

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

The Rapid Re-Housing Initiative (RRI) provides flexible rent and other client assistance, housing placement, and placement retention support to approximately 70 homeless families with children who are living in the Homeless Families' Shelter System and the winter Warming Center, or in a domestic violence emergency shelter.

Services are currently funded through one-time-only contingency funds. This program offer requests to transition these services to ongoing funds.

In FY 10-11, 30 households will be placed using the highly successful 30 Families in 30 days model (30/30), 20 households into Oxford Houses, and 20 households fleeing domestic violence into permanent housing.

Over 90% of households served will remain in permanent housing six months after exit.

Program Description

The county and its service agencies continue to see an increase in homeless families due to the economy. This has not improved since last year, resulting in a demand for services that continues to exceed available funds in all areas, including rent assistance, energy assistance, food, and shelter space.

the Rapid Re-Housing Initiative (RRI) was developed and tested over the past two fiscal years with the goal of: taking proactive steps to mitigate some of the increased need seen in the community and avoid turning vulnerable families away from full shelters; building on what's been learned through the successful 30/30 pilot last year; trying new approaches believed to allow the Homeless Families' Shelter System to quickly serve some of the increase in families seeking shelter; and providing as much service as cost-effectively as possible, the Rapid Re-Housing Initiative (RRI) was developed and tested over the past two fiscal years.

Over 90% of families served through 30/30 have maintained their housing six months after exit.

The Oxford House model has developed as best practice within the addictions treatment field allowing individuals with addictions access to clean and sober permanent housing that emphasizes self empowerment and determination through democratically operated housing. Recently, the model has been used to operate a house for families fleeing domestic violence with good results – the opportunity to develop positive rental histories, receive intensive staff and peer support, share resources with other families, and increase incomes for a move into independent housing.

Oxford Houses are extremely cost-efficient options in comparison to other existing housing options in the current system of care for homeless families. For appropriate households, the Oxford House model offers promising potential to significantly increase the numbers of families rapidly re-housed.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	# of households served	34	70	70	70
Outcome	% of households that remain permanently housed six months after exit ¹	92.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

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	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$325,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$325,000 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:**

Because services have been funded for the past two years, mid fiscal year, with contingency funds, there is not an existing program offer number. Otherwise, there are no significant changes to this program offer.