

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department / Social Services Division

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Vision

We envision a community where children, adults, and families in Duval County -- irrespective of socio-economic status -- have an opportunity to enjoy a healthy, safe, and sustainable quality of life.

Mission

Assist people in need in overcoming life's challenges and strengthen our community through high quality social services by providing:

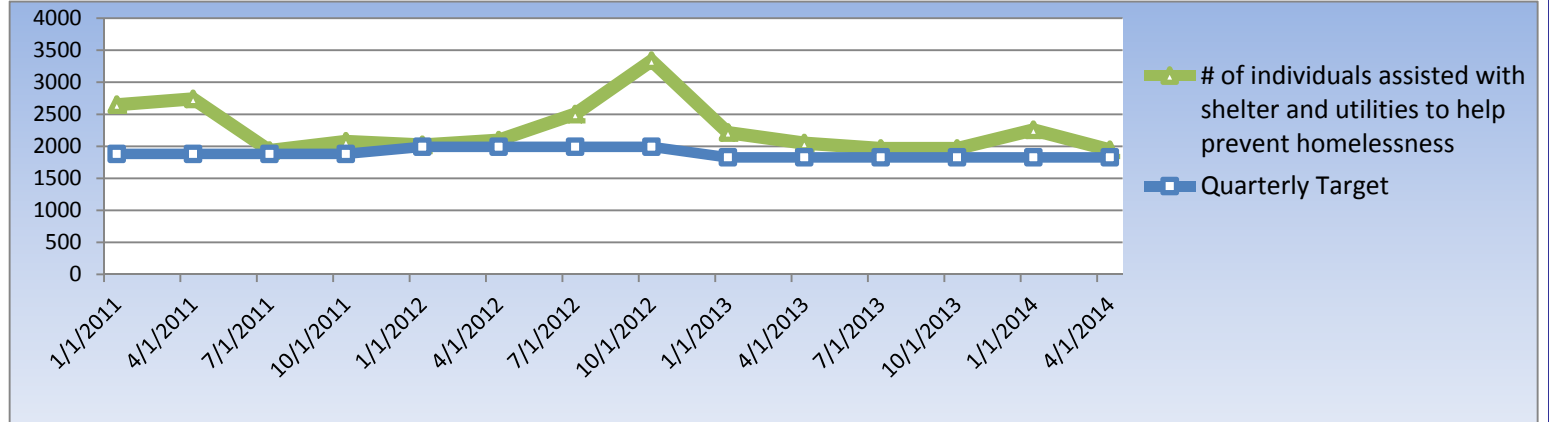
- rent/mortgage and utility financial assistance to help prevent homelessness
- consumer-focused budget and money management skill development
- community access to health and support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS
- first responder services to victims of sexual assault
- crisis intervention, stabilization, recovery, and advocacy for crime victims and their families
- domestic violence intervention and court services
- criminal justice system diversion and treatment options for those with mental illness

of at-risk individuals provided assistance with rent/utilities to help prevent homelessness: 1,945

Quarterly Target: 1,828 Individuals

City Priority

Quality of Life



Narrative

Temporary emergency financial assistance with rent and utilities is provided to eligible Duval county residents to help prevent homelessness. Assistance is generally provided once during a 30-month time period at an average cost of \$170 per individual or \$425 per household. A two-hour budget and money management workshop supplements the assistance to encourage self-sufficiency and improved spending habits.