

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 25115A - Benefit Recovery Program  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

This offer expands capacity for benefits acquisition programs for individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Program Summary**

Benefits acquisition programs are a proven intervention that help individuals access benefits to which they are entitled. Disabled individuals receive targeted assistance to apply for and obtain federal benefits such as SSI, SSDI and Medicaid. On average, these programs help disabled individuals obtain benefits 14 years earlier than they would on their own.

Benefits acquisition programs provide a strong return on investment, pumping millions of federal dollars into the local economy and reducing costs in emergency systems such as shelters, emergency department and jails.

This offer will provide benefit recovery services to 75 individuals who are homeless and lacking disability benefits. Services include application assistance, procurement of background documentation and medical records, representation at hearings and application follow-up.

Benefit Recovery was identified as an effective strategy to reduce and prevent homelessness and is included in the A Home for Everyone budget priorities.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of individuals will receive application services	N/A	N/A	N/A	80
Outcome	Number of individuals will receive benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	75
Outcome	Number of individuals will be stably housed after receipt of benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: