

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Transition Services Unit (TSU) Housing program provides offenders returning to the community from incarceration with stable housing and associated services. In doing so, TSU increases an offender's potential for successful re-entry into the community, and reduces the likelihood of reoffending. For the last two years, eight out of ten offenders who utilized this service exited to safe and stable housing.

Program Description

TSU Housing provides short and long-term housing to high risk and disabled offenders newly released from prison who are homeless or have inadequate housing arrangements that pose public safety concerns. This program also considers the availability of support services (such as drug and alcohol relapse prevention and group counseling) when determining a housing placement.

This program offer provides shelter to an average of 173 offenders a day (roughly 900 per year) using several community agencies including: Central City Concern, Cascadia, Volunteers of America, YWCA, Salvation Army, City Team Ministries, Transition Projects Incorporated, Portland Impact, Human Solutions, Luke Dorf Inc., and others. TSU Housing develops a long-term housing plan for each offender placed in transitional housing.

TSU Housing works closely with community partners to ensure housing placements are appropriate.

Program Justification

Research has shown that stable housing reduces the risk of a person committing new crimes (Petersilia, 2003). Without this program people returning to the community from prison run the risk of being homeless, jobless and more likely to return to criminal behavior. Through evidence based approaches and innovative partnerships with community partners, TSU targets homelessness and related factors which would otherwise result in new criminal activity committed by high-risk offenders.

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	Average number of offenders sheltered daily	220	215	215	173
Outcome	Percent of offenders admitted to housing that is safe and stable upon exit	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	84.0%
Output	Percent of sex offenders in subsidized treatment who receive housing	31.0%	30.0%	30.0%	32.0%
Outcome	Percent of offenders that are moving toward self-sufficiency*	0.0%	60.0%	70.0%	73.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

*Self sufficiency question added to data collection tool 7/2008. The self-sufficiency outcome measure compares the clients expressing a need for economic services at intake to evidence they are in receipt of these economic services at exit.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$665,543	\$0	\$709,464	\$0
Contracts	\$1,119,904	\$392,489	\$1,109,083	\$392,489
Materials & Supplies	\$20,825	\$86,640	\$14,020	\$91,329
Internal Services	\$88,876	\$35,454	\$96,780	\$45,189
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,895,148	\$514,583	\$1,929,347	\$529,007
Administration	\$140,394	\$0	\$117,379	\$0
Program Support	\$527,351	\$75,135	\$498,610	\$72,858
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$667,745	\$75,135	\$615,989	\$72,858
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,562,893	\$589,718	\$2,545,336	\$601,865
Program Total:	\$3,152,611		\$3,147,201	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$25,537	\$0	\$32,029	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$514,583	\$0	\$529,007
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$25,537	\$514,583	\$32,029	\$529,007

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$1,959,378; State Subsidy funds \$64,982; State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$464,025.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50029, Adult Offender Housing