

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25114, 25115, 25140

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Housing stabilization services provide shelter, rent assistance, teen parent housing and homeless children's education to over 3,300 households a year. These services help our most vulnerable homeless find shelter and support. 75% of those placed in housing remain housed six months after exit.

Program Description

The County invests in a number of housing and support services programs within DCHS and other departments. Services have been targeted to specific populations, exist within different departments and divisions, and for the most part have operated in isolation from each other. No regular mechanism existed prior to the establishment of the County's Housing Team - representing all County departments and divisions - to determine opportunities for collaboration or potential efficiencies across programs, or to share best practice, results, and innovation. An example of the results of these efforts is the Homeless Benefits Recovery Project program offer, a cross-county, population model developed by the Housing Team to impact the chronically homeless with disabilities. Work also continues to place existing services into a continuum using the Poverty Elimination Framework and 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Winter shelter and the unified rent assistance system provide a means by which households can meet immediate survival needs. Transitional housing for teen parents provides stabilization and the opportunity to address barriers to long-term self-sufficiency. For children living in homeless families, educational support and alternative education services ensure that to the greatest extent possible these children do not lose critical steps towards academic success and long term self-sufficiency. Flexible client support funds help individuals seeking to gain living wage employment more fully utilize federal and state funds training and placement programs. Finally, DCHS' work in partnership with other jurisdictions involved in the social housing service system is supported here.

Program Justification

All Housing Stabilization services contribute to all Basic Living Needs (BLN) priority goals. Housing is one of the most basic of all human needs. The lack of stability in this area impacts a number of individual and community outcomes, including academic success, liveability, and long term poverty elimination. The variety of strategies employed by programs funded in Housing Stabilization are based in emerging best practice of "Housing First" and "Permanent Supportive Housing" (PSH) and create a safety net that assists some of the most vulnerable populations in the community. Shelter, housing, and related support services are the basis for achievement of future family self-sufficiency and community prosperity.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	# of households receiving shelter or housing	2,023	1,200	1,200	1,200
Outcome	% of households served, housed 6 months after exit	75.0%	80.0%	75.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

% of households still housed 6 months after exit is an average of all programs' measures.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$244,887	\$117,154	\$225,130	\$61,411
Contracts	\$732,697	\$1,069,369	\$754,285	\$565,032
Materials & Supplies	\$10,270	\$4,000	\$7,282	\$0
Internal Services	\$50,349	\$39,261	\$44,041	\$23,099
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,038,203	\$1,229,784	\$1,030,738	\$649,542
Administration	\$76,753	\$0	\$129,219	\$0
Program Support	\$82,271	\$0	\$103,697	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$159,024	\$0	\$232,916	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,197,227	\$1,229,784	\$1,263,654	\$649,542
Program Total:	\$2,427,011		\$1,913,196	
Program FTE	2.40	1.60	2.32	0.66
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$18,594	\$0	\$10,510	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,229,784	\$0	\$649,542
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$18,594	\$1,229,784	\$10,510	\$649,542

Explanation of Revenues

Federal/State funds - \$628,283
 City of Portland - \$21,259
 County General Fund - \$1,029,524
 County General Fund Match - \$1,214

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25133A, Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations

In FY08 these services and funds were in program offers 25133A and 25133B - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations. The FY09 program offer reflects the elimination of FEMA funding, with a corresponding reduction in expenditures, in anticipation that this FEMA funding will no longer flow through the County budget.

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$22,207 over FY08 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.