

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Funding will support on-going assessment of, and interim response to the outreach needs of homeless populations currently camping in East County cities. \$75,000 of one-time-only funding will leverage existing outreach staffing capacity funded by the city of Portland and provide flexible rent assistance and other support services.

As poverty continues to move east, homelessness and resultant camping is moving east as well. The Sheriff and East County cities' law enforcement agencies have conducted increased interdiction and suppression activities with local area illegal camping in the past year. When these activities occur, there is no outreach mechanism available to assist individuals in mitigating the impact of these events.

Funding will allow for sheriff and other law enforcement personnel to contact trained outreach staff prior to and during their actions, as well as the ability to refer specific individuals to assistance during the regular course of their duties.

Approximately 60 individuals or households will be served annually.

Program Description

Using the existing successful collaboration between law enforcement and homeless outreach providers in the City of Portland as the model, the program will create capacity for response to the outreach needs of the Sheriff and East County cities' law enforcement agencies during FY 10-11.

When Portland Police schedule a sweep of a camp site, they post notices and contact city funded outreach workers to work with residents prior to the action. By balancing the need to enforce anti-camping laws with the reality of the lack of housing for the homeless, a humane approach is offered for those directly impacted.

Using existing staff capacity and providing flexible rent assistance funds, the county will be able to assess the size and scope necessary for appropriate on-going system capacity, as well as work to create a collaborative funding plan with participating jurisdictions if on-going capacity is needed.

Since funding will be used for flexible rent assistance and other client support services, not staffing, funds will not be used if not needed for individual clients.

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	# of homeless households contacted	0	0	0	60
Outcome	# of households placed in housing	0	0	0	20

Performance Measure - Description

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	\$75,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$75,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$75,000 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: