

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Karl Brimmer
Related Programs: 25060A
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Multnomah County's Department of Human Services is partnering with the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) in the redevelopment of HAP's University Place Apartments. The new building will become the home of Bridgeview, the county's only transitional housing program for persons with a serious mental illness. The Bridgeview program served 81 clients in FY08. This one-time-only request is for \$250,000 in funding to complete redevelopment of University Place.

Program Description

In late 2007, discussions took place among the Portland Development Commission (PDC), the city of Portland's Bureau of Housing and Community Development (BHCD), the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP), and the county. Discussions were related to several downtown buildings and programs that provided housing and services to low-income individuals. These projects were the Grove Hotel, the Resource Access Center, the Golden West Hotel and University Place Apartments. In the course of the conversations, a request was made of HAP to redevelop its University Place site into a permanent home for the county's Bridgeview program for persons with a serious mental illness. The purpose of the Bridgeview program is to provide safe, secure housing with 24-hour staffing and services for persons who because of a mental health disability are at high risk of homelessness.

As the project owner and developer, HAP is responsible for designing, financing and construction. A great deal of effort has been invested in designing a building that is well-suited to the Bridgeview program. With input from county staff and their newly selected Bridgeview contractor, Luke-Dorf, the team has created a project that will meet the specific needs of the program and its clients while balancing costs, durability, and other HAP criteria.

The existing building on the site is empty and salvage work has taken place in preparation for demolition in February 2009. Construction is scheduled to start in April 2009 with completion in April 2010. The new building will include 48 single room occupancy units to serve very low income residents who have a mental illness.

HAP and PDC have made significant financial commitments of \$758,000 and \$6,100,000 respectively. Additionally, HAP applied for and was awarded \$925,000 from the state's Department of Housing and Community Services. This program offer is a one-time-only request for \$250,000 in County General Funds.

Program Justification

Transitional housing is linked to the Basic Needs Priority. It provides vulnerable individuals with mental illness a safe place to stabilize, access treatment and community resources, and obtain a positive rental history, preparing them for successful transition into supported or independent permanent housing. University Place is a new building designed to provide an environment that promotes treatment and the development of skills necessary to maintain independent housing and a return to a productive role in the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Successful redevelopment of University Place	0	0	0	0
Outcome	This is a construction rather than a program offer	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

This program offer is for building redevelopment only.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$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	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$250,000	
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 - \$250,000

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: