

#### Program # 25136 - Homeless Youth System

Priority:SafetyProgram Offer Type:Existing OperatingRelated Programs:25138

Lead Agency: Program Contact:

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## **Program Characteristics:**

# **Executive Summary**

The Homeless Youth System (HYS) is a highly collaborative system comprised of four non-profit agencies that provide a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment and health services to approximately 1,000 homeless youth up to age 25 annually. Services ensure that up to 75% of those served exit to safe stable housing and that 75% of those remain in safe, stable housing for at least six months post 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, Outside In, New Avenues for Youth, Janus Youth Programs, Native American Youth & Family Center, and the community.

## **Program Description**

The HYS provides late stage intervention for homeless youth through: 24/7 crisis and safety services; shelter; assertive engagement and linkage to long-term community supports; transitional and permanent housing; education and employment services; and ATOD, mental and other health services. System accountability is managed through the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC), a citizen body appointed by the Chair with representation that includes the Citizen's Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, DHS, Juvenile Rights Project, City of Portland, Health and Community Justice Departments, service providers and homeless youth.

The system is engaged in a redesign process with full implementation in 2011.

#### **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 (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	# of homeless youth served	1,006	1,000	1,000	1,000
	% of youth served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit <sup>1</sup>	84.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%

### **Performance Measure - Description**

<sup>1</sup> Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing where an individual can stay without time limit.

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010	
Personnel	\$74,302	\$2,198	\$79,172	\$0	
Contracts	\$2,017,200	\$1,091,525	\$2,017,200	\$1,091,525	
Materials & Supplies	\$2,030	\$0	\$2,030	\$0	
Internal Services	\$11,058	\$7,205	\$12,591	\$9,403	
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,104,590	\$1,100,928	\$2,110,993	\$1,100,928	
Administration	\$334,909	\$0	\$298,450	\$0	
Program Support	\$268,761	\$0	\$188,113	\$0	
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$603,670	\$0	\$486,563	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,708,260	\$1,100,928	\$2,597,556	\$1,100,928	
Program Total:	ogram Total: \$3,809,188		\$3,698,484		
Program FTE	0.82	0.02	0.83	0.00	
Program Revenues					
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$3,278	\$0	\$4,818	\$0	
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,100,928	\$0	\$1,100,928	
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue:	\$3,278	\$1,100,928	\$4,818	\$1,100,928	

# **Explanation of Revenues**

HUD Horizons Youth - \$197,458 PDX General Fund - \$903,470 County General Fund - \$2,110,933

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25136A, Homeless Youth System