

Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

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Executive Summary

Action for Prosperity (AFP) is a proven program focused on low-income households who are ready and motivated to take action to increase their self-sufficiency and create future prosperity by participating in assertive engagement, training and employment, and housing stability services.

Utilizing ARRA funds, a partnership among Multnomah County, Work Systems, Inc., and Housing Authority of Portland was developed in FY 09-10. Due to the success of the collaboration, the effort to refocus existing anti-poverty funds into alignment with the AFP model has occurred. The Oregon Department of Human Services has been added into the partnership.

This program offer requests additional funding to serve 50 additional low-income households with the Action for Prosperity model. Funding leverages additional funding for housing and workforce development services.

Program Description

Based in anti-poverty services currently provided within the SUNSS Anti-Poverty System, each partner has committed funding to provide services within their core mission and to align that funding with the other partners to provide AFP services across jurisdictions and organizational lines.

Services include: Multnomah County – assertive engagement, flexible client assistance, support for employment liaison; Work Systems, Inc. – dedicated workforce development products, support for employment liaison; Housing Authority of Portland – dedicated rent assistance; and Oregon Department of Human Services flexible client assistance.

The AFP goals are: Targeted assistance for low-income households that places them on the path towards self-sufficiency and future prosperity; alignment of existing service systems to build a comprehensive system of care for that maximizes resources and ensures success; and households have the necessary skills and experience to become self-sufficient and move successfully towards prosperity.

In FY 10-11, 287 households were served. 87% of those served were unemployed and had an income at or below 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. 49% of those served exited to full or part-time employment within 12-18 months.

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	50
Outcome	% of households served that increase their income at exit	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$195,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$195,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$195,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$195,000 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: