

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$30,000 of pass-through to continue FY13 contingency funding for flexible funds used to assist the Veterans' Administration (VA) in fully utilizing all available Section 8 vouchers for homeless veterans.

Program Description

The local Veterans' Administration has struggled to fully utilize Section 8 vouchers specifically prioritized for homeless veterans. In FY13 a task force of stakeholders - government, providers, advocates, and others - convened to address the barriers to full utilization.

A significant barrier identified was the lack of flexible funding to facilitate VA case management staff placing veterans into permanent housing. Expenses such as security deposits, cleaning deposits, move-in costs, first and last month rent could not easily be covered through VA resources and when able to be covered were not immediately available to their staff.

In order to eliminate this barrier, the County, the City of Portland, Home Forward and the United Way each contributed funding for use by VA case managers. Access to these funds was managed through Home Forward and the Short-Term Rent Assistance (STRA) system.

Early results have been encouraging in terms of an increase in the numbers of veteran households able to use their housing voucher.

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 veterans served	0	0	71	75
Outcome	% of veterans served who successfully use their housing voucher	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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	2013	2013	2014	2014
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$30,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$30,000 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:**

New program offer. This program was funded in mid FY13 via a budget modification. This program offer requests ongoing funding for this program.