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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Reinforcing our community value that no one should be forced to sleep outside, this program continues funding the Homeless Youth Continuum's Access Center that provides low-barrier, immediate access to 60 crisis and short-term shelter options, day programs, and 24 hour coordinated access to screening, crisis and basic needs services for youth in Multnomah County. Through the Access Center, shelter and day programs, linkages are provided to a continuum of services and supports for the youth population.

Program Summary

The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) is a highly collaborative and coordinated system comprised of four non-profit agencies, including a culturally specific agency, that provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment, pregnancy and parenting support, and health services to youth up to age 25.

Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable as they attempt to survive on the streets. Over 30% of homeless youth have prior involvement in Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Juvenile Justice system, and a significant number have experienced complex trauma. Ensuring a 24-hour safety net for these youth is critical to addressing basic needs and providing linkage to longer term care options within the HYC.

The Access Center is co-located with the shelter programs and provides centralized screening via mobile and stationary staff who make eligibility determinations and refer youth to HYC programs or other appropriate systems of care. Emergency shelter is provided through a downtown-located facility with capacity for 60 people, except in winter when capacity increases to 70. All youth residing in shelter have access to meals, hygiene, information/referral, and assertive engagement (case management) services.

Day Programs are available at two locations and offer meals, hygiene, access to computers, transportation, assessment for service needs, and provide opportunities for further engagement in system services. An average of 200 youth participate in Day Programs on a daily basis.

The HYC service model is based on an assertive engagement practice that follows the principles of Positive Youth Development, and ensures services are client directed, strength-based, non-judgmental and offer relational continuity. Services are integrated with public safety and other service systems, ensuring joint planning and coordination in addressing the needs of this population.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of youth screened via the Access Center	554	700	600	600
Outcome	Number of youth provided with Safety Services	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200
Output	Number of shelter bed nights	21,584*	22,500	22,500	22,500
Output	Number of youth served in crisis and short-term shelter*	664	650	650	650

Performance Measures Descriptions

* Not all winter shelter expansion beds were utilized from November - March, 2018 due to a milder winter season and not all beds were at 100% capacity every night of the year. Shelter was at a 92% average capacity over this time span.

**In FY 2017 and FY 2018, the number of youth served in shelter was under-target due to longer lengths of stay in shelter (and therefore fewer youth served) caused by a lack of affordable housing options in which to place youth. Average length of stay was 86 days in crisis and short term shelter combined.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$1,486,780	\$236,240	\$1,500,810	\$245,690
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,486,780	\$236,240	\$1,500,810	\$245,690
Program Total:	\$1,723,020		\$1,746,500	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$236,240	\$0	\$245,690
Total Revenue	\$0	\$236,240	\$0	\$245,690

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund - \$245,690

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 10052G-19 Safety off the Streets - Youth Shelter