

Program # 25043 - ALT: Domestic Violence Housing Services

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Priority: Basic Needs Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Program Alternative / Program Contact: Chiquita Rollins

Related Programs: 25040A, 25044, 25045, 25046A

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

With 25044, 25045 and 25046, this offer provides alternatives to #25040A. It provides county-wide emergency shelter and transitional housing with supportive services for victims in immediate danger. As part of a coordinated system of care, it includes four emergency shelters and "housing first" services for culturally specific and general populations.

Program Description

This Offer funds contracted services for safe emergency shelter and transitional housing.

Emergency shelter: Emergency shelters provide residents with safe shelter, basic needs and supportive services for up to 60 days. Supportive services provided to shelter residents include safety planning, comprehensive strength-based needs assessment, establishment of a case plan for the resident, parenting education, support groups, children's services, and advocacy (defined as information, referral, and support and assistance in obtaining services) for permanent housing, mental health or alcohol and drug treatment, or employment. Emergency shelter staff work closely with the culturally specific programs (described in program offer 25044) to increase access to shelter for these populations and to coordinate and encourage joint service provision, when appropriate. The four agencies providing emergency shelter provide a total of 20,000 nights of shelter to 480 women and 455 children. This offer leverages approximately \$2 million in state and private funding for a maximum of 92 beds.

Transitional housing: Contractors providing transitional housing for victims of domestic violence use a "housing first" model, which includes up to two years of rent assistance and supportive services. Supportive services are similar to those provided in the emergency shelters, but are focused on long-term stability. Rent assistance is funded primarily through the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Horizon program and is delivered by six agencies. The program focuses on under-served, culturally specific populations, including Hispanics, Russians, African Americans, prostituted women and victims with disabilities. The six agencies provide transitional housing and services to 100 women and 200 children.

Program Justification

This program offer relates to Basic Needs' priorities of physical health and stable, affordable housing. It supports the following county policies, priorities or Frameworks: Resolution 00-149 related to County domestic violence policy by providing safety and stability, the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness by providing supportive housing and a "housing first" approach, Early Childhood by strengthening families and providing competent/coordinated social services and Poverty Elimination through needed social services. It also incorporates national best practices of "housing first" and professional crisis response and associated technology. It includes basic needs, comprehensive housing services, holistic care for family units, easily accessible crisis intervention, and on-going supportive services for victims to meet basic living needs.

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	Number of victims and children receiving services	986	1,007	1,120	1,120
Outcome	Clients who move to a safe living situation	50%	50%	50%	50%
•	Clients who develop a safety plan within 72 hours of entry in program	92%	92%	92%	92%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

HUD and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) require specific services, reporting and outcomes. HUD requires a local match of \$51,480 which is included in this offer.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$59,044	\$43,410
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$477,258	\$351,317
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$69,363	\$286,870
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$13,690	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$619,355	\$681,597
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$5,715	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$33,543	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$39,258	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$658,613	\$681,597
Program Total:	\$	60	\$1,340,210	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.50
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$679,097
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$681,597

Explanation of Revenues

Revenues are a mix of on-going funding (CGF, State Housing Assistance Program, and HUD). CGF is approximately 45% of these funds. It provides match for both the \$452,742 in HUD funds distributed by the County and the \$71,273 in HUD funds going directly to the contractor. HUD Horizon funds are part of the county's continuum of care. SHAP funds are allocated to DSCP which then transfers a portion to DCHS for domestic violence emergency shelters.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Last year this program offer was included in 25082A, 25083A&B. No significant changes to services. An RFP released in 2005 resulted in a new five-year procurement with improvements in the system, including more collaboration between residential and community based services and increased access to shelter for victims. One of the shelters will expand from 15 to 18 beds, increasing the number of clients served by 20 and the system capacity to 92 beds. On July 1, 2005, contractors were required by HUD to convert to a new Homeless Management Information System. This more flexible database will enable us to gather data specifically related to domestic violence outcomes and service utilization. We anticipate additional changes this year to make the database more user-friendly, so data quality may be less consistent in 2006 than in future or past years.