

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

The Homeless Youth System (HYS) is a highly collaborative system comprised of four non-profit agencies that provide a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment, and health services over 1,000 homeless youth up to age 25 annually.

Program Summary

This system is integrated with the public safety system, and is a jointly funded collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, the City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau, Citizens Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, the State of Oregon, Outside In, New Avenues for Youth, Janus Youth Programs, Native American Youth & Family Center, and the community.

Services ensure that up to 75% of those served exit to safe stable housing, and that 80% of those remain in safe, stable housing for at least six months after exit from service.

The HYS provides late stage intervention for over 1,000 homeless youth annually through: 24/7 crisis and safety services; shelter; assertive engagement and linkage to long-term community supports; transitional and permanent housing; education and employment services; mental health and addictions treatment engagement support; and other health services. Housing, services, and support to teen parents - both homeless and not - are also provided.

System accountability is managed through the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC), a citizen body appointed by the Chair with representation that includes the Citizen's Crime Commission, Portland Business Alliance, DHS, Portland Police Bureau, City of Portland, Health and Community Justice Departments, service providers, and homeless youth.

The HYS continues to implement the Positive Youth Development Assertive Engagement model, using a System Logic Model, Fidelity Scale, and data collection reports to monitor progress made.

Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable to crime, to be preyed upon, or to victimize others as they attempt to survive on the streets. Through joint planning and regular cross jurisdictional meetings, services are integrated with public safety and other service systems, with significant community oversight.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY14 Actual | FY15 Purchased | FY15 Estimate | FY16 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of youth served | 1,214 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Outcome | Percentage of youth served who remain in permanent housing six months after exit | 94% | 80% | 80% | 80% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

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

Legal / Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 |
| Personnel | \$86,097 | \$6,515 | \$88,843 | \$0 |
| Contractual Services | \$1,463,474 | \$2,523,914 | \$1,506,749 | \$2,510,848 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$465 | \$1,026 | \$1,964 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$5,927 | \$32,955 | \$5,837 | \$38,332 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$1,555,963 | \$2,564,410 | \$1,603,393 | \$2,549,180 |
| Program Total: | \$4,120,373 | | \$4,152,573 | |
| Program FTE | 0.83 | 0.00 | 0.83 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Indirect for Dept. Admin | \$17,501 | \$0 | \$24,034 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$1,560,387 | \$0 | \$1,534,538 |
| Total Revenue | \$17,501 | \$1,560,387 | \$24,034 | \$1,534,538 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$296,618 - HUD Home Safe: Based on current grant award \$210,681 - HUD Horizons/Pathways: Based on current grant award \$143,239 - OHCSD EHA: Based on current grant award \$884,000 - PDX General Fund: Based on current grant award \$1,014,642 - Video Lottery Funds

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 25136A Homeless Youth System (HYS)