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

Executive Summary

The Sobering program provides a safe, secure holding environment for persons who are publicly intoxicated due to alcohol or drug abuse. As these individuals regain their functionality, staff encourages them to seek further care. The Sobering program has more than 6,000 annual admissions.

Program Summary

The Sobering program is a multi-jurisdictionally-funded community resource that operates 24 hours day, 7 days/week. The program provides special emphases on ethnic minorities, people who are homeless, and women. Program staff are appropriately licensed and credentialed (ex.: Emergency Medical Technicians) and knowledgeable about acute alcohol/drug intoxication/withdrawal and emergency first aid techniques. The Sobering program serves more than 6,000 clients annually. The average length of stay is 5.5 hours.

The Sobering program serves a public safety function by providing a medically monitored environment in which these individuals become responsive to their surroundings while they are protected from abuse and neglect. This program reduces the use of critical and finite police, fire and emergency services. The Sobering program includes the CHIERS (Central City Concern Hooper Inebriate Emergency Response Service) mobile outreach van, funded by the City of Portland, which transports intoxicated persons to the program.

The Sobering program also serves a behavioral health function by providing a point of intervention for publicly intoxicated individuals. Before the person is released, staff gives them information about chemical dependency, alcohol and drug treatment options, and access to additional health care.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Total Admissions ¹	6,464	6,500	7,000	6,500
Outcome	Percentage of clients that successfully discharge ²	100%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Total admissions to Sobering were declining for 3 years (FY 11 = 7,152, FY 12 = 6,806, and FY13 = 6,464), but may have leveled off. ² A successful discharge includes: a) no deaths in sobering (the program had one death seven years ago); and b) clients are cognizant of surroundings and no longer in immediate danger of harm to self or others.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Contractual Services	\$657,892	\$0	\$657,892	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$657,892	\$0	\$657,892	\$0
Program Total:	\$657,892		\$657,892	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

\$657,892 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 25091 Sobering