

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

Executive Summary

The Youth Stability and Homelessness Prevention Services program serves youth under the age of 18. The program offers services to both prevent homelessness as well as support those who are homeless. For those at risk of leaving their current home, the services can help them stabilize their living situation and prevent homelessness. For those who have left, been kicked out or cannot return, the program can provide a rapid response and ensure youth have support and emergency housing. The services are contracted to nonprofits who have track records of serving youth with high quality and culturally appropriate services. This program offer would increase the number of available emergency beds from 4 beds to 8 beds, and provide funding for the staffing needed to expand emergency shelter capacity.

Program Summary

ISSUE: The dynamics and consequences of homelessness can be different for youth than adults. For instance, for youth, homelessness impacts their education and ability to attend or stay in school. Youth need support and services that are tailored to their age, developmental stage, culture and specific circumstances. This program currently has 4 available emergency shelter beds for youth who are unable to remain with family, and need a place to stay until their situation is stabilized. The program is experiencing capacity issues, which is counter to the goal to avoid turning away youth who are on the streets. Adding additional beds is important to ensure youth can remain off the streets.

PROGRAM GOAL: This program addresses the need for services that are tailored to youth who are at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness. The program supports youth so they can stay in school and works to prevent involvement in juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program contracts with community organizations who serve youth under age 18 and prioritizes funding culturally specific organizations. The services focus on three areas:

- 1) Access and Outreach: Text and phone services that are available around the clock, 7 days a week. Mobile response is also available to connect with youth in person and provide transportation if needed. Outreach is conducted at schools as well as youth-serving organizations, DHS and law enforcement.
- 2) Crisis and Stability Support: Needs and safety assessment, emotional support, crisis intervention, safety planning, family mediation and reunification (when possible and appropriate). It also includes connecting youth to a range of other services to promote safety and stability.
- 3) Emergency Housing: Overnight emergency housing options and short term case management services for youth who are in emergency housing.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of beds available for youth 12-17	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Outcome	Percent of youth who identify at least one supportive adult outside of the YSHP program. at exit	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$600,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: