

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

This offer requests \$250,000 to support innovative approaches to achieving positive youth and educational outcomes by creating opportunities to adapt the SUN model to include new, effective strategies with a focus on equity and on youth who are engaged in alternative learning settings.

Program Summary

SUN Innovation Services intends to invest in strategies that focus on youth and their families to support academic success. This investment will support services for students engaged in alternative learning settings (alternative schools or Charter Schools, for example), or other areas where students may not have access to traditional services offered through the SUN Service System.

Multnomah County has a number of community based organizations effectively engaging culturally specific populations. Some of these organizations have developed promising programs that support academic success. These programs are generally not part of an "evidence-based" model, per se, given that many evidence-based models have not been developed with culturally specific populations. These are organizationally developed innovative practices that have demonstrated positive results for culturally specific populations. The SUN Division requests County General Funds to fund two or three such projects. The intent is to support the expansion of these innovative practices and develop or build on evaluation approaches that exist within those organizations to further document success.

An example of an area to seed innovation includes alternative schools. Alternative schools serve the most at-risk and disadvantaged youth including those who have dropped out, been suspended or expelled, are pregnant or parenting, have given up on school, and those who need special behavioral or academic help. The student populations are typically highly racially and ethnically diverse. Academic and life outcomes for these students are significantly worse overall than for students in traditional high schools, with some alternative schools having graduation rates as low as 13%. Many alternative school students experience barriers to receiving services in traditional schools or other institutional locations. Pursuing an innovative approach within the SUN Service System to address the needs and barriers of this student population could contribute significantly to improvement in outcomes.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	# of innovative projects	NA	NA	NA	3
Outcome	% 12th graders who graduate or return for 5th year	NA	NA	NA	40%

Performance Measures Descriptions

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	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$250,000	
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: