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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Reinforcing the A Home for Everyone commitment to the provision of emergency shelter for vulnerable populations, this program continues funding the Homeless Youth Continuum’s (HYC) Access Center that provides low-barrier, immediate access to 60 crisis and short-term shelter options, day programs, and 24-hour coordinated access to screening, crisis and basic needs services for youth in Multnomah County. Through the Access Center, shelter and day programs, linkages are provided to a continuum of services and supports for the youth population.

Program Summary

The HYC is a highly collaborative and coordinated system comprised of four nonprofit agencies, including a culturally specific agency, that provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment, pregnancy and parenting support, and health services to youth up to age 25.

Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable as they attempt to survive on the streets. Over 40% of homeless youth have prior involvement in Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Juvenile Justice system, and a significant number have experienced complex trauma. Ensuring a 24-hour safety net for these youth is critical to addressing basic needs and providing linkage to longer term care options within the HYC.

The Access Center is co-located with the shelter programs and provides centralized screening via mobile and stationary staff who make eligibility determinations and refer youth to HYC programs or other appropriate systems of care. Emergency shelter is provided through a downtown-located facility with capacity for 60 people, except in winter when capacity increases to 70. All youth residing in shelter have access to meals, hygiene, information/referral, and assertive engagement (case management) services.

Day Programs are available at two locations and offer meals, hygiene, access to computers, transportation, assessment for service needs, and provide opportunities for further engagement in system services. An average of 150 youth participate in Day Programs on a daily basis.

The HYC service model is based on an assertive engagement practice that follows the principles of Positive Youth Development, and ensures services are client directed, strength-based, nonjudgmental and offer relational continuity. Services are integrated with public safety and other service systems, ensuring joint planning and coordination in addressing the needs of this population.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of youth screened via the Access Center	520	600	600	600
Outcome	Number of youth provided with Safety Services	1,374	1,200	1,200	1,200
Output	Number of shelter bed nights	22,430	22,500	22,500	22,500
Output	Number of youth served in crisis and short-term shelter	625	650	650	650

Performance Measures Descriptions

Shelter was at a 94% average capacity over this time span. The number of youth served in shelter was slightly under-target due to longer lengths of stay in shelter (and therefore fewer youth served) caused by a lack of affordable housing options in which to place youth. Average length of stay was 43 days in crisis and short term shelter combined.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$74,187	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,500,810	\$245,690	\$1,544,353	\$245,530
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,500,810	\$245,690	\$1,618,540	\$245,530
Program Total:	\$1,746,500		\$1,864,070	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$245,690	\$0	\$245,530
Total Revenue	\$0	\$245,690	\$0	\$245,530

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund - \$245,530

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 10052G-20 Safety off the Streets - Youth Shelter