

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Contact: John Pearson

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The County contracts with Central City Concern to provide Sobering Services. Sobering Services provide a safe holding environment for public inebriates while they return to sobriety. There are approximately 11,484 admissions to sobering annually.

Program Description

Central City Concern's Sobering program has two goals: 1) provide a medically monitored environment in which inebriates can 'sober up' and regain their functionality, and 2) provide a point of intervention for chemically dependent individuals. In support of these goals, sobering staff perform a wide range of duties that include initial evaluation by an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), monitoring, intervention, and pre-release EMT evaluation. The staff provides information about chemical dependency and counsels clients to enter into recovery and treatment programs. CCC's Sobering program includes mobile outreach (the CHIERS van) to intoxicated persons through the City of Portland. Inebriated persons are evaluated throughout the 5.5 hours of the average length of stay and are provided information on chemical dependency and treatment options. The County and the City are the funders of Sobering Services.

Program Justification

Sobering Services directly links to the Basic Living Needs and Safety Priorities by providing intervention into the lives of publicly intoxicated people brought to the program under civil hold by law enforcement, CHIERS, or on a voluntary basis. The Sobering program serves both a Public Safety function and a Basic Living Needs function by providing a medically monitored environment in which public inebriates can become sober while protected from abuse and neglect and a point of intervention for the chemically dependent. Sobering directly connects to both the Poverty Framework and the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness Framework by linking people with services that can help them to meet basic health and safety needs and the opportunity to break the cycle of homelessness.

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	Total annual admissions to sobering	10,607	11,200	11,484	11,045
Outcome	A 5% reduction in the number of individuals with 5+ admissions annually.	1,184	0	1,636	1,554

Performance Measure - Description

Total admissions to sobering is the number of episodes of sobering annually. Individuals may have multiple episodes of sobering annually.

Sobering staff are aiming to achieve a 5% reduction in the number of individuals with five or admissions to sobering per year.

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	\$570,000	\$340,683	\$543,386	\$383,124
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$570,000	\$340,683	\$543,386	\$383,124
Administration	\$22,371	\$11,563	\$34,451	\$13,717
Program Support	\$64,750	\$16,833	\$82,741	\$8,429
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$87,121	\$28,396	\$117,192	\$22,146
Total GF/non-GF:	\$657,121	\$369,079	\$660,578	\$405,270
Program Total:	\$1,026,200		\$1,065,848	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$340,683	\$0	\$383,124
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,146
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$340,683	\$0	\$405,270

Explanation of Revenues

\$383,124 Local 2145 Beer and Wine Tax.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25091, A&D Sobering

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$15,827 over FY '07 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.