



Program #40061C - Harm Reduction Street Outreach Team FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Neisha Saxena
Program Offer Type: New Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 40010A, 40010B
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

The Harm Reduction Street Outreach Team acts as a very low barrier access point for health supplies, HIV/STD testing, and referrals for substance use treatment or medication supported recovery for houseless and housing insecure people who use drugs. Harm Reduction Street Outreach staff engage with houseless community members daily and work hard to provide a safe and trusted point of contact to people who otherwise might not seek services. As a non-judgemental and non-coercive strategy, harm reduction works well alongside a housing-first approach to ensure clients have access to basic needs to facilitate their health journey.

Program Description

The Harm Reduction Program is experienced and skilled at working with people who use drugs to deliver a welcoming, non-judgemental, and non-coercive array of services aimed at reducing the potential harms associated with substance use and misuse. A team of outreach oriented harm reductionists will work with internal and external partners to identify available long-term housing options for clients including supportive housing, housing-based treatment programs, recovery houses, as well as short-term housing options as needed.

This team will ensure person-centered and trauma-informed contact with eligible clients. Staff will leverage distributed cell phones and incentivized meetings to increase client communication. Staff will be working in the field every working day to locate potential clients and to maintain meaningful connection. Many clients require a level of trust before they can begin to make this sort of commitment, and our staff are aware that many people will help you find them if they want to be found. In addition, this team will continue to provide routine harm reduction services, such as distributing naloxone, providing safer injection supplies, as well as technical assistance for housing-focused community partners who are interested in furthering the mission of the Harm Reduction Program.

This team will be supported by 4 Community Health Specialist 2, 1 Program Specialist, and 1 Program Supervisor. CHS2 would conduct outreach services through foot-based and community partnership efforts to identify clients, conduct assessments, and support housing access. The Program Specialist will provide scheduling and operations support and create and maintain data systems. The Program Supervisor, in addition to other duties, will act as liaison to JOHS and housing advocates.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of new enrollees into exchange/naloxone database	N/A	N/A	N/A	350
Outcome	Number of people enrolled in a housing programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	75
Outcome	Number of clients referred out to other housing teams (if we encounter clients who are best served by a non-harm	N/A	N/A	N/A	30

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$676,067	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$123,933	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$800,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund Request

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This is a new program