



Program #40085B - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) 5/6/2020

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Anthony Jordan
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) was developed to address low-level drug related street crime in Portland by offering pre-booking diversion alternatives. The goal of LEAD is to improve community health and safety by using a harm reduction and assertive engagement model, and to reduce the jail population by meeting behavioral health needs through the coordination of law enforcement and community based treatment.

Program Summary

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a pre-booking diversion program that allows police officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug activity to community-based services instead of jail and prosecution. This program focuses on low-level misdemeanor and felony drug possession crimes. LEAD is modeled after a similar program by the same name in Seattle, WA. The Seattle program has been thoroughly evaluated and found to reduce crime (and associated costs) and improve participant outcomes like employment, housing, and health. LEAD has also been identified as an effective strategy to reduce racial/ethnic disparities as individuals of color navigate between Substance Use Disorder (SUD) problems and legal involvement.

This diversion program is based on the collaboration between arresting officers with the Portland Police Bureau and Community-based case managers. The goal is to engage individuals during pre-arrest in efforts to provide support and resources for basic needs and SUD treatment versus coming into the criminal justice system.

In previous years LEAD eligibility was determined by the Portland Police Bureau Street Crimes Unit and Bicycle patrols in the downtown neighborhood. This program year, the referrals have been expanded and any Portland Police Bureau Officer may refer to LEAD. The catchment area of LEAD has been expanded this year to include select areas in high traffic zones in downtown Portland as well as Portland’s industrial inner east side. Eligible individuals are connected with a LEAD intensive case manager. The LEAD case manager is responsible for brokering services needed or requested by eligible individuals. All determining factors, criteria for LEAD eligibility, data collection criteria, etc. are provided by the policy team for LEAD and adjusted as needed to adhere to the policy.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of referred eligible diverted individuals who are screened.	N/A	N/A	N/A	115
Outcome	Percentage of screened individuals who are enrolled in the LEAD program.	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$480,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$480,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$480,000	
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: