

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Devarshi Bajpai
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The alcohol and drug abuse prevention program provides prevention services for children and families at high risk for substance abuse. These services for residents of public housing sites include structured after-school activities (homework assistance, tutoring, home visits), individualized support for youth, and a family engagement program. Last year, the public housing program provided over 5,500 prevention service contacts. The County is also in the second year of a federally-funded coalition initiative to prevent substance abuse and underage drinking among youth 18 and under.

Program Summary

The structured after-school program for public housing residents is a long-standing collaboration with Home Forward, providing afternoon and evening services offering on-site homework help, socializing and skill-building activities to youth and families who live in public housing. The structured services at Home Forward housing sites also include tutoring, mentoring and family-support home visits, primarily serving children and youth between 5 - 14 years old. These activities promote school success, family bonding, improved parenting skills and youth life skills. By directly addressing community risk and protective factors, prevention reduces multiple problem behaviors and improves outcomes for children and families. In 2014, Multnomah County received a Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to address underage drinking and underage marijuana use through community-based prevention strategies, including: 1) educating youth, parents, schools and communities on the negative effects of substance use; 2) reducing underage access to alcohol and marijuana; 3) ensuring fair and appropriate consequences for youth caught with alcohol or marijuana, including early interventions; and 4) reducing promotion of alcohol and marijuana to youth.

The DFC initiative has expanded the reach of the County effort called Safe Neighborhood Advocacy Partnership (SNAP), a coalition of diverse stakeholders in its fifth year of working to reduce high risk drinking among young adults ages 18-25 in downtown Portland. High risk drinking is defined as binge drinking, heavy drinking and underage drinking (for those 18-20 for whom drinking is illegal). The coalition has adopted a new name, Big Village, to reflect its expansion demographically and geographically — from young adults partying in downtown Portland to underage alcohol and marijuana use by youth under the age of 18 in the Portland Police Bureau’s Central Precinct geographic area — with plans to expand even further. Big Village has two task forces: the Youth Empowerment Committee (YE Committee) and the Safe Nightlife Committee (SNL Committee). The YE Committee has created two educational fliers for parents and teachers, providing information on recreational marijuana laws, risks associated with underage marijuana use, and how to speak with youth. The SNL Committee has hosted the Portland Bar Academy for two years, an event designed to educate bar owners and employees on over-service prevention best practices.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Youth served at public housing sites ¹	387	275	300	275
Outcome	Core group youth w/ improved behavior ²	88%	75%	75%	75%
Outcome	Core group youth w/ improved academic achievement	91%	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ This measure includes all participants in the entire collaborative after-school program serving youth in public housing.
² Intensive core group services will be provided to 30 families with youth exhibiting behavioral and academic risk factors. Outcomes of improved behavior (e.g., less disruptive, better attendance, fewer suspensions) and improved academic achievement are good predictors of reduced future substance abuse.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Contractual obligation: This program is funded with federal substance abuse prevention resources and state general funds through the State Oregon Health Authority (OHA) contract. Additionally, the Big Village coalition program is funded by the Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant (DFC). Program plans are developed and submitted in accordance with State and Federal grant requirements. Because Multnomah County accepts the OHA and DFC grants, we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with regulations regarding State Service Elements A&D 70 (Prevention Services) as well as the Federal ONDCP DFC grant.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$0	\$107,368	\$0	\$110,599
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,399
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$1,482	\$0	\$4,970
Internal Services	\$0	\$16,347	\$0	\$2,783
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$125,197	\$0	\$324,751
Program Total:	\$125,197		\$324,751	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$125,197	\$0	\$324,751
Total Revenue	\$0	\$125,197	\$0	\$324,751

Explanation of Revenues

\$ 324,751 - Community Mental Health Block Grant

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 40087-16 Addiction Services Alcohol & Drug Prevention