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Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Requested
Related Programs:	40084		
Program Characteristics:	In Target		

Executive Summary

Culturally-specific outpatient mental health services provide treatment for five under-served communities in our county (Pacific Islander, African-American, Eastern European, Latino, and Native-American). The Black/African American community has encountered difficulty finding behavioral health treatment that incorporates their culture, tradition, and values. It is well documented and known that Black/African Americans are over-represented in the criminal justice system and have very limited culturally specific support to address their needs.. This offer is an enhancement to create African American culturally-specific capacity for the community.

Program Summary

The system of care built and maintained by Multnomah County must reflect the demographics of those we serve. To ensure that all members of our community have treatment options that incorporate specific cultural needs. Black/African Americans are overrepresented in correctional facilities and the criminal justice system. Black/African Americans continue to face stigma and discrimination. These negative experiences, combined with a lack of access to culturally-affirming and informed care, result in multiple health disparities for the population. Thus, there is an urgent need to provide inclusive, high-quality behavioral health services so that they can achieve the highest possible level of health. Culturally-specific services address mental health concerns through early access to culturally appropriate treatment including promising practices, culturally appropriate outreach, engagement, and treatment services.

This funding will create capacity for a Black/African American Mobile Behavioral Health team to serve justice involved individuals re-entering the community from incarceration. The team will consist of a master's level mental health provider, a certified addictions counselor and a peer support specialist. The scope of services will include outreach and engagement, home visits, mental health or substance use screening/assessments, individual therapy/counseling, care coordination, and peer support.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Percent of referrals accepted	N/A	90%	N/A	90%
Outcome	Total number of individuals served	N/A	50	N/A	50

Performance Measures Descriptions

This program has not yet started, but anticipates a start in Spring 2021

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$225,000		\$225,000	
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:

*The performance measures and services within this program offer were impacted by COVID. Throughout the pandemic providers have grappled with: multiple temporary closures of facilities, programs, and services; operating at reduced censuses to comply with social distancing requirements; temporary closures to new client intakes due to positive COVID cases among existing staff and/or clients; transition of in-person services to telehealth and/or a mix of telehealth and in-person services; staffing gaps due to quarantine requirements; changes to operational workflows, policies, and protocols; etc. Providers have reported a need to prioritize essential services and responding to crises and ever-changing challenges which has, in some cases, impacted their ability to collect and report data in a timely manner. Performance measures for FY20 and FY21 are likely not a true indicator of need or utilization in a normal year absent from these significant impacts due to the pandemic.