

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This program offer provides \$238,009 in one-time-only pass-through to provide bridge funding for three facilities based transitional housing programs. Bridge funding provides time for non-profit providers to seek other sources for this funding during FY14 as there is no plan to provide this resource in FY15.

Funds provide match for two HUD McKinney grants and rent assistance at a third affordable housing community site, leveraging approximately \$339,984 in federal funds. Approximately 60 households are served annually, 70% of whom remain in permanent housing six months after exit.

Program Description

When funding for these services was first provided over 15 years ago, best practice identified transitional housing as an effective intervention for homeless families with children. As research has continued to explore what really works and new models have been developed, there has been a trend nationally to move away from traditional transitional housing programs. Current research and experience, both nationally and locally, point to a Housing First/Rapid Re-Housing approach as significantly more effective for a greater range of family situations. In fact, HUD McKinney funds are moving away from funding transitional housing as a priority.

Locally, the three housing sites have been developed and operated collaboratively with our jurisdictional partners - Home Forward and Portland Housing Bureau. Any reduction of current funds destabilizes the buildings and potentially impacts aligned investments and leverage.

In order to ensure that any changes or re-modeling of current programs are implemented in a timely fashion, bridge funds are needed to give all stakeholders time to pursue hard conversations about best use of shared resources, as well as time for current providers to seek other sources of funding for this match and subsidy. Bridge funding protects the building assets and current housing for homeless families which are important resources to the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	# of households served	98	60	60	60
Outcome	% of households served who remain in permanent housing 6 months after exit	85.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing with attached appropriate support services, where a household 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	2013	2013	2014	2014
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$238,009	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$238,009	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$238,009	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$238,009 County General Fund (OTO)

Significant Program Changes **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #25133A, Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations
 This program offer is included as a one-time-only offer for FY14.