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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Social services providers have experienced challenges in providing support in the downtown area due to the increase in critical incidents that impact safety for those experiencing homelessness, provider teams, area businesses and other community members. These incidents interfere with service provision, such as meal services, which are vital supports for community members. The Downtown Peer Services Partnership program is a partnership between the County and multiple provider agencies and provides peer support and provider coordination to decrease critical incidents and support individual's connection to behavioral health resources.

Program Summary

This program supports the Downtown Peer Services Partnership (DPS) which provides peer support focused on: recovery, hope, personal responsibility, self-determination, positive social connection and increasing natural support, and to improve the interconnection between service agencies. This program is a response to the escalation in behavioral health symptoms, acuity and impacts of illicit drug use observed in individuals experiencing homelessness in the downtown area who are living in an environment of great instability, inhumane living conditions, and violence. Clients, local residents, business owners, and service providers are experiencing an unprecedented risk of harm and injury to staff and property. Daily disruptions to aid delivery now requires nonprofit service providers to invest scarce resources in emergency additional staffing and security.

The goal of the program is to create a shared team of mental health and peer support specialists in collaboration with nonprofit social service agencies located in the Old Town and Pearl District neighborhoods. The team will provide rapid response intervention and services to the people experiencing homelessness and poverty that are served by these agencies.

The program has been designed by community partners and peers with an equity lens, recognizing that Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) are disproportionately represented among homeless persons who are also experiencing behavioral health challenges.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	# of enrolled or intentionally engaged persons ¹	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW
Outcome	% reduction in critical incidents from baseline ²	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹# of enrolled or intentionally engaged clients will be tracked in the program pilot to determine a baseline
²# of critical incidents will be tracked in the program pilot to determine a baseline

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,100,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: