

**Priority:** Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Mary Shortall  
**Related Programs:** 25024A

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This offer purchases an additional Multidisciplinary Team Community Health Nurse to increase the capacity for short term interventions, stabilization and ongoing monitoring for seniors and vulnerable adults lacking nursing health resource. The nurse will consult with case managers, abuse investigators, and other allied healthcare providers to improve client outcomes.

**Program Description**

This additional capacity will allow the MDT Community Health Nurses to meet the growing demand for nursing services in Mid and East county areas. This is an evidenced based practice that will provide the full range of nursing activities including conducting holistic assessments, linking to health care services, providing limited treatments including medication and symptom management, skin care management, injections, chronic disease/illness management, vital signs monitoring, limited urgent nail care, incontinence management and providing health screenings for hypertension, diabetes, anemia, malnutrition, vision, hearing and general health concerns.

**Program Justification**

This offer links to the basic need priorities by connecting seniors and persons with disabilities with primary care, mental health and other necessary services for basic living needs. The MDT nurse intervention reduces emergency room visits. The number of Emergency Room visits declined to 2 visits a year over two year period compared to 13 visits a year prior to MDT involvement. MDT nurse involvement increases access to medications, early diagnosis and intervention. They address gaps in services for clients who have lost healthcare coverage by linking them to existing healthcare resources and provide a bridge between case managers and medical providers by interpreting medical records and can gain primary care physician's cooperation. An additional 250 clients will receive nursing intervention and 300 hours of nursing assessments, and intervention per year. Without this nurse, a substantial number of vulnerable adults lacking any other connection to health care would suffer severe medical complications.

**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	Additional clients receiving nurse intervention <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	250
Outcome	Increase in nurse intervention capacity in all areas <sup>2</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

<sup>1</sup>New measures for FY08. When fully trained will be able to serve 300 clients per year which is projected to meet growing need.

<sup>2</sup>New measures for FY08.

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

	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$46,449	\$30,966
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$16,339	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$643	\$428
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,968	\$4,124
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,399</b>	<b>\$35,518</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$2,681	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$7,901	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,582</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$77,981</b>	<b>\$35,518</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$113,499</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.40
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$701	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,518
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$701</b>	<b>\$35,518</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

Medicaid, County General Fund, and County General Fund for federal match.

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:**

This is a new program offer