



Program #40084B - Culturally Specific Mobile Outreach and STP FY 2024 Proposed

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Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Culturally-specific outpatient mental health services provide treatment for five under-served communities in our county (Pacific Islander, African-American, Eastern European, Latino, and Native-American). The Black/African American community has encountered difficulty finding behavioral health treatment that incorporates their culture, tradition, and values. It is well documented and known that Black/African Americans are over-represented in the criminal justice system and have very limited culturally specific support to address their needs. This offer is an enhancement to create African American culturally-specific capacity for the community.

Program Description

The system of care built and maintained by Multnomah County must reflect the demographics of those we serve to ensure that all members of our community have treatment options that incorporate specific cultural needs. Black/African Americans are overrepresented in correctional facilities and the criminal justice system. Black/African Americans continue to face stigma and discrimination. These negative experiences, combined with a lack of access to culturally-affirming and informed care, result in multiple health disparities for the population. Thus, there is an urgent need to provide inclusive, high-quality behavioral health services so that they can achieve the highest possible level of health. Culturally-specific services address mental health concerns through early access to culturally appropriate treatment including promising practices, culturally appropriate outreach, engagement, and treatment services.

This funding will create capacity for a Black/African American Mobile Behavioral Health team to serve justice involved individuals re-entering the community from incarceration. The team will consist of a master’s level mental health provider, a certified addictions counselor and a peer support specialist. The scope of services will include outreach and engagement, home visits, mental health or substance use screening/assessments, individual therapy/counseling, care coordination, and peer support. Permitting for the new site and a variety of site issues have delayed the full opening. During this time a temporary site was selected and was ready for a limited number of clients and referrals as of the end of November.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Total number of individuals served	N/A	50	22	50
Outcome	% of referrals accepted into the program (1)	N/A	90%	N/A	90%
Outcome	Individuals placed in or retained in residential services, transitional and/or permanent housing or higher care.	N/A	90%	N/A	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The program is still in the pilot phase and is not fully operational. Available values are based on limited portions of the current program that have already started.
(1) Percentage of referrals that are accepted into the program which demonstrates that the referral process is effective and well-communicated.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$738,800	\$0	\$764,942	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$738,800	\$0	\$764,942	\$0
Program Total:	\$738,800		\$764,942	
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: FY 2023: 40084B Culturally Specific Mobile Outreach and STP