

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25133
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$300,000 to support 3 FTE Program Specialists, and \$300,000 to form a pool of flexible assistance funds for first year phase in of an interdepartmental team. Flex funds will be managed at the Department level to provide housing stabilization, eviction prevention, rent assistance, and housing placement that will prevent an additional 150 households of the Department's most vulnerable clients - DD families, veterans ineligible for VASH, people impacted by foreclosure, and high-risk seniors - from becoming homeless.

Program Summary

The County has made tremendous progress within the last three years in addressing the challenges of homelessness - particularly for youth and families. While much more is needed to be done, the "Home for Everyone" shared governance initiative is in place and working to developing an action plan to provide future recommendations. As successful as past efforts have been, they are often focused on crisis - once someone becomes homeless, how quickly can they leave the streets to be placed in housing, and once placed how long can they remain stably and permanently housed?

In order to stem the inflow of those becoming newly homeless, affordable housing and anti-poverty strategies such as stability, safety, economic security need to be developed and implemented. In every system of care within the Department, the number one unmet need is affordable housing - without which the Department will fail in its core mission, and the inflow of newly homeless people will continue.

The DCHS Housing Team will work under the management of an existing Program Manager to achieve cross-departmental:

- Data collection and evaluation related to economic security, safety, affordable housing, and housing stability
- Community based planning, messaging, and advocacy related to economic security and housing stabilization
- TA for DCHS direct service staff and contract providers to better understand: the current system of affordable housing resources, how to effectively access them, and housing stabilization, eviction prevention, rent assistance, housing placement strategies, and direct work with targeted populations to receive and/or stabilize housing
- Collaboration and alignment with HFE strategies to house the homeless
- Develop strategic policy and practice that support maximum development of affordable housing capacity in the community
- Analysis and response to the over-representation of people of color, families with children, and women in the near-homeless population

Annualized cost in year two is expected to be \$400,000 to support 4 FTE Program Specialists and \$500,000 to prevent 300 households from becoming homeless.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of households served	-	-	-	150
Outcome	Percentage of households served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit	-	-	-	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Permanent housing is long-term community-based with attached appropriate support services, where a household can stay without time limit.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$259,935	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$319,065	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$21,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$600,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: