiscal Year '06.

Fund 20750 (FEMA): FEMA projects a reduction in award amounts. This reduction is a result of a large amount of FEMA resources redirected to hurricane relief efforts.

Fund 23930 (State Low Income Rental Housing Fund): Per award amounts from the State.

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was: #21007, Emergency Services**

The current County General Fund costs in this program offer as been increased by 3.5% of contracted services to reflect the inflation factor related to maintaining services at current service level. The amount of COLA included in this program offer is \$6,375 and will be passed through to the community based providers in their FY07 contract.