

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25114A, 25115A, 25140
Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Contact: Mary Li

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Housing stabilization services provide shelter, rent assistance, teen parent housing, homeless children's education, and workforce support to more than 2,000 households a year. About 1,200 of these families receive shelter of housing assistance. These services help our most vulnerable homeless find shelter and support. About 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.

Programs included in this offer: homeless families' winter shelter, rent assistance, teen parent transitional housing, children living in homeless families' educational support and alternative education, and workforce flexible assistance funds.

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 toward 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, livability 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 (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	# of households receiving shelter or housing ¹	1,110	1,200	1,200	1,200
Outcome	% of households served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit ¹	81.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

¹ These households are a subset of the approximately 2,000 families receiving services.

² % of households still housed six months after exit is an average of all programs' measures. Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing where an individual can stay without time limit.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Personnel	\$225,130	\$61,411	\$281,360	\$37,465
Contracts	\$754,285	\$565,032	\$753,071	\$585,542
Materials & Supplies	\$7,282	\$0	\$4,765	\$6,608
Internal Services	\$44,041	\$23,099	\$44,973	\$32,441
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,030,738	\$649,542	\$1,084,169	\$662,056
Administration	\$164,024	\$0	\$152,480	\$0
Program Support	\$131,628	\$0	\$96,108	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$295,652	\$0	\$248,588	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,326,390	\$649,542	\$1,332,757	\$662,056
Program Total:	\$1,975,932		\$1,994,813	
Program FTE	2.33	0.67	2.60	0.40
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$10,510	\$0	\$16,628	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$649,542	\$0	\$662,056
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$10,510	\$649,542	\$16,628	\$662,056

Explanation of Revenues

HUD Home Safe - \$272,554
 OHCS D HSP - \$33,550
 OHCS D LIRHF - \$131,674
 OHCS D SHAP - \$100,747
 OHCS D EHA - \$102,272
 PDX General Fund - \$21,259
 County General Fund - \$1,094,169

Significant Program Changes

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