

Program #25149B - SUN Youth Advocacy Program Funding Enhancement 4/15/2016

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$304,561 to restore funding in SUN Youth Advocacy services for two culturally specific populations: Native American and Asian Pacific Islander youth. The reduction in funding for these two populations (from FY16 levels) is an unintended consequence of changes in the SUN Service System allocation methodology that have been implemented through the recent Request for Proposals issued in 2015.

Program Summary

This funding sustains current levels of youth advocacy services for Native American and Asian Pacific Islander youth within the SUN Service System in FY17. Investment in these services means that 200 Native and API youth who are currently receiving critical supports to ensure their success in school and life will continue to have that assistance next year. Given the significant and persistent educational disparities facing youth of color, it is clear that more - and not fewer - youth advocacy services are needed for every population. This service is frequently requested by schools and within community. Given the overall goal of the SUN Service System to more deeply support culturally specific services and supports, with this investment, no culturally specific community will see a significant reduction in current youth advocacy supports as a result of the RFP.

As context for this request, the SUN Service System updated and changed its allocation methodologies in the recently released Request for Proposals in two ways. First, overall 60% of the system's total resources are now allocated for culturally specific services (up from 33%). Second, percents for each specific culturally specific population were changed to reflect current population numbers, using updated American Community Survey data. Those changes included a significant increase in percentage of funding allocated to Latinos and corresponding decreases in Native American and Asian Pacific Islander portions.

As a result of applying the data-informed changes in percentages for specific populations to each of the four SUN Service System program areas, two populations experienced a significant reduction in allocation in one program area: SUN Youth Advocacy. For the Native American community, the result was a \$217,300 reduction, which means approximately 3.5 FTE staff reduction, and 140 youth no longer engaging in academic and life support services. For the Asian Pacific Islander community, the per population percent allocation meant a reduction of \$87,261 for that community. This translates into a reduction of 1.5 staff, and over 60 youth no longer able to engage in this service.

In FY17, DCHS will lead a strategic effort to consider all of the County's investments that support educational success of youth, and to define a broader strategic approach to educational partnerships and contributions.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of youth served	N/A	N/A	N/A	180
Outcome	Percent youth who consistently attend school (90% or more)*	N/A	N/A	N/A	65%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*outcomes are analyzed for students who participate for 45 days or more and have 15 hours of service.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$304,561	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$304,561	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$304,561	
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: