

RPC –COMMUNITY SERVICES

Fund 075

MISSION STATEMENT

The Community Services Division is the designated community action agency in Champaign County supporting the well-being and quality of life for at-risk, low-income and underserved residents in our defined service area. We provide effective and meaningful services to increase self-sufficiency of these populations and are committed to efficient services through regional leadership and interagency cooperation.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Community Services Division expects a slight increase in revenue during FY17. Although some reductions may be experienced due shifts in federal and state budgets for entitlement programs for persons in poverty, the Regional Planning Commission is well-positioned to provide additional services that have been prioritized for persons who are homeless, out of work or developmentally disabled, which is expected to increase overall division revenues.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The Community Services Division activities for FY17 will focus on retaining existing funding resources for current social services programming, leveraging additional funding resources as new federal and state initiatives are presented, and on seeking ways to incorporate a variety of funding resources to achieve program goals.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Community Services Division performs services, activities and initiatives supporting improved quality of life for at-risk, low-income and underserved residents in our defined service areas. Services are provided to reach successful outcomes of 40+ grants and contracts.

OBJECTIVES

- The case management team works in Champaign, Ford, and Vermilion Counties to alleviate poverty, assist low-income households in achieving self-sufficiency and facilitate long-term growth in household income.
- The community action programs provide safety net financial assistance to low-income households in Champaign County for basic needs, primarily for housing and utilities.
- The weatherization team provides assessment and oversight of work to increase energy efficiency in the homes of income-eligible individuals in Champaign County.
- The Youth Assessment Center supports youth in Champaign County by offering linkage to a wide variety of youth/family community resources and reducing recidivism of delinquent youth through diversion opportunities.

- Homeless services programs assist households that are homeless or at risk for homelessness through screening and referral, rent assistance, permanent supportive housing rent vouchers, and case management services.
- Independent Service Coordination staff determines eligibility of persons with developmental disabilities for Medicaid-waivered services and reviews services provided for persons in Champaign, Ford and Iroquois Counties.
- Senior Services provides information, referral and advocacy for Champaign County seniors aged 60+ to remain safe and independent in their homes.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator	2015 Actual	2016 Projected	2017 Budgeted
# of clients accessing community services	9419	8000	8000
# of clients progressing on measures of self-sufficiency & skill development	865	850	850
# of clients receiving financial assistance for basic needs	6714	6000	6000
# of youth diverted from court	670	600	650