

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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 Home Forward as a key strategy of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

This program offer requests continuation of current county investment to match increased funding by Home Forward (\$500,000) and leverage continued funding from city general funds (\$500,000).

Approximately 500 additional households will be served and are 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 Home Forward have integrated the majority of each jurisdiction's rent assistance funding into a single system. STRA, managed by Home Forward 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 (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	# of households served	0	500	500	500
Outcome	% of households served who remain in permanent housing 6 months after exit	0.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%

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	\$595,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$595,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$595,000		\$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: #25133E, Short-Term Rent Assistance System