

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Gayle Kron
Related Programs: 25080, 25093, 25094, 25095

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program funds the Miracles Club which provides culturally specific (African American) peer-to-peer recovery support services that play a key role in our treatment continuum by helping to prevent relapse and promote long-term recovery within the community. Hundreds of individuals attend functions at Miracles Club annually. Miracles Club provides more than 1,100 recovery meetings, classes and alcohol/drug-free club social activities each year. Peer recovery support services focus on maximizing opportunities to create a lifetime of recovery and wellness for self, family, and community.

Program Description

Miracles Club's nationally recognized model for peer-based community recovery programs is a core resource within the Portland African-American recovery community. Miracles Club provides recovery-related mentors, trainings, 12-Step meetings, and social events using a structured schedule and volunteer work force. Portland area addictions treatment providers encourage clients to take advantage of these services in order to learn to socialize in an alcohol and drug-free environment and network with other alcohol and drug-free individuals. Miracles Club's alcohol and drug-free facility is open at least eight hours per day and can accommodate over 200 people for social events. Friday night is reserved for "Kids' Night", a social activity for parents and their children.

Miracles Club provides social support services that include: peer mentoring that demonstrates caring and concern to encourage self-esteem and confidence (emotional support); peer-led life skills training, employment referrals, educational assistance, and health and wellness information (information support); transportation assistance, childcare, and assistance in filling out applications (instrumental support); and teaching social and recreational skills in an alcohol and drug-free environment, establishing positive social connections with other recovering people, and establishing a new identity formed around health and wellness (affiliational support).

Program Justification

This program directly links to the Basic Needs Priority by promoting self-worth, community connectedness, quality of life, self-sufficiency, and the safety and stability of our community at large. Peer-to-peer recovery services encourage positive personal behaviors that support an individual's ability to avoid alcohol and drug use and continue to meet their own basic living needs. Opportunities for mentoring and alcohol and drug-free socialization are important for people to continue their post-treatment addictions recovery and relapse prevention.

Miracles Club is a model of local support in a natural community, and reflects core recovery community values as identified by the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): recovery as the guiding principle, inclusion, authenticity, participatory process, and leadership development.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Average monthly attendance at educational sessions.*	31	30	62	30
Outcome	Average number of clients receiving ongoing culturally specific mentoring.**	25	25	23	25
Output	Number of weeks the Miracles Club is open full time.***	52	52	52	52

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

* The current year estimate (62) is more than originally purchased (30) due to one educational session with uncommonly high attendance. ** Monthly count of ongoing clients only. *** Full time equals 56 hours a week.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Because Multnomah County accepts State Local 2145 Beer and Wine tax revenues that are provided to counties on a dedicated formula basis, we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with State regulations that include the restriction of funds to alcohol and drug services.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$27,336	\$0	\$30,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$27,336	\$0	\$30,000
Administration	\$2,578	\$1,295	\$0	\$1,074
Program Support	\$7,461	\$1,885	\$0	\$660
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$10,039	\$3,180	\$0	\$1,734
Total GF/non-GF:	\$10,039	\$30,516	\$0	\$31,734
Program Total:	\$40,555		\$31,734	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$27,336	\$0	\$30,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$3,180	\$0	\$1,734
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$30,516	\$0	\$31,734

Explanation of Revenues

2145 Beer and Wine tax revenues are provided to counties on a dedicated formula basis and available on an ongoing basis - \$30,000.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #25083, A&D Recovery Supports

Last year this program was included as one of three parts of program offer #28083, Community Recovery Supports. This year the other two parts, A&D Client Basic Needs Services and Housing a New Beginning, have been moved from program offer #28083 to program offer #25050 Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHASD) Administration.