

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Aging and Disability Services Safety Net provides assistance to vulnerable elderly and disabled residents at risk of homelessness, poor nutrition, running out of medications, or going without care. The program picks up where other federal and State programs end, addressing unmet needs and preventing potentially catastrophic impacts on the health and well-being of some of the county's neediest citizens who are under 185% of poverty.

Program Description

This program helps seniors and persons with disabilities in four ways. 1) The program pays housing fees for those facing eviction or who are already homeless. It also pays for subsidized housing costs, and minor home repair and modifications that support permanent and livable housing. 2) The program covers the cost of prescriptions for elderly and disabled residents caught in the Medicare Part D program's "donut hole", which requires up to \$3500 out of pocket expenses. People under 185% of poverty, but not eligible for other services frequently cannot pay this expense. ADS Safety Net provides help when people are forced to choose between medications, housing, food, health care or other critical services. 3) The program provides personal care, in-home services, shopping, transportation to medical appointments and case management for younger, physically disabled residents not eligible for Medicaid or Oregon Project Independence. These people need help to live independently. 4) The program also helps with special needs not covered by other assistance programs, such as wheel chair repairs, medical equipment and supplies, dentures and support in emergent situations.

Program Justification

Low income seniors and people with disabilities have lost access to medications, health care, permanent and livable housing, and food because of State and federal cuts. This program's case management staff coordinate access to care and address chronic and urgent care needs. Without this help, many will go without necessities, eventually needing even more costly County services to meet their basic living needs.

The program provides easy access to information, assistance and services by coordinating with a broad range of community partners that include culturally specific providers doing outreach in minority communities. The flexibility of this program allows ADS to fill service gaps inexpensively. This program is supported by case managers in ADS Field offices and Senior District Centers who help ensure assistance is used wisely, truly bringing stability to recipients' lives and helping them remain independent and out of crisis situations.

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	# of clients receiving one or more: medication, special needs, MPI services*	1,032	960	800	700
Outcome	% of clients who self report stable or improved health status at 12 months - New	0%	0%	0%	75%
Output	# of clients receiving housing assistance**	298	283	275	255
Outcome	12 month housing retention rate - New	0%	0%	0%	80%

Performance Measure - Description

*Multnomah Project Independence (MPI) provides low-income people under 60 with OPI-like services. Although the estimated need is higher (about 3,000) we are requesting to serve those with absolutely no other alternative.

**ADS will serve fewer clients due to higher costs of housing, utilities, and related costs.

New measures: Data not available for new measures.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

No federal or state legal or contractual obligations

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$288,313	\$0	\$103,388	\$0
Contracts	\$1,140,798	\$0	\$1,135,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$7,604	\$0	\$3,016	\$0
Internal Services	\$71,714	\$0	\$5,014	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,508,429	\$0	\$1,246,418	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$77,570	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$143,631	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$221,201	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,508,429	\$0	\$1,467,619	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,508,429		\$1,467,619	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

All funds are County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25013, ADS Safety Net ITAX

A portion of the funds will be used to assist those on Medicare Part D, who have significant prescription costs. The Medicare Modernization Act authorizes a new Medicare Service – Medicare Part D, the Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Over 76,000 County residents are potentially eligible for Part D. It is a complex and confusing program, and no one has all their expenses paid. An estimated 3,000 County residents (based on a Kaiser Family Foundation study) will have significantly higher costs.

The over 85 age cohort is Multnomah County's fastest growing age group. After age 85 the risk of losing independence and needing long term care increases significantly.

COLAs not included in continuing service level budget request for any provider contracts.