

Program #50065B - CHI Early Intervention & Youth Gang Prevention Services 4/25/2019

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Tracey Freeman
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

In our community, there is a significant need to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system and to focus on and apply early intervention services. The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) Early Intervention and Diversion Program is a community based and family-focused effort designed to prevent and reduce delinquency, address root causes and augment community safety and connection. Culturally specific nonprofits provide services, supports and referrals calibrated to the level of risk and family needs for youth who have committed lower level offenses for the first time.

Program Summary

CHI is an emerging and innovative overarching best practice for preventing and reducing juvenile justice involvement and addressing racial and ethnic disparities. At the community level, CHI is essential to building capacity and safety in communities of color. All qualified youth are referred to community-based providers that offer care coordination, pro-social programming and referrals to needed services. Risk and needs are assessed through validated tools and the program uses assertive engagement to focus on those youth with the highest needs. Program coordinators are assigned to a caseload of youth to develop service plans tailored to meet the individual youth and family situation. School connection/re-connection assistance, counseling, youth development activities (e.g. sports, arts) and parent support/parenting classes are among the most critical areas of need. Previously, these youth would have received a warning letter from the Juvenile Services Division (JSD) after contact with law enforcement.

Also included in this program offer is funding for a part-time FTE to coordinate the implementation of Multnomah County's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model Implementation Plan. This position provides leadership, planning, coordination and implementation of programs; serve as a liaison between County and community partners; and develop training materials, resources and policies related to youth and gang violence for various stakeholders. Lastly, also included is funding to provide gang prevention services to culturally specific organizations. Allocation of funding will be targeted to gang impacted youth and their families and fund services that are aligned with the Multnomah County Strategic Plan to address Gang violence based on the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model Implementation Plan.

Youth of color experience exclusionary school discipline, disconnection from school and a lack of educational attainment at disproportionate rates in Multnomah County. These factors, along with trauma have been cited as contributors to behavioral health challenges, delinquency and gang involvement in our community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of CHI Early Intervention youth referred	251	300	275	275
Outcome	Percent of CHI Early Intervention youth engaging in community-based support services	58%	70%	75%	65%
Output	Number of youth who receive gang prevention services	102	90	100	100
Outcome	Percent of youth enrolled in school at time of exit from Youth Gang Prevention Services	74%	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$64,870	\$0	\$60,409	\$60,409
Contractual Services	\$710,589	\$0	\$517,018	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$130	\$0	\$260	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,342
Total GF/non-GF	\$775,589	\$0	\$577,687	\$70,751
Program Total:	\$775,589		\$648,438	
Program FTE	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,751
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,751

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$70,751 from City of Portland for 1.00 FTE Youth & Gang Violence Coordinator to monitor and provide ongoing evaluation of the strategic plan under the guidance of the LPSCC Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee. Funding period 12/01/2018 - 06/30/2020.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 50065B-19 CHI Early Intervention & Youth Gang Prevention Services

This program offer is increased by 0.50 FTE Program Specialist with funding received from the City of Portland.

This program offer reflects a reduction in the CHI Early Intervention & Youth Gang Services (CHI-EI) resulting in impacts to two providers. Referrals to the CHI-EI program has been significantly lower than projected and engagement rates have dropped which has resulted in fewer youth/families receiving services.