

Program #10055B - Diversion - Eviction Pilot

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Department: Nondepartmental **Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone's goal is to progressively transition towards a more prevention-oriented approach to reducing homelessness. This pilot begins the process of identifying effective strategies to reduce the number of people in need of shelter and placement services. It's based on an effective New York City program that provides outreach workers real-time info about eviction filings so they can engage families and provide prevention resources needed to avoid homelessness. The pilot will prevent at least 60 evictions and build the technology that will allow the program to expand if successful.

Program Summary

The primary purpose of A Home for Everyone is to reduce homelessness in our community. This can be achieved by either of two means, reducing the number of people who become homeless or increasing the number of homeless people who return to permanent housing. While the latter strategy is critical given the number of people who are already living on our streets and in our shelters, we also must begin to increase investments in strategies that prevent or divert people from homelessness.

The challenge for prevention is knowing where to target scarce resources. Research has shown that the significant majority of households that reach out for eviction prevention assistance do not become homeless if they do not receive the assistance they are seeking. There are, however, factors which, if present, do provide an indication that a household, if not helped, will lose their housing and become homeless. One of those factors is the presence, not surprisingly, of an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.

Through this pilot project, outreach workers would receive real-time eviction filing information from the court, and perhaps other sources, and would reach out to affected households to assess the situation and determine whether one-time financial assistance or other advocacy could effectively prevent the eviction and allow the family to retain their housing longer-term. While only one strategy, it is not one that we currently deploy and a version of this is in place in New York City (Neighborhood Homelessness Prevention Outreach) and has reportedly been successful at keeping families from becoming homeless.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer				
Output	Number of eviction prevented (households)	N/A	N/A	N/A	60				
Outcome									

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Program Total: \$0		\$400,000		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000				

Explanation of Revenues

Funding for this program is a shared commitment between the County and the City of Portland. County General Fund - \$200,000 City of Portland General Fund - \$200,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

New program offer.