

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Housing stabilization services provide shelter, rent assistance, teen parent housing, homeless children's education, technical assistance to faith based efforts and workforce support to more than 2,000 households a year. About 1,200 families receive shelter or housing assistance annually. These services help our most vulnerable homeless and marginally housed families with children find shelter and support, working with them on the path to self-sufficiency.

Approximately 80% 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. Work also continues to place existing services into a continuum using the Poverty Elimination Framework and the 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, technical assistance to faith based organizations working with the homeless 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. The base of the County's homeless families' shelter rests on faith based organization efforts. As these communities have stepped forward in increasing number to assistance vulnerable households in the community, the need to offer technical assistance to their efforts has increased as well. 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 has resulted in the creation of 1200 units of permanent supportive housing for individual households and 200 units for families.

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 households receiving shelter or housing ¹	1,180	1,200	1,200	1,200
Outcome	% of households served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit ²	93.0%	80.0%	80.0%	90.0%

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, 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
Personnel	\$267,964	\$37,465	\$352,331	\$52,932
Contracts	\$753,071	\$585,542	\$1,068,032	\$548,661
Materials & Supplies	\$4,765	\$6,608	\$12,196	\$0
Internal Services	\$44,973	\$32,441	\$71,179	\$24,968
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,070,773	\$662,056	\$1,503,738	\$626,561
Program Total:	\$1,732,829		\$2,130,299	
Program FTE	2.60	0.40	3.46	0.54
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$16,628	\$0	\$15,897	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$662,056	\$0	\$626,561
Total Revenue:	\$16,628	\$662,056	\$15,897	\$626,561

Explanation of Revenues

\$278,736 HUD Home Safe

\$326,566 OHCSH HSP,LIRHF,SHAP,EHA

\$21,259 PDX General Fund

For all Above FY11 projection is based on anticipated continuation of current FY10 funding level

\$1,503,738 County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

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

In response to significant increase in the number of teen parent households seeking housing across all service systems, capacity for an additional 20 teen parent households to be served will be created in FY 10-11.

In response to increased requests for assistance by faith based organizations to serve homeless populations, one FTE staff position will be created in FY 10-11.

Both of these actions are funded within target. No net increase to overall division County General Fund as a result of these changes.

This program offer includes a 2% inflationary increase of \$ 14,961 over FY10 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.