

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

Lead Agency: School and Community
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Homeless Families programs offer transitional housing and support services for low-income and homeless families, pregnant or parenting teens, as well as short-term shelter/services during winter. Programs also provide self sufficiency services that include Information & Referral; Short-Term Intervention; Individual, Group & Family Services; and a Housing Stabilization Program targeted to culturally specific families.

Program Description

Homeless Families programs include several components linked into a continuum: Information & Referral -- identifying resources/services and linking consumers to them; Winter Shelter -- additional service capacity during the winter; Homesafe - - transitional housing and intensive case management for teen parent families; Short-Term Intervention -- helping a household meet basic needs such as food boxes, back-to-school assistance, transportation, or clothing; Housing Stabilization -- case management and client assistance to stabilize family housing; Community Transition School and Learn Links -- full-service alternative education for children of homeless families; and, the Welfare Reinvestment Program -- adult workforce development and employment services.

Program Justification

Homeless Families programs address BLN Indicators - % of people in Multnomah County with incomes above 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, and % of renters who pay no more than 30% of income for housing and utilities and meet BLN Strategy 1- Provide intervention and coordination of service 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.

A recent Portland State study showed formerly homeless people spend 65% less time in hospitals once in permanent housing; other studies indicate supportive housing results in a 50% decrease in incarceration, a 50% increase in earned income, and a 40% rise in employment. By utilizing a mix of interventions targeted to a mix of populations, Homeless Families programs seek maximum effectiveness.

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	Homeless families to be served	424	282	304	304
Outcome	Homeless families exit to permanent housing	72%	66%	70%	75%
Output	I&R calls	70,985	65,400	65,000	65,000
Output	Winter Shelter Bed Nights	1,000	1,130	1,600	1,600

Performance Measure - Description

Homeless Families programs represent a mix of emergency and long term services. Performance measures for emergency services are primarily defined by the existence and delivery of the services themselves. Reduction in families to be served reflects push to serve fewer families more intensively for a longer time, in expectation of improved outcomes. Research indicates that this change, while reducing numbers to be served, should result in greater effectiveness.

Winter shelter services were reconfigured in the past year through RFP, to provide for longer and more thorough case management for 12 months. It is expected that this change will result in better outcomes to permanent housing.

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
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$318,763	\$36,206	\$298,244	\$34,029
Contracts	\$168,554	\$2,723,921	\$195,247	\$2,726,229
Materials & Supplies	\$8,360	\$0	\$15,014	\$0
Internal Services	\$61,745	\$203,868	\$52,221	\$201,297
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$557,422	\$2,963,995	\$560,726	\$2,961,555
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$52,190	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$328,819	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$381,009	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$557,422	\$2,963,995	\$941,735	\$2,961,555
Program Total:	\$3,521,417		\$3,903,290	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.07	0.43
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$118,698	\$0	\$148,840	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,963,995	\$0	\$2,961,555
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$118,698	\$2,963,995	\$148,840	\$2,961,555

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund - Current Service Level

Fed/State Fund- Based on projected balances of multi-year grants, and on estimates of renewals from grantors.

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:** #21009, Homeless Families

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 \$7,827 and will be passed through to the community based providers in their FY07 contract.