

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Alcohol and Drug-free Family Housing program (also known as FAN) provides rent assistance coordinated with a broad range of ancillary services that together provide the opportunity for low income families in early recovery to stabilize and become self-sufficient through the acquisition of meaningful employment. Last year twenty-six families successfully exited the rent assistance program with an average increase in income of 36%.

Program Description

The Alcohol and Drug-free Family Housing program uses two services in tandem (housing coordination/mentoring services and rent assistance) to assist clients in developing the skills to regain their physical and mental health, maintain stable affordable housing, and gain employment at a living wage. The rent assistance decreases over time, regardless of the client's employment status, as an encouragement to become employed as soon as possible. The intent of the collaboration between housing, employment, and treatment service providers is to ensure participants are on track with secure employment well before they are at risk of losing their housing.

Program Justification

Almost ten years ago a group of chemical dependency organizations providing treatment to pregnant women or women who have young children met to discuss problems they were having finding suitable housing for treatment program graduates. The single largest barrier to sustaining gains made in treatment was finding supportive housing that was affordable. Each year approximately 2,000 families complete treatment with few resources for safe places to live. Gains in the availability of supportive, affordable alcohol and drug free housing have been made since 1997, but this type of housing is still in short supply. Annually the FAN program delivers at least 1000 total months of rental assistance to at least 130 individuals in recovery. This program addresses Basic Living Needs Priorities and links to the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness by promoting healthy behaviors and assisting vulnerable populations in obtaining permanent and livable housing by directly impacting: the family's behavioral and physical health (recovery from alcohol and/or drugs); the availability of stable, affordable and decent housing (affordable, family, alcohol and drug-free housing); and economic independence (assistance with securing living wage employment).

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	Number of families served annually	90	190	90	90
Outcome	Percentage increase in client income at exit	25.0%	43.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Outcome	Percent of clients moving to permanent housing at exit	54.0%	54.0%	54.0%	54.0%
Outcome	Percent of families remaining intact during time in the program	90.0%	96.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Number of families served annually is a count of the families receiving rent assistance and service coordination. In the previous years Program Offer there was a misunderstanding about the definition of "families served".

Percentage increase in client income at exit is a comparison of the family income at entry with the family income at exit.

Percent of clients moving to permanent housing at exit is the number of households moving into permanent housing compared to all exits.

Percent of families remaining intact during time in the program is a comparison of the number of intact families at exit to all families exiting.

For FY 06/07 and FY 07/08 the data shown is a more accurate representation of the performance measures.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$176,088	\$0	\$176,088
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$176,088	\$0	\$176,088
Administration	\$0	\$5,977	\$0	\$6,304
Program Support	\$0	\$8,700	\$0	\$3,874
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$14,677	\$0	\$10,178
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$190,765	\$0	\$186,266
Program Total:	\$190,765		\$186,266	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$176,088	\$0	\$176,088
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,178
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$176,088	\$0	\$186,266

Explanation of Revenues

\$176,088 from State Mental Health Grant Award - estimated 07-09 biennium contract.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25099, Family Alcohol and Drug Free Housing Network (FAN)