

Program #40000E - Behavioral Health Emergency Coordination Network (BHECN)

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Governance

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

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Behavioral Health Emergency Coordination Network (BHECN) will be a 24 hour per day 7 day per week, multi-partner, robust triage/assessment network that encompasses services designed to meet the rising acuity of individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis and serve as a single point of access for the community - including EMS and Law Enforcement. This Program Offer funds a governance structure within the Multnomah County Health Department that will support the network's development in the coming years.

Program Summary

BHECN is a cross-sector collaboration between local government agencies, community-based organizations, healthcare and behavioral health service providers, public safety, and others. Together, these community members are focused on filling critical gaps in Portland's crisis response system that prevent people experiencing mental health or substance use crises from getting the help they need, when they need it, in the safest and most supportive environment possible. While this is a new approach for the metro-region, BHECN's model is based on successful programs in other states. The number of individuals experiencing acute behavioral health crises is on the rise. The current behavioral health system is insufficient to meet their needs. As a result individuals often end up waiting for emergency room services, in jail, or homeless. BHECN is intended to be a meaningful, local solution to this problem.

This program offer funds a governance structure for BHECN within Multnomah County Health Department. These funds will create an administrative structure to provide oversight and support for BHECN. This administrative structure will help coordinate the development of a crisis stabilization structure that includes both a viable sobering model and critical behavioral health and clinical supports for post sobering treatment.

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Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer				
Output	Percentage of key committees to oversee the development of the model and network organized	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%				
Outcome	Percentage of governance structure complete	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023	
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$151,501	\$0	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$148,499	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	
Program Total:	\$0		\$300,000		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	

Program Revenues					
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: