

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Joint Offer, One-Time-Only Request

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Executive Summary

This program promotes community emergency preparedness. It prepares county staff to act as bridges between County Emergency Management and vulnerable communities, schools, and businesses, conduct pre-emergency outreach, develop business continuity plans, address community needs in plans and exercises, and establish agreements with individuals and organizations to assure emergency support services. This is a joint offer between the Departments of Health, Community Justice, and County Human Services.

Program Description

The devastation of Hurricane Katrina severely impacted New Orleans residents who share the demographics of Multnomah County clients including the frail elderly, mentally ill, homeless, immune compromised, people with disabilities, economically disadvantaged households, individuals on parole/probation, and racially/ethnically defined communities. This program offer will engage county staff from three departments to serve as bridges between the community and the Incident Command System. Staff will earn certification in the National Incident Management System and will develop response plans for local large-scale emergencies and health threats such as pandemic flu. They will exercise their roles and responsibilities as two-way communicators between the response organization and the community in periodic small and large-scale emergency preparedness exercises. With training, they will conduct outreach with vulnerable populations, school districts, small and medium businesses, community organizations, and the broader community. They will implement presentations, public information campaigns, and web-based communication strategies. They will maintain a voluntary registry of seniors and persons with disabilities, as well as enroll into the Health Reserve Corps (HRC) licensed health care and mental health providers whom the County will call on to provide services to the community during and after an emergency.

Program Justification

In a large emergency, it is important that Multnomah County be able to protect all of its residents. This requires communications that are accessible to all of our diverse communities, trusting relationships with disenfranchised populations, response plans that account for the additional needs of vulnerable populations, and continued development of relationships with businesses, schools, with other jurisdictions, county emergency management, and community partners such as 211. This program offer deepens emergency preparedness efforts by utilizing the unique skills and knowledge of county employees who are members of or significantly connected to vulnerable communities.

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	Emergency Preparedness brochures distributed throughout the community	0	0	200,000	300,000
Outcome	People with disabilities registered in a Voluntary Emergency Registry	0	0	0	3,000
Outcome	New NIMS Certified County Staff	0	0	0	60
Outcome	Licensed health and mental health professionals enrolled in the HRC	195	0	0	270

Performance Measure - Description

The Voluntary Emergency Registry (reverse 911) provides a rapid means for alerting people with disabilities of an emergency and responders of the locations of residents with disabilities.
 Health Reserve Corps (HRC) expands the Health Department's health response capacity for emergencies, health crises, and non-emergency events such as Project Homeless Connect.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

PL 109-365 amending Sec 306 42USC 3026, ADS is required to detail its plan to develop long-range emergency preparedness plans, with local and State emergency response agencies, relief organizations, and any other institutions responsible for disaster relief service delivery. OAR 411-055-0081 "Physical environment ... in Residential Facilities" requires an emergency procedure, evacuation plan and disaster plan for all residential facilities monitored by ADS. Multnomah County is required to develop and implement a plan to engage community stakeholders in pandemic influenza planning; this requirement is included in the Oregon Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Communicable Disease Response Program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$299,269	\$118,747
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$4,897	\$5,103
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$38,202	\$14,390
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$29,639	\$23,788
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$372,007	\$162,028
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$4,468	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$4,901	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$9,369	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$381,376	\$162,028
Program Total:	\$0		\$543,404	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.89	0.71
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$9,533	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$162,028
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$9,533	\$162,028

Explanation of Revenues

\$163,336 – Pandemic Flu Preparedness Planning funding from Oregon Dept. of Human Services – Health Services. Focusing on pandemic flu, this funding also uses a community preparedness framework.

\$10,000 – National Association of County and City Healthy Officials funding for Health Reserve Corps.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

This Program Offer extends the community emergency preparedness work beyond the Health Department and into the departments of Human Services and Community Justice, thus multiplying the anticipated outcomes.