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

Executive Summary

The Youth Stability and Homelessness Prevention Services serve youth under the age of 18. The goal of these services is to prevent youth homelessness and promote housing stability and safety. This includes ensuring youth at risk of leaving their current home are able to engage in services that stabilize their living situation and prevent exposure to homelessness as well as providing that youth who have already left or been kicked out can return home or connect quickly with supports and emergency housing. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Youth under the age of 18 need immediate supports and intervention services that are responsive to their specific crisis and emergency housing needs that are mobile and culturally appropriate.

PROGRAM GOAL: The overall goal is to provide immediate supports for youth under the age of 18 who are at risk of unaccompanied homelessness, who have already left home on their own or have been kicked out of their home. For youth who have already left their home, supports will focus on their returning home or emergency housing placement. The program supports youth to stay in school and prevents them from unnecessary involvement in juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program delivers services in alignment and collaboration with community organizations and institutions who also support and/or serve youth under the age of 18. Services are focused in three areas:

- 1) Access & Outreach - the community will have 24/7 access to services via text and phone services. Mobile response is available to meet youth in person, as needed, and provide transportation. Outreach is conducted through school counselors, school district homeless liaisons, culturally specific and other youth-serving organizations, DHS, and law enforcement.
- 2) Crisis and Stability Support - this includes needs and safety assessment, emotional support, crisis intervention, safety planning, family mediation and reunification (when possible and appropriate), and connection to a broad array of support services.
- 3) Emergency Housing - Overnight emergency housing options and short term case management services for youth who are in emergency housing.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, these service providers have played a critical role in supporting youth to navigate complex systems. All of these activities ensure that at risk youth have the support they need to stay housed and avoid homelessness.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY20 Actual | FY21 Budgeted | FY21 Estimate | FY22 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of youth engaged in service | 33 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Outcome | Percent of youth who identify at least one supportive adult outside of the YSHP program. at exit | 100% | 80% | 80% | 80% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output lower in FY 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program began in February 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic shifted service delivery methods and impacted service engagement through June.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2021 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 |
| Contractual Services | \$588,888 | \$100,000 | \$600,077 | \$100,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$588,888 | \$100,000 | \$600,077 | \$100,000 |
| Program Total: | \$688,888 | | \$700,077 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$100,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$100,000 - OCCF Youth Investment

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 25138 YFS - Youth Stability & Homelessness Prevention Services