

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** Community Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Diane Luther
Related Programs: 25060, 25113A, 50028A, 10017, 21022, 21025

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Housing Program (HP) is the lead office in realizing the County's Housing Agenda - housing our clients. The Office initiates and coordinates projects that result in the County's most vulnerable populations obtaining permanent affordable supportive housing. The Program works across County Departments to create new housing projects, catalyze systems change to promote client access to and success in housing, and represent the Board and the County in multi-jurisdictional housing policy and production efforts.

Program Description

The Housing Program assists vulnerable populations - people with disabilities, criminal histories, addictions, and homeless families - to become permanently housed through initiatives that develop permanent supportive housing and create housing opportunities in the open market. HP partners with DCHS, DCJ, DSCP and Health to link service dollars with capital dollars, accessing capital funds from other jurisdictions (Portland, Gresham, State of Oregon and HUD) to build housing. The HP coordinates many of the County's new initiatives to house our clients - the Program is the lead County coordinating office for the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and Bridges To Housing. Program initiatives to continue in 06-07 include 1)implementing the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2)creating the new \$50 million Bridges To Housing program to provide housing and services for homeless families, including administering the County's \$1 million first-year contribution, 3)second-phase implementation of the Corporation for Supportive Housing systems change grant, 4)implementing the new consolidated rent assistance system that provides one-time financial help to homeless households, 5)improvement of our system of saving lives on the street during severe weather events, 6)creation and promotion of the County Housing Team's agenda for new housing projects for the annual PDC funding cycle, 7)creation of two homeless day access centers, 8)formation of a new State Homeless Task Force, 9)chairing a multi-jurisdictional Funders Committee to plan a financing pipeline to construct new supportive housing, 10)grantmaking from the SIP Community Housing Fund, and 11) participation in the statewide Housing Alliance's legislative advocacy.

Program Justification

Each night 4000 people sleep on the streets or in shelters across Portland. Most are part of the County's client base - people with mental, physical and developmental disabilities and chronic illnesses; people transitioning from jails and prisons; victims of domestic violence; people with addictions and homeless families. People with disabilities who are "chronically homeless" are very costly to our public systems of jails, health care, detox, psychiatric hospitalization, and law enforcement. Our treatment programs are not effective when clients are homeless. National research demonstrates the cost-effectiveness of providing permanent supportive housing to people with disabilities and addictions. The Housing Program is where expertise in affordable housing finance, development and politics resides in order to engage in partnerships with the cities, the State and nonprofits to house our clients. Housing our clients saves significant resources, and moves us toward our goal of having all Multnomah County residents, regardless of disability, able to meet their 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	Housing Initiatives	7	11	11	11
Outcome	Permanent Housing Opportunities for Households	0	500	950	640

Performance Measure - Description

Housing Initiatives are described in Program Description. Housing Opportunities for Households are from the Report Card of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, which counts actual number of chronically homeless individuals, homeless families and homeless youth moved into permanent housing.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

A mandated activity is to administer the Strategic Investment Program Community Housing Fund. As part of the SIP contract with LSI Logic, the County commits to administering the Community Housing Fund to create affordable housing. LSI contributes \$150,000 annually to the Fund.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$100,133	\$0	\$106,065	\$0
Contracts	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$8,200	\$0	\$8,200	\$0
Internal Services	\$6,555	\$0	\$6,485	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$118,888	\$0	\$124,750	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$2,993	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$2,993	\$1,000
Total GF/non-GF:	\$118,888	\$0	\$127,743	\$1,000
Program Total:	\$118,888		\$128,743	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$1,000
Total Revenue:	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,010	\$1,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,000+ is paid to the County Housing Program from the lease of the Midland Commons property.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #90031, Housing Program