

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

Executive Summary

The Family Independence Initiative (FII) creates opportunities for families to thrive through self-driven activities and social networks. This offer continues an FII pilot which began in FY2018 by continuing to support families already engaged in the program and to fully understand the impacts of this innovative model begun through the pilot.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Social service programs often operate from a needs, or deficit, focus by offering ready-made solutions for individuals and families who are experiencing poverty. These strategies overlook the creative ways in which families achieve their goals and the strength of communities to lift people into prosperity. Emerging research demonstrates that when families work from their strengths to create their own support networks, share resources and provide mutual support to one another, they can move toward their goals for economic and social mobility.

PROGRAM GOALS: The goal of the Family Independence Initiative (FII) is for families to use resources they identify and share rather than relying on pre-determined social service resources. The Initiative reinforces that each family knows its own most effective pathway to general well-being, providing an invitation and trusted space to pursue that path and create a series of steps to empowerment and autonomy.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Department will continue the contract with the Family Independence Initiative, a national nonprofit that offers results-based and participant-driven solutions to increasing economic and social mobility. FII creates an environment where families come together, empower themselves and are trusted to improve their lives, in their own way. As families take initiative, they gain access to resources that can accelerate their efforts. By providing a structure and a robust data platform, FII creates a strategy that is family-owned with a data feedback loop and opportunities to thrive toward economic prosperity. As the contractor, FII provides technical assistance, guidance, and operational support to facilitate the continuation of this Pilot project in Multnomah County.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	# families engaged in FII in 2nd year	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
Outcome	Average increase in family income post participation	N/A	N/A	N/A	25%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$100,000	
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: FY 2018: 25000 Director's Office

This Pilot program was funded through the DCHS Director's office and was part of the Multnomah Idea Lab. The program was moved to the YFS Division mid-year. The grant funds to support the Pilot end at the end of FY18. CGF is requested to continue the Pilot for the families. The Family Independence Initiative will also seek matching dollars to sustain the Pilot.