

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Homeless Youth System (HYS) is a highly collaborative system comprised of four non-profit agencies that provide a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment and health services to approximately 1,000 homeless youth up to age 25 annually.

This system is integrated with the public safety system and is a jointly funded collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, the City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau, Citizens Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, the State of Oregon, Outside In, New Avenues for Youth, Janus Youth Programs, Native American Youth & Family Center and the community.

Services ensure that up to 75% of those served exit to safe stable housing and that 75% of those remain in safe, stable housing for at least six months post exit.

Program Description

The HYS provides late stage intervention for 1,000 homeless youth annually through: 24/7 crisis and safety services; shelter; assertive engagement and linkage to long-term community supports; transitional and permanent housing; education and employment services; alcohol, tobacco and other drugs intervention and treatment; and, mental and other health services.

Housing, services, and support to teen parents - both homeless and not - are also provided.

System accountability is managed through the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC), a citizen body appointed by the Chair with representation that includes the Citizen's Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, DHS, Juvenile Rights Project, City of Portland, Health and Community Justice Departments, service providers and homeless youth.

The HYS continues to move forward continued implementation of the Positive Youth Development Assertive Engagement model, evaluating the Logic Model, Fidelity Scale, and data collection metrics.

Homeless youth visibility has a direct impact on citizen perception of safety. Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable to crime, to be preyed upon, or to victimize others as they attempt to survive on the streets. Through joint planning and regular cross jurisdictional meetings, services are exceptionally integrated with public safety and other service systems, with significant community oversight.

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 homeless youth served	1,059	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	% of youth served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit	76.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing with attached appropriate support services, where an individual can stay without time limit.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2011	2011	2012	2012
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$121,170	\$456	\$82,102	\$59
Contracts	\$1,997,544	\$1,094,645	\$2,039,336	\$1,094,645
Materials & Supplies	\$4,054	\$0	\$2,695	\$0
Internal Services	\$19,395	\$8,947	\$14,027	\$9,344
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,142,163	\$1,104,048	\$2,138,160	\$1,104,048
Program Total:	\$3,246,211		\$3,242,208	
Program FTE	1.33	0.00	0.83	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$5,697	\$0	\$4,596	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,104,048	\$0	\$1,104,048
Total Revenue:	\$5,697	\$1,104,048	\$4,596	\$1,104,048

Explanation of Revenues

\$200,578 - HUD Horizons/Pathways: Based on FY11 revised budget

\$903,470 - PDX General Fund: Based on FY11 revised budget

\$2,138,160 - County General Fund

Significant Program ChangesLast year this program was: #25136A, Homeless Youth System