

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

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PROGRAM GOAL: DCHS will provide direct financial support to approximately 6,900 households using unconditional cash transfer whenever possible, recognizing that households understand their most pressing financial needs, which may include; food, living expenses, housing, debt, childcare, transportation, medical, etc.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Three DCHS divisions will work with community partners and through their programs to distribute funds to community members using tools that have been developed over the past year, such as: grocery/gift cards; direct payment of key expenses; prepaid credit cards; direct electronic transfers; etc. DCHS will focus this funding on BIPOC communities, building on relationships with culturally-specific community-based organizations that each division has established through public engagement and procurement processes. Following is the list of how funds will be utilized: ADVSD: \$446,000 for utility, uncovered medical and prescription expenses to serve 550 older adults or people with disabilities. IDSD: \$385,000 to provide assistance for 650 clients and 100 direct care providers. YFS Bienestar: \$1,050,000 client assistance to 2,100 households provided via the weekly Mercado. YFS: \$3,519,000 client assistance to 3,500 households via Domestic Violence, SUN Service System (SUNSS), Preschool Families and Housing & Immigration program participants.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of households served	N/A	5,850	5,850	6,900
Outcome	Percentage of recipients from Black, Indigenous or People of Color communities	N/A	80%	80%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$97,831	\$0	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,758,169	\$0	\$5,400,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,856,000	\$0	\$5,400,000
Program Total:	\$4,856,000		\$5,400,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,856,000	\$0	\$5,400,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,856,000	\$0	\$5,400,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$5,400,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25399P ARP - DCHS Client Assistance

This program addresses the County's priority of Crisis Response & Community Recovery. These funds will provide client assistance directly to individuals and families, with a focus of providing unconditional cash transfer whenever possible. Funds will be targeted to communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic: BIPOC, immigrants and refugees, older adults and people with disabilities.

The funding is increased in FY 2023 to serve an additional 1,050 households. The FY 2022 budget included funding to serve 5,850 households and is increased to serve 6,900 households in FY 2023.