



Program #40105C - Downtown Addiction Services Pilot FY 2025 Adopted

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Barbara Snow
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Behavioral health providers and law enforcement are partnering to save lives and help people living outside with addiction and unmet behavioral health needs. New approaches to outreach are part of a broader effort to curb public drug use without criminalizing addiction, giving police a new tool to connect people with lifesaving interventions like detox, basic needs referrals, addiction treatment, mental health and medical care, and other supports.

Program Description

In December 2023 a pilot program launched, pairing addiction recovery providers and law enforcement together to support people who are living outside, struggling with addiction, and suffering from unmet behavioral health needs. Under this model, when law enforcement encounters someone using drugs in public, they offer them the opportunity to meet with a trained outreach worker. If the person agrees, an outreach team is deployed to their location within 10 minutes or less to help secure culturally competent services, treatment, and shelter in real time. If same-day care is not available, outreach workers maintain contact to support the person with their service plan, while also working to navigate wait lists and other barriers to get them access to care as quickly as possible.

Community based organizations provide outreach teams with culturally and linguistically-specific staff to secure emergency shelter, withdrawal management, and treatment beds for those who need help. In its first six months of operation, this pilot program responded to over 50 dispatches and connected more than a third of individuals with same-day services.

The expansion and extension of this pilot in FY 2025 combines funding from Multnomah County and the City of Portland and State of Oregon to support additional outreach staff, improve program evaluation and coordination, and stabilize operations in a new, leased facility.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of outreach interactions resulting from dispatch calls	N/A	N/A	54	350
Outcome	Percentage of individuals connected to services same day	N/A	N/A	37%	30%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$170,749	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$170,749	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$170,749	
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: