

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: New Program
Related Programs: 25086

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Prevention specialists currently provide after-school supports for over 400 children plus intensive supports including mentoring and family engagement for 60 high-risk children and their families at eight public housing sites. This new pilot program supplements the prevention services by providing intensive, comprehensive economic opportunity services for the parents of the 60 high-risk children. The goal is to increase their income 25% within 3 years. This will improve outcomes for the children and parents in these families and help move them toward self-sufficiency and out of publicly funded housing.

Program Description

This proposed program would provide a comprehensive mix of training, employment, and supportive services for economic independence somewhat similar to the Workforce and Housing Project currently implemented through the Portland Economic Opportunity Initiative by SE Works. This program would be procured competitively by Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the Portland Economic Opportunity Initiative and would serve residents who live at eight HAP sites throughout Multnomah County. The Portland Economic Opportunity Initiative funds over 30 small economic support programs that provide services to help focused groups of low-income families increase their incomes 25% within 3 years. This collaborative program includes City of Portland Economic Opportunity Initiative, Northwest Area Foundation, United Way and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Program Justification

This program supports Basic Needs strategy 6 by helping increase family income and self-sufficiency of high-risk families that we serve. It links to the school aged policy framework by improving the economic functioning of families of school-aged children. Poverty is a key risk factor for multiple problem outcomes including youth substance abuse. This program adds a poverty elimination component to the successful Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) collaborative prevention program already serving 60 high-risk families at eight HAP sites throughout the County. It provides intensive economic development services to other family supports with the goal of improving family functioning and developing self-sufficiency that will improve outcomes for the families while at the same time increasing movement of families out of HAP sites into privately funded housing, thus increasing the effective capacity of the HAP programs. This pilot improves the linkage between prevention and the poverty elimination high level outcomes of the Basic Needs priority area. The 30 economic opportunity programs already funded in this collaborative effort have a strong record of success in improving client income through intensive supports.

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	Families served for three years	0	0	0	30
Outcome	Increase in average family income over 3 years	0%	0%	0%	25%
Outcome	Families with at least 15% income increase after 1 year	0%	0%	0%	50%

Performance Measure - Description

Note: Outcomes similar to these program targets are being realized in the 30 existing Portland Economic Opportunity Initiative programs.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Program should be continued for 3 years to assure adequate support to achieve desired outcomes.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$2,944	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$8,520	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$11,464	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$86,464	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$86,464	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$75,000 from CGF would be matched 100% by other collaborative participants.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

New program