

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

The mission of the Human Services Division is to provide resources and promote opportunities for the improvement of the quality of life and success of children, families and individuals.

Allocation Process:

- Developed Strategic Service Plan Priorities For FY 15-17 based on a funding forecast.
- Applied funding to geographic service areas by % of poverty population.
- For metro area % of poverty population total:
 - A) Applied funding to HUD grant projects by Eugene and Springfield % of poverty.
 - B) Applied balance of funding to non-HUD projects by % of Eugene and Springfield funding provided.
- Made adjustments so that no service/geographic area would be funded at a lower level than in FY 13-14.
- Budgeted categorical grant funds and pooled jurisdictional funds to meet match and maintenance of effort requirements.
- Reduced agency payments across the board by the City of Eugene reduction of \$175,000. All HSC funds are pooled for county-wide services. An across the board cut reflects that and it should be noted that non-metro residents/County residents are served at metro agencies.
- South Lane allocation for the Community Services Center was increased by \$35,754 and then reduced by \$17,482 for an allocation of \$272,591.
- West Lane allocation would have been reduced based on poverty population, but was funded at the FY 13-14 amount and then reduced by \$10,172 for an allocation of \$153,091.

Priority Goals: The Human Service Commission identified five (5) priority goal areas for FY15 - FY 17 to strategically focus resources.

- **Reduce homelessness** among the most vulnerable populations such as the disabled, veterans, youth, domestic violence victims and families and promote social inclusion. Emphasis is on those who are at-risk of homelessness, those who are chronically homeless, and those who are transitioning from shelters and crisis situations to permanent housing.
- **Promote and ensure nutrition and food security** among the elderly, the disabled, children, families and individuals. Emphasis is on adequate nutritious food availability, site based and home based geographic food access, and appropriate food use to provide for a nutritious diet.
- **Strengthen families with children** by supporting parents who have experienced domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, are developmentally delayed, or are going through a divorce or separation to acquire the skills to provide a safe and stable environment for their children. Emphasis is on positively impacting parents and their children ages birth to five years to ensure the children are ready to learn when entering Kindergarten.
- **Increase stability of individuals and families** including: veterans and their families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and at-risk and homeless families and individuals; and non-English speaking Latinos; assisting them to receive basic needs services, energy assistance, disability, health care benefits, and access to housing, education and employment and income supports. Emphasis is on access to income, employment opportunities, and healthcare.
- **Improve service quality** including: evaluation and measurement of performance of activities to assist the Boards in their oversight of investments; provide program supervisors the information to monitor and continually improve the quality of programs and activities they manage; and to inform the public and policy-makers of the impact of funded activities on the overall goals and strategies of the Human Services Fund. Emphasis on: improving the client's experience, coordination of service assessments, service referrals, data integrity, resource management, and the evaluation of services.