

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

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, the Family Warming Center, or in a domestic violence shelter.

Services in FY 11-12 are funded through one-time-only funds. This program offer requests to transition these services to ongoing funds.

In FY 11-12, 30 households will be placed using the highly successful 30 Families in 30 days model (30/30), 20 households into Oxford-type housing, and 20 households fleeing domestic violence into permanent housing.

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

Program Description

There continues to be an increase in homeless families due to the economy. In FY 10-11 there was a 35% increase in the number of families with children living on the streets, in cars, or in other places not meant for human habitation. Demand for services continues to exceed available capacity in all areas, including rent assistance, energy assistance, food, and shelter.

Over the past three years, RRI has established effective practices to avoid turning vulnerable families away from full shelters by ending families' homelessness through the successful 30/30 program; trying new approaches with Oxford-type housing; and providing as much service as possible as cost-effectively as possible.

Over 90% of families served through 30/30 maintain their housing 12 months after exit.

Oxford-type housing was 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. The model has successfully been used to establish housing for homeless families and families fleeing domestic violence, resulting in 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. The model is extremely cost-efficient in comparison with other types of housing and for appropriate households, it is an important option.

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	66	70	70	70
Outcome	% of households served that remain in housing 6 months after exit	100.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

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
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
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: #25111C, Rapid Re-Housing Initiative