

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Sean Derrickson
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program adds a culturally specific African American transitions specialist to the existing Outreach team to reduce the overrepresentation of African Americans, often homeless, in the criminal justice system. The specialist will work with jail discharge staff and treatment providers to provide pre-treatment addictions services, case management, housing and treatment referral, care coordination, housing and treatment retention and related services to stabilize clients in the community and reduce recidivism. Program will decrease the number of African Americans with substance abuse, mental illness, homelessness, and criminality in the criminal justice system. The need for this new and innovative program was derived from the experiences of the county's Outreach team and their work with this population in the jails, and the new partnership with the Sheriff's housing efforts.

Program Description

This Program will enhance the services provided by the Addiction Services Outreach Team and provide a culturally specific jail transitions specialist to address the over representation of homeless African Americans, especially those with mental health and addictions issues, in our court system and county jails. This position will work closely with Health Department Corrections Health staff, and the Sheriff's Office Corrections Counselors, discharge staff and support the Sheriff's new housing programs and Sheriff's Office Homeless Discharge Specialist. Program will have a focus on obtaining and maintaining housing.

This program provides a worker who will get clients into treatment/support services and housing and provide the support necessary to help keep clients engaged in services. The worker establishes daily contact with homeless individuals in the community/street or in the jails, hospital, etc., working to motivate clients towards recovery and getting off the streets and decreasing recidivism, assists clients with basic needs (food, clothes, etc), and related services.

When clients are ready for treatment, the worker works with contracted providers to secure and coordinate treatment for them. The worker continues contact with the client to support their success in treatment/housing. They provide recommendations to the court and refer clients to appropriate treatment, related services and housing.

Program Justification

This program links to the Basic Needs Priority by assuring access to basic health services (addiction and mental health) for chronically homeless, addicted African American citizens of Multnomah County. The clients are extremely high utilizers of county and city services in the jails, courts, and hospitals and are over represented per capita in our court and jail system. This program offers initial crisis level response and long-term case management to clients and will result in clients moving from chronic, continuing care conditions toward a less vulnerable, more self-sufficient state. This program promotes healthy behaviors by addressing the use of drugs and alcohol and it's negative impacts. This program assists vulnerable populations in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing through case management, advocacy and counseling support. The program ties to the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness by directly targeting homeless individuals as clients.

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 criminal justice involved clients contacted.	0	0	0	50
Outcome	Clients reducing criminal recidivism rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

- 1.Worker contact at least 50 criminal justice involved clients to assess for housing and treatment.
- 2.Of the clients receiving services, 80% will demonstrate a reduction in criminal recidivism.

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	\$0	\$0	\$72,533	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$973	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$4,835	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$78,341	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$4,967	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$11,929	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$16,896	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$95,237	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$95,237	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: