

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

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This second alternative to the scaled offer (\$478,748), addresses the structural administrative issues associated with the County's Anti-Poverty System. Without these funds, the System would be close to collapse because of inadequate compensation for legitimate service delivery costs and unfunded mandates passed down from State and Federal funders. Providers cannot continue to provide services without adequate funding to do so. Without this minimum level of intervention, radical system redesign would have had to been considered in order for providers to continue to contract with the County. Funds do not result in any additional service delivery.

**Program Description**

When the SUN Service System was implemented and services were realigned, County General Funds (CGF), as the most flexible funding source, were allocated to expand community school sites throughout the County. This created the current practice of using only categorically restricted funding from the State and Feds to purchase anti-poverty services.

At the same time, the State and Feds were either reducing the amount of allowable administrative costs for their funds, or clarifying existing requirements restricting the use of their funds for only certain administrative and programmatic costs.

Without CGF to fill the gap between what is allowable and what it legitimately costs to provide services, providers have found themselves in an untenable position of operating County purchased services at a deficit to their organizations.

Funds will provide reimbursement of M&S costs for HUD grants, and 15% administrative costs for State grants.

**Program Justification**

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.

This funding and these system services represent the entirety of the County's investment in an overt system of anti-poverty services. While many County programs serve low-income households, these providers and services are uniquely organized around an anti-poverty agenda. In many ways, the County's asking providers to do an impossible job with an incredibly challenging population during severe economic times. Then, they are not compensated for the costs of providing those services.

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		0	0	0	0
Outcome		0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

Funds address structural administrative issues, no additional services are delivered, thus there are no performance measures. Please refer to Program Offer #25150A for relevant measures.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$478,748	\$0
<b>Subtotal: Direct Exps:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$478,748</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal: Other Exps:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total GF/non-GF:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$478,748</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$478,748</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: