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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Several A Home for Everyone workgroups identified diversion as a critical strategy to reduce the number of people experiencing street and shelter homelessness in our community. This program continues existing capacity to divert people from homelessness through partnerships with the domestic violence system, the family system, the corrections and healthcare systems, as well as 211info. Together these investments will divert hundreds of men, women and children from street and shelter homelessness.

Program Summary

Diversion programs vary by implementation, but have in common the assessment of an individual who is facing living on the streets or in shelter to determine whether they have a housing option they could access with a modest, typically one-time, investment. Diversion is recognized nationally and locally as a critical tool in reducing street and shelter homelessness.

- Family Diversion has been a successful intervention for both preventing families from coming to emergency shelter and moving families out of shelter quickly. All families are surveyed to determine if they have an immediate housing option and, if so, diversion resources are used to help them capitalize on that opportunity.
- Corrections Diversion resources are directed to people leaving incarceration through a partnership with DCJ that offers access to employment, treatment, and housing assistance resources to ensure that they do not become homeless. 42% of participants are from communities of color.
- DV Diversion services focus on preventing homelessness and diverting domestic violence survivors and their children from shelters through eviction prevention or housing placement. Diversion services offer flexible, rapid responses that allows survivors to avoid the trauma and safety risks of becoming homeless. These services reach hundreds of survivors annually and serve a diverse population, with 75% identifying as people of color.
- Hospital Diversion partners with the hospital system to provide essential rental assistance and care coordination resources to hospital discharge workers to allow patients to discharge to housing options and not to the streets or shelter.
- Transportation Program diverts individuals from the streets and shelter through one-time transportation assistance to a location where they have a verified housing option. Most commonly this program reunites individuals with family in other communities.
- Benefit Assistance serves homeless and formerly homeless individuals with assistance in securing Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), and/or Medicaid and Medicare benefits. A team of disability specialists, and a workflow system with federal and local benefits agencies, streamline and expedite the application process. When individuals are awarded benefits, not only do they have income which helps them pay for housing, they are awarded Medicaid which brings a tremendous amount of resources to the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of participants receiving diversion services	1,558	1,495	1,845	1,830
Outcome	% of DV survivors exiting to permanent housing	95%	95%	95%	95%
Output	Number of DV survivors diverted from homelessness	215	215	215	250

Performance Measures Descriptions

This program offer supports multiple diversion programs, with various outcome measures. We're highlighting outcomes for the Domestic Violence diversion program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$601,970	\$1,356,060	\$657,710	\$1,466,815
Total GF/non-GF	\$601,970	\$1,356,060	\$657,710	\$1,466,815
Program Total:	\$1,958,030		\$2,124,525	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,356,060	\$0	\$1,466,815
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,356,060	\$0	\$1,466,815

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$1,466,815

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 10055A Diversion