

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25080, 25090

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program provides 50 units of stable and affordable alcohol and drug-free supportive housing for homeless or very low-income people who have completed detoxification at the Hooper Center. Housing Support Specialists assist persons living in supportive housing to maintain recovery, retain housing, parent safely and effectively, and achieve self-sufficiency.

Program Description

Supportive Housing is part of a continuum of services, including Housing Support Specialists and addictions outpatient treatment, for recovering alcoholics or drug addicts who are participating in verifiable treatment programs. As a solution for homelessness, Supportive Housing addresses two key problems: without housing, there is no way to alleviate the problems that lead to homelessness and without support services, the client is likely to become homeless again for the same reasons that lead to their loss of housing in the first place. This program is an important step for clients moving from homelessness to permanent housing. 30 of the 50 housing units are exclusively dedicated for clients recovering from heroin addiction and who are referred from Hooper. As part of the continuum of services for heroin users, there are 20 outpatient treatment slots for heroin-addicted clients funded in Program Offer 25080 Adult Outpatient Addiction Treatment. The other 20 housing units (that are not exclusively for primary heroin addicts) may be used for persons with other alcohol and drug addictions. Central City Concern has been providing services designed to end homelessness and alcohol/drug addictions for over 24 years. Central City Concern has strong relationships with elected officials, community service providers, and public and private housing agencies. Central City Concern is a culturally competent agency that provides a variety of services to their tenants including: housing resources (permanent low-income housing, rent assistance, eviction prevention, food), health services (physical, behavioral, and addictions), and economic independence (job training, employment referrals, and transportation). The Housing Support Specialists assist clients in accessing these services.

Program Justification

From July 1 2005 through December 2005, 80% of the clients in County-contracted outpatient treatment slots at Central City Concern were homeless at the time of enrollment. This program meets the Basic Living Needs Priority by providing interwoven, comprehensive referral and treatment services for housing, health, and economic independence. Without supportive housing in the community, clients often have little choice but to return to high-risk living environments that will counteract treatment efforts. Once the individual has emergency basic living needs met, they can begin to work on long-term stability. About 72% of the enrollees in this program successfully graduate from addiction treatment. This program fits into the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness by providing supportive housing and referrals to other social services. Supportive housing is low-cost compared to other residential alternatives. Inpatient hospitalization can cost \$700 or more per day. Adult residential treatment currently costs \$100 per client per day. We pay approximately \$13.00 per day per client for supportive housing and can provide less restrictive and less expensive outpatient treatment services while the individual is in supportive housing. This funding is matched by funds from other sources through which these clients access primary care, employment and permanent housing services.

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 clients served in supportive housing.	170	155	180	155
Outcome	Percentage of supportive housing unit utilization.	96%	95%	98%	95%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$207,936	\$12,064	\$259,936	\$12,064
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$207,936	\$12,064	\$259,936	\$12,064
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$10,202	\$409
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$29,528	\$596
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$39,730	\$1,005
Total GF/non-GF:	\$207,936	\$12,064	\$299,666	\$13,069
Program Total:	\$220,000		\$312,735	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$12,064	\$0	\$12,064
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,005
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$12,064	\$0	\$13,069

Explanation of Revenues

Funded by County General Fund-Subsidy \$259,936 and State Mental Health Grant \$12,064.

Significant Program Changes

✔ **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #25029, A&D Transitional Housing

A client's success in this program is directly linked to having a Housing Support Specialist provide mentoring that assists clients in maintaining their recovery and their housing. Central City Concern has noticed a decrease in domestic violence since implementing the use of Housing Support Specialists at their facilities. This program offer includes \$52,000 for the Housing Support Specialist at the facility where we purchase A&D Supportive Housing. Clients in Supportive Housing can be very successful members of society if someone monitors them.