

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

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 Home Forward was developed in FY 09-10. Due to the success of the collaboration, an 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 on-going funding to continue to serve 50 African-American and Native American families working to reunite with their children in foster care. The Board of Commissioners funded these services with one-time-only funds and this program offer requests to transition these services to on-going funds. 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.

In addition, services work to address the over-representation of African-American and Native American children in the foster care system by working with their parents to obtain housing, stable employment and parenting skills.

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

In FY 10-11, 287 households were served with AFP. 87% of those served were unemployed and had an income at or below 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. 61% of those served exited to full or part-time employment within 12-18 months.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	# of households served	0	50	60	50
Outcome	% of households served with increased income at exit	0.0%	50.0%	75.0%	75.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Fluctuation in numbers served reflects start-up funding and challenging conditions in which participating households find themselves, requiring additional assertive engagement capacity and thus lowering FTE ratios.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
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 ChangesLast year this program was: #25139B, Action for Prosperity