

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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Executive Summary

The Homeless Youth System (HYS) provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, shelter, housing, case management, education, employment, and health services to approximately 1000 homeless youth up to age 21 annually. Services ensure that up to 65% of those served exit to safe stable housing and that 70% of those in safe, stable housing remain in that housing for at least six months after exit. This System is integrated with the public safety system, and is a collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, the City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau, Citizens' Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, the State, and the community.

Program Description

HYS provides late stage intervention for homeless youth through: a 24/7 assessment center; crisis & short term shelter; day programs; alternative education and employment services; service coordination & case management; ATOD, mental and other health services; and, transitional housing. System accountability is managed through the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC), a citizen body appointed by the Chair with representation that includes the Central Precinct Commander, the Citizen's Crime Commission, the Portland Business Alliance, DHS, Juvenile Rights Project, the City of Portland, Health and Community Justice Departments, service providers, and homeless youth.

The System is engaged in an 18 month process of redesign and competitive procurement for implementation in FY 07-08.

Program Justification

The HYS addresses the Safety Indicators: "Reported index crime rate per 1,000 persons", and "Citizen perception of safety", and responds to Safety Strategy 2: "Safety system components work effectively together", Strategy 3: "Intervene early to keep juveniles out of the public safety system", Strategy 4: "Treat drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues", and Strategy 6: "Identify and engage relevant communities in defining public safety needs and developing crime prevention and protection programs".

Homeless youth visibility has a direct impact on citizen perception of safety. Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable to crime, to be preyed upon, or to victimize others as they attempt to survive on the streets. Through joint planning and regular cross jurisdictional meetings, services are exceptionally integrated with public safety and other service systems, with significant community oversight.

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 homeless youth served	1,006	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	% of homeless youth served who exit services to stable housing	84.0%	65.0%	78.0%	75.0%
Outcome	% of homeless youth served in stable housing 6 months after exit	76.0%	70.0%	75.0%	75.0%

Performance Measure - Description

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	\$72,881	\$938	\$74,302	\$2,198
Contracts	\$2,220,321	\$1,166,464	\$2,017,200	\$1,091,525
Materials & Supplies	\$2,370	\$0	\$2,030	\$0
Internal Services	\$10,573	\$8,532	\$11,058	\$7,205
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,306,145	\$1,175,934	\$2,104,590	\$1,100,928
Administration	\$110,406	\$0	\$263,842	\$0
Program Support	\$81,577	\$0	\$211,731	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$191,983	\$0	\$475,573	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,498,128	\$1,175,934	\$2,580,163	\$1,100,928
Program Total:	\$3,674,062		\$3,681,091	
Program FTE	0.83	0.01	0.82	0.02
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$4,041	\$0	\$3,278	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,175,934	\$0	\$1,100,928
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$4,041	\$1,175,934	\$3,278	\$1,100,928

Explanation of Revenues

Federal/State funds - \$197,458
City of Portland - \$903,470
County General Fund - \$2,104,590

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:**

For FY09 funding for the Homeless Youth Reception Center is now budgeted in program offer 25138 Runaway Youth.

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$66,604 over FY08 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.