

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

**Program Contact:** Mary Li

**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Family Warming Center provides basic life and safety services for homeless families with children during the winter months, November through March. Following a successful pilot during FY 08-09, establishment of on-going service capacity for homeless families has become an important component of a fully functioning safety net.

In FY 08-09, more than 2,700 nights of safety were provided to households as a safe, warm alternative to the streets, cars and camping. In FY 09-10, no homeless family was turned away from the Warming Center back into the winter weather.

**Program Description**

The Family Warming Center is one of two sites - one designated for single adults and the other for families with children. The two sites represent a cross jurisdictional collaboration to keep homeless people safe and out of the cold during the winter months from November through March.

The purpose of the Family Warming Center is safety for children and their parents/caregivers who would otherwise find themselves sleeping on the streets, in cars and/or places not meant for human habitation. Based upon the FY 08-09 One Night Shelter and Street Count, 600 families are living on the street or in other substandard situations on any given night.

Year-round shelter capacity is 21 slots for families. Winter shelter capacity provides an additional 12 slots. During severe weather events, there is no additional capacity for families. At maximum system capacity, there is a significant shortage of both beds and access to them in a variety of locations, particularly in East County and N/NE Portland, to meet the need. Ideally, every family would have access to shelter (while working towards permanent housing) when they need it. The reality is that almost none of them do.

The Family Warming Center provides minimum safety from the weather in order to avoid serious health consequences and/or death from exposure. Homeless families with children need shelter from the weather every night during winter. Current funding is inadequate to meet that need. The Family Warming Center seeks to fill that gap by building upon the successful experience operating a pilot project last winter.

**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 bed nights provided, November- March	2,765	6,600	5,610	6,000
Outcome		0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

The Family Warming Center is by definition temporary. Effectiveness is defined by the existence and delivery of the services themselves. The ultimate outcome for this service is that no one dies or experiences serious health consequences due to exposure to winter weather, but this is not measurable.

**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	\$150,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$153,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$150,000</b>		<b>\$153,000</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Total Revenue:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$153,000 - County General Fund

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:** #25134, Family Warming Center

This program offer includes a 2% inflationary increase of \$ 3,000 over FY10 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.