

Tenancy Preservation Program

Providing Sustainable Homelessness Prevention for Individuals and Families with Disabilities

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7004-3045	\$500,000	\$500,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

FY19 Budget Request: \$1,300,000 An increase of \$800,000 will fund 12 FTEs to serve the additional cities and towns covered by the Housing Court’s statewide expansion, including the new Metro South Division, as well as to continue an upstream early intervention pilot designed to keep at-risk households out of Housing Court.

What TPP is: The Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) is a homelessness prevention program. TPP works with individuals and families with disabilities, facing eviction because of behavior related to a disability (e.g. mental illness, developmental disability, substance abuse, aging-related impairments). TPP consults with the Housing Court and functions as a neutral party to the landlord and tenant.

What TPP does: TPP clinicians assess the reasons for the eviction, identify needed services, develop a treatment plan to maintain the tenancy, and monitor the household until stabilized. TPP makes regular reports to all parties involved in the case (i.e. the Court, property owner, and tenant). If the tenancy cannot be preserved, TPP will facilitate referrals to other agencies that may be able to offer transition services to prevent homelessness. During FY17, TPP directly assisted 877 households.

How TPP differs from other prevention programs: TPP focuses clinical services specifically on the housing problem, providing short-term intensive case management and addressing underlying issues threatening the tenancy (e.g. undiagnosed and/or untreated disabilities, limited parenting and job skills, poor time and money management). When a TPP case is successfully closed, the tenancy is stable and sustainable.

How well TPP works: In FY17, 652 cases were closed by TPP and homelessness was prevented in 607 of those cases (93% homelessness prevention rate). TPP staff also provided consultation services to an additional 2,472 households ineligible or waitlisted for services.

How much TPP costs and saves: For FY17, the cost per TPP case (total statewide budget/total number of households directly assisted) was \$2,339. In comparison, DHCD estimates on average a homeless family stays in a shelter for 324 days at a cost of \$37,908 per family.

