

Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs: 25133, 25134

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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Funding will provide access to year round shelter for homeless families with children. Building on the existing homeless families' winter shelter system, in operation for 5-6 months out of the year, capacity to house 30 families and their children will be made available for the rest of the year.

Services will provide shelter to 30 families with children and 15 households with permanent housing placement, with 85% of those placed remaining in housing at six months after exit.

Program Description

The FY 08-09 One Night Shelter Count documents at least 600 families sleeping on the streets, in cars or living in substandard situations every night in the county. Winter Shelter services are limited and run from November through March providing 12 county funded shelter slots to homeless families. The remainder of the year shelter capacity is so reduced as to be functionally unavailable as county funds only support shelter during the winter.

Leveraging new faith based partnerships put into service for the first time in FY 09-10, it appears possible to create shelter capacity, as well as support services and housing placement year round. This expansion represents the proven success of the homeless families' winter shelter system of care, the system's faith based partnerships and successful housing placement outcomes.

The county's system of care for homeless families during the winter includes: emergency information and referral, the Family Warming Center, night shelter, day shelter, support services, case management and housing placement. It represents a service system that is comprehensive in nature, but only available 5-6 months out of the year and severely under capacity to respond to community need.

By utilizing this service system as the base to build year round capacity, the investment of general funds is leveraged and maximized. Night and day shelter, support services, case management, and housing placement will all become available year round for less cost than if funded separately.

It is also anticipated that by providing services year round, potential need during the winter may be reduced as families won't have to wait until the winter in order to leave the streets or other unsafe or inappropriate shelter situations.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY08-09) | Current Year Purchased (FY09-10) | Current Year Estimate (FY09-10) | Next Year Offer (FY10-11) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Number of homeless families with children served | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Outcome | % of families served that remain in permanent housing 6 months after exit ¹ | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 85.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

¹ Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing, with attached appropriate support services, 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 | 2010 | 2010 | 2011 | 2011 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$280,000 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$295,000 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$295,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$295,000 County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: