

Program #40085B - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a new innovative pilot program developed to address low-level drug street crime in downtown Portland. The goal of LEAD is to improve community health and safety by using a harm reduction and assertive engagement model and coordinating with law enforcement.

Program Summary

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a pre-booking diversion program that allows police officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug activity to community-based services instead of jail and prosecution. This program focuses on low-level misdemeanor and felony drug possession crimes. LEAD is modeled after a similar program by the same name in Seattle, WA. The Seattle program has been thoroughly evaluated and found to reduce crime (and associated costs) and improve participant outcomes like employment, housing, and health. LEAD has also been identified as an effective strategy to reduce racial/ethnic disparities as individuals of color navigate between Substance Use Disorder (SUD) problems and legal involvement.

This diversion program is based on the collaboration between arresting officers with the Portland Police Bureau and Community-based case managers. The goal is to engage individuals during pre-arrest in efforts to provide support and resources for basis needs and SUD treatment versus coming into the criminal justice system.

LEAD eligibility is determined by the Portland Police Bureau Street Crimes Unit and Bicycle patrols in the downtown neighborhood of the City of Portland. There may be additional law enforcement assistance/referral with the TriMet Police Patrol, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office as well. Eligible individuals will then be connected with a LEAD intensive case manager. Case managers, based at a community provider will then be responsible for brokering all services needed or requested by eligible individuals. All determining factors, criteria for LEAD eligibility, data collection criteria, etc. are provided by the policy team for LEAD and adjusted as needed to adhere to the policy.

Performa	Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer				
Output	Number of referred eligible diverted participants who are screened	na/-	na/-	na/-	100%				
Outcome	Participants with an assessed need and service plan will meet at least one primary need within 6 months	na/-	na/-	na/-	65%				

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	\$750,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$750,000	
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: