

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Transition Services Unit (TSU) Housing program provides offenders returning to the community from prison 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.

TSU housing provides shelter to an average of 252 offenders a day using several community agencies. 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.

Providing housing to offenders is cost-effective. It costs approximately \$30.00 per day to house an offender in transitional housing, as compared to \$150.00 per day to keep an offender in jail.

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 may be 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 (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	Percent of offenders exiting to safe stable housing	81.0%	84.0%	72.0%	84.0%
Outcome	Percent of offenders not recidivating one year post exit	86.0%	0.0%	86.0%	86.0%

Performance Measure - Description

✔ **Measure Changed**

Outcome is new. Recidivism is a measure of new felony arrests one year post treatment exit using a recidivism rate.

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	\$675,228	\$0	\$733,700	\$0
Contracts	\$1,399,426	\$392,489	\$1,518,907	\$309,063
Materials & Supplies	\$14,020	\$91,329	\$24,814	\$85,834
Internal Services	\$96,780	\$45,189	\$94,254	\$33,527
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,185,454	\$529,007	\$2,371,675	\$428,424
Program Total:	\$2,714,461		\$2,800,099	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$32,029	\$0	\$26,814	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$529,007	\$0	\$428,424
Total Revenue:	\$32,029	\$529,007	\$26,814	\$428,424

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus State Dept of Corrections Subsidy funds \$64,945; State Department of Corrections \$363,479. Funded with \$552,630 of one-time-only general funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50027A, DCJ Adult Offender Housing
For FY 2011, 50 housing beds are being included as one-time-only funded.