

Anti-Poverty System of Care and Definitions

Employment Poverty:
Income and benefits from low-wages or part-time work do not meet basic needs expenses

Episodic Poverty:
Transitional poverty due to unexpected personal or economic crises

Long-Term Poverty:
Severe and long-term poverty, in the absence of persistent or multiple special needs

Special Needs Poverty:
Limited or no opportunity for employment and stable housing because of disability, infirmity or age

Department:

Assets	DCHS	25115 Homeless Benefits Recovery Project				
	DCHS	25139 Anti-Poverty Services				
	Health	40016 Medicaid/Medicare Eligibility				
Educ- ation	Health	40038 Health Promotion and Community Capacity Building				
	Health	40045 Health Equity Initiative (racial justice focus)				
Homes	DCHS	25114A & B Bridges to Housing				
	DCHS	25119 Energy Services				
	DCHS	25120 Homeless Family Shelter System				
	DCHS	25124 East County Homeless Outreach				
	DCHS	25133 Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations				
	DCHS	25134 Family Warming Center				
	DCHS	25140 Housing				
Health and Wellness						
Food and Nutrition						

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FY 2012 Program Offers - Summary

Anti-Poverty

				Program Revenue Source							State/Federal Changes			
PO Number	Program Offer Name	FTE CGF	FTE Other	Program Description	CGF	CGF Match	State & Fed	Other	OHP	Total	Revenue Source	\$ Change	FTE Change	Notes
Department of County Human Services - Community Services														
25119	Energy Assistance	0.00	5.00	Energy Assistance works through community agencies to make utility payments for fixed and low-income households. This program also provides energy education, case management, and other services to help households manage and for their energy cost.	90,280	0	10,129,612	152,500	0	10,372,392	LIHEAP	(3,191,113)	(1.00)	Change represents an estimated 50% reduction in the LIHEAP federal funds for energy assistance. At this point, the program has not been notified of a funding reduction. (Federal funds)
25121	Weatherization	0.00	11.00	Weatherization provides energy use audits, weatherization, furnace repairs and replacement, and appliance replacement to fixed and low-income households. This program contributes to reducing the number of households living in poverty by increasing household self-sufficiency and improving local economic conditions through energy conservation.	151,407	0	4,504,037	425,000	0	5,080,444	LIHEAP	(298,938)	0.00	Change represents an estimated 50% reduction in the LIHEAP federal funds for energy assistance. At this point, the program has not been notified of a funding reduction. (Federal funds)
25139	Anti-Poverty Services	1.60	0.40	Anti-Poverty Services contribute to the county's anti-poverty/prosperity system of care designed to assist low-income households to gain the skills necessary to achieve self-sufficiency and future prosperity, as well as address the root cause of societal poverty.	870,273	0	2,555,604	0	0	3,425,877	CSBG	(400,996)	0.00	Change represents an estimated 50% reduction in CSBG. At this point, the program has not been notified of a funding reduction. Any reductions will also impact CCFC. (Federal funds)
Total											(3,891,047)	(1.00)		

Note: These reductions represent Federal funds

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Revenue Source	- What revenue source is impacted?	Community Services Block Grant (Federal funds)
	- What are the restrictions on the funding?	Services must address causes and conditions of poverty and can only be offered to those at or below 125% of federal poverty.
	- Does the General Fund leverage any of this revenue source (non-match)?	No
	- Does the funding have a required General Fund match or other contribution?	No
	- How much revenue is reduced in dollar terms?	Up to \$400,996 projected
	- What percentage of this revenue source is reduced?	Up to 50% of total grant projected
	- Are there offsetting revenues that will increase due to this cut?	No
Implementation & Timing	- What percentage of the department's total expenditure will be reduced by this action?	<.20% of DCHS FY12 Adopted Budget of \$215,055,648
	- When will we know more about the specifics of the cuts?	Unknown, potentially October, 2011
	- When will the state implement the cuts?	Unknown
	- How long will it take us to implement the cuts?	45 days
	- Will the department need ramp-down funds due to the timing of the cuts? How much is the Department requesting from the Board?	If cuts are enacted, ramp down funds will be needed. There is no request to the Board at this time.
- What does FY 2012 look like compared to FY 2013?	Unknown	
Impacts	- What Program Offers are impacted?	#25139 Anti-Poverty Services
	- How many clients are impacted?	269 directly served clients, potentially all clients currently served due to the inability to maintain service system.
	- What percentage of clients served through this revenue source are impacted?	50%
	- What are the consequences for staffing and contractors?	County and contractor staff reductions - in addition, potential loss of current non-profit contractors providing system services.
	- How critical is this service to the System of Care as a whole?	Extremely critical, services are the base upon which every other anti-poverty and homeless service system is built. There will be impacts to Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA), utility bill payment assistance, 30 Families in 30 Days and Rapid Re-Housing Initiative (RRI), Action for Prosperity (AFP), and the Homeless Families System.
	- How do policy decisions here interact with other systems of care?	See above

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Policy Choices	What are our options for mitigating the cuts?	Absent additional County General Fund or other resources, there are currently no options for mitigation.
	What are our options for redesigning services to minimize the impact on our clients and direct services?	None
	What are the likely consequences of these choices?	The County's entire anti-poverty, and large portions of the housing and homelessness systems are at stake due to overall cross systems alignment, integration, coordination and resource leveraging achieved.

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Revenue Source	- What revenue source is impacted?	Emergency Food and Shelter Program
	- What are the restrictions on the funding?	Funds must be used to purchase emergency feeding and rent and mortgage or motel voucher assistance.
	- Does the General Fund leverage any of this revenue source (non-match)?	no
	- Does the funding have a required General Fund match or other contribution?	no
	- How much revenue is reduced in dollar terms?	\$707,236 - \$582,236 in rent assistance (STRA); \$125,000 in OR Food Bank
	- What percentage of this revenue source is reduced?	100%
	- Are there offsetting revenues that will increase due to this cut?	No
Implementation & Timing	- What percentage of the department's total expenditure will be reduced by this action?	None - Although the funds are directed by the County they do not flow through the DCHS budget.
	- When will we know more about the specifics of the cuts?	Notification was received July 23, 2011.
	- When will the state implement the cuts?	Immediately
	- How long will it take us to implement the cuts?	45 days
	- Will the department need ramp-down funds due to the timing of the cuts? How much is the Department requesting from the Board?	Ramp-down funds will be made available from one-time-only PILOT funds from Home Forward.
	- What does FY 2012 look like compared to FY 2013?	Unless Multnomah County is able to become a stand alone recipient area (separate from Washington and Clackamas counties), funding will not be reinstated in FY13.
Impacts	- What Program Offers are impacted?	#25133A - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations
	- How many clients are impacted?	1528 individuals for rent assistance; 13,866 meals
	- What percentage of clients served through this revenue source are impacted?	100%
	- What are the consequences for staffing and contractors?	No impact to County staff; unknown staff impact to contractors
	- How critical is this service to the System of Care as a whole?	Extremely critical. Services are the primary homelessness prevention strategy for the County. Outcome achievement shows that six months following assistance,
	- How do policy decisions here interact with other systems of care?	Services are aligned with the Anti-Poverty/Prosperity System of Care, as well as the Homeless Families' System and the 10 year Plan to End Homelessness.

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Policy Choices	What are our options for mitigating the cuts?	One-time-only use of Home Forward PILOT funds for FY12. After that, there are no other options for mitigation short of local jurisdictional funding or successful advocacy at national level to grant the County stand alone recipient area status.
	What are our options for redesigning services to minimize the impact on our clients and direct services?	none
	What are the likely consequences of these choices?	More households, especially families with children with fall into homelessness.

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Revenue Source	- What revenue source is impacted?	Low Income Energy Assistance Program (Federal funds)
	- What are the restrictions on the funding?	Funds may only be used to pay energy bills, weatherize homes, and/or educate households at or below 200% of federal poverty.
	- Does the General Fund leverage any of this revenue source (non-match)?	No
	- Does the funding have a required General Fund match or other contribution?	No
	- How much revenue is reduced in dollar terms?	Up to \$3,490,051 projected
	- What percentage of this revenue source is reduced?	Up to 50% projected
	- Are there offsetting revenues that will increase due to this cut?	No
	- What percentage of the department's total expenditure will be reduced by this action?	1.6% of DCHS FY12 Adopted Budget of \$215,055,648
Implementation & Timing	- When will we know more about the specifics of the cuts?	Unknown, potentially October, 2011
	- When will the state implement the cuts?	Unknown
	- How long will it take us to implement the cuts?	45 days
	- Will the department need ramp-down funds due to the timing of the cuts? How much is the Department requesting from the Board?	Unknown
	- What does FY 2012 look like compared to FY 2013?	Unknown
Impacts	- What Program Offers are impacted?	#25119 Energy Assistance; #25121 Weatherization
	- How many clients are impacted?	5,660 households in energy assistance and 350 households in weatherization.
	- What percentage of clients served through this revenue source are impacted?	50%
	- What are the consequences for staffing and contractors?	County and contractor staff reductions - in addition, potential loss of current non-profit contractors providing system services.
	- How critical is this service to the System of Care as a whole?	Very critical, funds prevent homelessness by keeping seniors on fixed incomes and low-income families with children in their housing by paying energy bills and weatherizing their home, as well as educating them about energy conservation.
	- How do policy decisions here interact with other systems of care?	See above

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Policy Choices	What are our options for mitigating the cuts?	Seek utility contribution of shareholder funds as match to current tax and rate payer funds already funding the system.
	What are our options for redesigning services to minimize the impact on our clients and direct services?	Conduct high level systems redesign discussions with key stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that create shared responsibility, investment, risk and outcomes across all funders and partners. Planning for a low income energy summit currently in development.
	What are the likely consequences of these choices?	Increased homelessness for fixed income seniors and families with children pushing them into already over utilized under capacity homeless service systems, also greater arrearages and debt for both households and utility companies.