

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

The Short-Term Rent Assistance System (STRA) provides rent assistance, limited mortgage assistance, and emergency motel vouchers to individual and family households at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

STRA is a collaboration among the county, the City of Portland, and the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) as a key strategy of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

This program offer requests new county investment to match increased funding by HAP (\$500,000) and leverage continued funding from city general funds currently allocated out of ARRA funds (\$1 million).

Approximately 500 additional households will be served and expected to maintain a 97% rate of permanent housing six months after exit.

Program Description

Research shows that prevention of homelessness is a much more effective and efficient use of community resources than intervention once a household has entered homelessness. Local data reinforces this, with exceedingly high housing stability after six months achieved by households who have often accessed less than three months of assistance.

Through the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, the county, the City of Portland, and HAP have integrated the majority of each jurisdiction's rent assistance funding into a single system. The Short-Term Rent Assistance System, managed by HAP on behalf of all partners, executes and manages one contract per provider, and collects one set of data and seeks one set of outcomes - rather than the three or more that used to exist.

Access to services is maintained for both single and family households, as well as culturally specific services for racial/ethnic communities, domestic violence victims, homeless youth, and others.

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	0	0	0	500
Outcome	% of households served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit ¹	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

¹ The city-wide permanent housing rate is 80%, which is our 'next year offer' but our providers consistently report a much higher rate of 97% of households in permanent housing at six months after exit.

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	\$500,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$500,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$500,000 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: