

Division: Safety off and on the Streets

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) is a collaborative and coordinated system of nonprofit organizations, including those who provide culturally specific services. Its goal is to provide a comprehensive range of services to youth up to age 25 who are experiencing homelessness. To ensure the well-being of these youth, the system provides a 24-hour safety net through a centralized Access Center, where mobile and stationary staff conduct screening. These staff determine eligibility and refer youth to appropriate HYC programs or other systems of care.

This program offer funds nighttime shelters, day spaces, and associated services in those locations, including meals, hygiene resources, information/referral services, and case management. Emergency shelter is available at a downtown facility, which can accommodate up to 60 individuals, or up to 70 during the winter months.

Implementation of a motel vouchers program has provided a new resource that allows for bridge housing when shelter is at capacity or not appropriate. Additionally, Day Programs are offered at three locations and provide safety off the streets. The HYC service model is based on assertive engagement and follows the principles of Positive Youth Development. It ensures that services are client-directed, strength-based, non-judgmental, and provide relational continuity.

Equity Statement

Homeless youth are especially vulnerable as they navigate the challenges of living on the streets. Achieving racial equity is a core goal. All shelters must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, and culturally responsive or specific programming with a goal of reducing racial disparities across the system of care. Motel vouchers further advance equity by providing a non-congregate alternative for youth who feel unsafe in traditional shelters.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$95,592	\$0	\$98,726
Contractual Services	\$1,388,100	\$2,469,260	\$209,565	\$3,525,090
Internal Services	\$0	\$46,535	\$0	\$74,686
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,388,100	\$2,611,387	\$209,565	\$3,698,502
Total Expenses:	\$3,999,487		\$3,908,067	
Program FTE	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,611,387	\$0	\$2,474,157
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,224,345
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,611,387	\$0	\$3,698,502

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of unduplicated participants served	452	500	500
Number of emergency shelter units	85	85	85