

## Program #50041 - Mental Health Pilot - Supportive Housing

Innovative/New Program

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**Department:** Community Justice **Program Offer Type:** Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

## **Executive Summary**

This pilot will provide 20 beds of supportive housing and case management to offenders with mental illness toward the goal of reducing jail admissions. For offenders who are mentally ill and commit low level crimes leading to incarceration, providing housing with treatment and other community services will better address community stability and improve chances for long term change. Repeated jail stays are more costly, may promote instability, and do not result in long term change.

## **Program Summary**

The supportive housing pilot will provide a combination of housing and services intended to help offenders with mental illness live more stable lives and avoid repeated incarceration for low level criminal behavior. Supportive housing is coupled with social services such as: mental health treatment, job training, life skills training, alcohol and drug abuse programs, community support services (e.g., child care, educational programs, social activities), and case management to create stability and to assist offenders with multiple needs receive appropriate community services and treatment.

Research shows that these offenders are likely to have continued contact with the corrections system. The use of supportive housing has been shown to be cost-effective resulting in reductions in the use of shelter, ambulance, police/jail, health care, emergency room, behavior health, and other service costs. For example, a study of homeless people in New York City with serious mental illness found that providing supportive housing to the individuals directly resulted in a 60% decrease in emergency shelter use for clients, as well as decreases in the use of public medical and mental health services, city jails, and state prisons.

According to a 2007 study done by the National Alliance to End Homelessness supportive housing helps tenants increase their incomes, work more, get arrested less, make more progress toward recovery, and become more active, valued and productive members of their communities.

Performar	Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer					
Output	Average number of offenders housed monthly	new	new	new	20					
Outcome	Percent offenders not booked in jail while being housed	new	new	new	95%					

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$365,000	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$365,000	\$0	
Program Total: \$0		0	\$365,000		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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

# **Explanation of Revenues**

General Fund

# Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: