

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25138, 25136B

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Homeless Youth System (HYS) provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, shelter, housing, case management, education, employment, and health services to approximately 1000 homeless youth up to age 21 and to 750 youth at risk of homelessness annually. Services ensure that up to 75% of those served exit to safe stable housing and that 69% of those in safe, stable housing remain in that housing for at least six months after exit. Homelessness is defined as a youth having spent no more than one night in a safe, stable living situation in the past six months.

This System is integrated with the public safety system, and is a collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, the City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau, Citizens' Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, the State, and the community.

Program Description

HYS provides late stage intervention for homeless youth and front end prevention for youth at risk of homelessness and/or juvenile justice system involvement through: a 24/7 reception center for delinquent youth serving the Portland Police Bureau, DCJ, and DHS; a 24/7 assessment center; crisis and short term shelter; day programs; alternative education and employment services; service coordination & case management; ATOD, mental and other health services; and, transitional housing.

System accountability is managed through the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC), a citizen body appointed by the Chair with representation that includes the Central Precinct Commander, the Citizen's Crime Commission, the Portland Business Alliance, DHS, Juvenile Rights Project, the City of Portland, Health and Community Justice Departments, service providers, and homeless youth.

Program Justification

The HYS addresses the Safety Indicators: "Reported index crime rate per 1,000 persons", and "Citizen perception of safety", and responds to Safety Strategy 2: "Safety system components work effectively together", Strategy 3: "Intervene early to keep juveniles out of the public safety system", Strategy 4: "Treat drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues", and Strategy 6: "Identify and engage relevant communities in defining public safety needs and developing crime prevention and protection programs".

Homeless youth visibility has a direct impact on citizen perception of safety. Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable to crime, to be preyed upon, or to victimize others as they attempt to survive on the streets. Through joint planning and regular cross jurisdictional meetings, services are exceptionally integrated with public safety and other service systems, with significant community oversight. Services also support front end detention reform efforts, and law enforcement work load effectiveness by receiving youth directly from officers and diverting them from juvenile detention. Both issues would be negatively affected if services did not exist.

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	# of homeless youth to be served	997	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	% of homeless youth served who exit services to stable housing	79.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%
Outcome	% of homeless youth served in stable housing 6 months after exit	80.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%

Performance Measure - Description

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$70,189	\$0	\$73,226	\$938
Contracts	\$2,089,920	\$1,154,452	\$2,152,821	\$1,166,464
Materials & Supplies	\$2,217	\$0	\$2,370	\$0
Internal Services	\$12,533	\$9,210	\$10,573	\$8,532
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,174,859	\$1,163,662	\$2,238,990	\$1,175,934
Administration	\$21,752	\$0	\$110,406	\$0
Program Support	\$147,283	\$0	\$81,577	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$169,035	\$0	\$191,983	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,343,894	\$1,163,662	\$2,430,973	\$1,175,934
Program Total:	\$3,507,556		\$3,606,907	
Program FTE	0.84	0.00	0.83	0.01
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$6,810	\$0	\$4,041	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,163,662	\$0	\$1,175,934
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$6,810	\$1,163,662	\$4,041	\$1,175,934

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund- Based on FY07 current operating levels

Fed/State Fund- Based on current level of funding from grantors, and adjusted for any anticipated changes per communication with grantors. There is no significant net change.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #21023A, Homeless Youth System

"This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$62,701 over FY '07 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services".