

2019 GS IL Saving Reports

- 1) The Legislature intends that the recipient of funding for "Operation Rio Grande: Sober Living" provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that details the following: (1) what specific savings were generated, (2) who received the savings, and (3) what the funding sources were for these savings. For FY 2019 items, the recipient shall provide the report by August 31, 2019.

The sober living pilot did not result in specific cost savings. The pilot did significantly increase access and the total number of clients served. Salt Lake County also reports that the pilot resulted in better client outcomes and decreased cost per client. The purpose of ORG funding for sober living was to decrease the length of stay in residential treatment by providing affordable, safe, and sober living in licensed recovery residences. SFY18 and SFY19 funds spent on sober living totaled \$1,223,160.19 resulting in 524 clients served in sober living SFY18 and FY19 (unduplicated).

- 2) The Legislature intends that the recipient of funding for "Operation Rio Grande: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services" provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that details the following: (1) what specific savings were generated, (2) who received the savings, and (3) what the funding sources were for these savings. For FY 2019 items, the recipient shall provide the report by August 31, 2019.

The pilot for substance abuse and mental health services did not result in specific cost savings. Legislative funding included funds allocated for specialized Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services in SFY19 for individuals experiencing serious mental illness, substance use disorders and homelessness within the Operation Rio Grande designated area. \$571,868 was expended in SFY 2019 for this program. The purpose of ORG funding was to fund the ACT model. ACT is a long researched model wrapping intensive services around an individual who by history is likely to end up in the jail, emergency room or inpatient hospitalization and is unlikely to access services through traditional means in the community. The services provided through these funds were used to fund the ACT model to match the resources and collaborative nature of related state partners and service providers. This model, when administered to fidelity, has a long history of meaningful results including reduction in hospitalizations, reduction in criminal justice involvement and increases in employment and housing.

During the course of this funding from August 2018 through April 2019, 37 individuals were served with wrap around services in the community resulting in 24 individuals experiencing homelessness being housed. Thirty individuals received ongoing mental health treatment and 11 received substance use services while 17 experienced housing stability for 6 months or longer. For the time this funding was available, these services helped address a significant resource shortage for the population in the Operation Rio Grande catchment area.