

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Related Programs: 25119A, 25133A, 25150A, 25133B

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This offer will double system capacity to serve more households; improve the quality of services; fund unfunded service mandates; address reductions over the past six years that jeopardize the County's ability to access Federal and State funds; and, begin to build necessary system capacity to truly implement a system of care for homeless and low-income households. Current system capacity serves less than 2% of those seeking assistance.

Current services are supported almost exclusively by Federal and State funds. This offer represents a significant investment of general funds in support of direct services, doubling current service capacity. Federal and State funds come with numerous restrictions that limit who is considered eligible for service, what a household can receive as eligible service, and do not support the cost of providing that service.

Program Description

APS comprise three core services:
Service Access: I&R - identifying resources/services and linking consumers to them, and **Short-Term Intervention** - helping a household meet immediate basic needs such as food boxes, back-to-school assistance, transportation, or clothing.
Anti-Poverty Education & Support: Case Management - one on one relationship with the household to build a plan to achieve self-sufficiency by addressing existing barriers such as addiction, mental illness, lack of employment, unstable housing, etc..., **Skill Building** - classes and training that teach life skills such as financial management, asset building, employment readiness, etc... and **Transitional Housing** - readiness to rent, housing identification, and rent assistance.
System Collaboration: Working with the County, the SUNSS school based service providers, community based providers, and other stakeholders, APS leverage funder investments to maximize resources, coordinate and link services to create efficiencies and improve outcomes, and ensure that quality and accountability is maintained system-wide.

As the County seeks to move more assertively into creating a system of care for homeless and low-income households, our key partners in that effort, our providers, do not have the capacity to engage with us in a meaningful way, despite their deep commitment to do so. County investment in Anti-Poverty services must be made if the Basic Living Needs (BLN) Priority: "All Multnomah County residents and their families are able to meet their basic living needs" is to be achieved.

Program Justification

PSU research shows formerly homeless people spend 65% less time in hospitals once in permanent housing; other studies indicate supportive housing results in a 50% decrease in incarceration, a 50% increase in earned income, and a 40% rise in employment. By utilizing a mix of interventions targeted to a mix of populations, households become and remain stably housed. Last year 86% of households served were below the Federal Poverty Level; 48% were headed by a single parent.

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 households to receive case management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 650 |
| Outcome | % of households served, housed 6 months after exit | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 75.0% |
| Outcome | % of households served who increase income at exit | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 55.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

Social Return on Investment (SROI) data is unavailable, however based upon research showing reductions in hospital visits and incarceration rates for homeless households once housed; assumptions can be made about the significant financial leverage created by the funding of these services. Measures reflect changes from funder redefinition of allowable services.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 458.505-515; OAR Chapter 813 Div. 210; CO Ord. #921 -- Community Action funds, agencies, councils

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$76,523 | \$0 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,782,000 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,900 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,715 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,863,138 | \$0 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,863,138 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$1,863,138 | |
| 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

New County General Fund is being requested.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: