

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

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Executive Summary

This program offer will fund the siting and build out of a facility which will combine a 24/7 mental health evaluation unit with eight 23-hour care beds. When coupled with sub-acute and detoxification it will provide diversion from jails and hospitals for persons in mental health crisis. The program will provide police with a central point to take persons who are experiencing crises and require evaluation. This offer supports construction only. Operating costs would be funded in 2009-2010.

Program Description

A mental health triage function in addition to detoxification and soberingsub-acute mental health services would offer law enforcement officers an ability to leave individuals in crisis for evaluation and connection to treatment. Currently officers must make a determination and take an individual to sobering, the hospital or jail. Physical proximity will result in better patient care and lower operating costs. The triage evaluation staff can support medical and behavioral treatment needs in the other programs. This program will evaluate adults whose symptoms appear to be beyond the scope of existing outpatient services. With a mixed group of robust services and short (23-hour) beds, this unit will further facilitate diversion from jails and hospitals.

If this is funded, the County will need to find \$1,367,000 in operating costs in 2009-2010

We anticipate site identification and construction to take 1 to 2 years and cost \$750,000. This unit will contain 8 23-hour beds, 4 interview rooms and a staffing area capable of supporting medical and psychiatric evaluation.

Program Justification

Multnomah County lacks a suitable continuum of treatment alternatives for persons with serious mental illness. Clients Basic Needs are, therefore, not adequately nor effectively addressed. In order to stabilize or protect an individual, law enforcement is currently forced to choose between hospital admission or incarceration. Both choices are more restrictive and expensive than other programs tailored to specific types of crises experienced by these persons. This proposal is part of a continuum of 3 services intended to bridge the gap between outpatient treatment and the hospital or jail. These three services include evaluation/23-hour care, mental health sub-acute treatment, and addiction detoxification.

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	The facility is sited and built.	0	0	0	0
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

None

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2008	2008	2009	2009
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$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	\$750,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$750,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund and Medicaid (operating expenses only) unless stakeholder negotiations are successful in identifying alternative sources.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: