



Program #50028 - Diane Wade Program FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Denise Pena
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Diane Wade House (DWH) is a culturally and gender responsive transitional housing program for Black and African American women on probation and also those transitioning from a correctional facility and returning to Multnomah County under supervision by the Department of Community Justice Adult Services Division (ASD). Wraparound and stabilization services include secured housing, resource referrals for co-occurring disorders (substance abuse and/or behavioral health), family reunification, and cultural responsiveness and empowerment.

Program Description

The Diane Wade House was developed in response to the lack of appropriate and responsive intervention, sanction, and stabilization options for women experiencing mild behavioral health issues, particularly Black and African American women who experience disproportionately higher rates of incarceration.

This program was launched in 2020 with grant funds from The MacArthur Foundation. Ongoing County funding was provided in FY 2021 to the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) to continue this important program. Throughout FY 2021 DCJ worked with providers and the Community Advisory Board to assess changes that should be made to the services and size and structure of the home. A Request For Proposal (RFP) process is underway which will result in the selection of a provider to run the program.

The current RFP calls for a community partner to provide secured housing and a safe space for women to stabilize, address trauma, build healthy relationships, be referred to substance abuse and behavioral health treatment and learn new skills. The RFP calls for Black and African American culturally specific, trauma-informed programming with the purpose of empowering residents' strengths and resiliency, by supporting them to reach their goals to uplift themselves, their families, provide long-term support, and build stronger communities.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of women served annually	20	40	0	15
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of a misdemeanor or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	26%	15%	25%	25%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1: In FY 2023 the RFP process is still pending. The number of clients served will depend on the space available with an estimate of 12-15 clients annually.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$697,954	\$0	\$725,721	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$697,954	\$0	\$725,721	\$0
Program Total:	\$697,954		\$725,721	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 50028 Diane Wade House

The prior Diane Wade house space set up was a “dormitory style” that had the capacity to accommodate a large number of clients (40). Feedback from residents indicated the dorm style felt institutionalized, reminding them of incarceration, perpetuating trauma and this was a barrier for client entry. Additionally, COVID-19 guidance required social distancing among congregate residents and reducing the capacity and number of referrals to the house. To mitigate these challenges, DCJ held a series of visioning/listening sessions in the fall of 2020 to solicit feedback from staff, community members and past clients of the Diane Wade House in revisioning what this culturally specific transitional housing for women would look like prior to the issuance of the RFP. This reinforced the message that a single or double room occupancy house with a smaller census with intensive services would best serve high risk and high need clients.