

Department of Health & Human
Services
Office of Homeless Services

Midyear Budget Hearing
July 7, 2011

Overview of Responsibilities

Office of Homeless Services

- Mission: In partnership with the community, the OHS coordinates a continuum of care of ***prevention, shelter, services, and permanent housing*** intended to ***prevent and reduce homelessness***.

Objectives

Identify long term strategies to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing

Manage community compliance with the congressionally mandated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

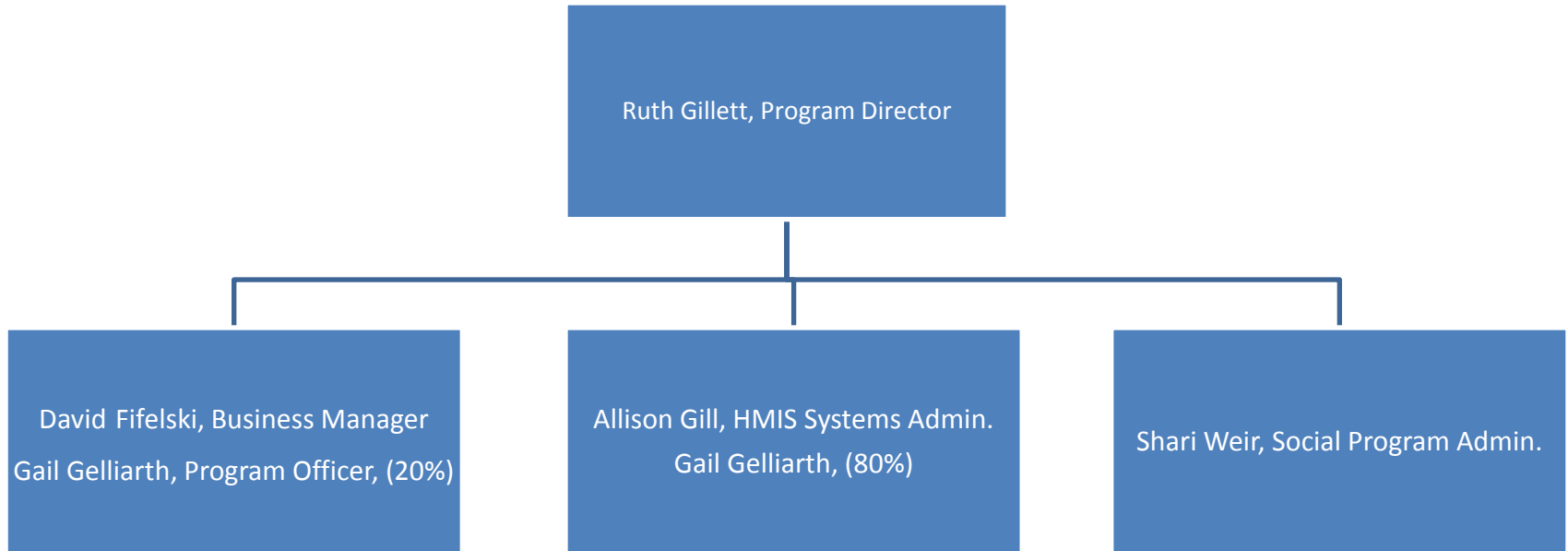
Continue support to meet the goal of developing 1,000 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons by 2015

Increase coordination between mainstream systems (ADAMHS Board, DCFS, EFS, WIA) and the homeless continuum

OHS Staffing – 5 FTEs*

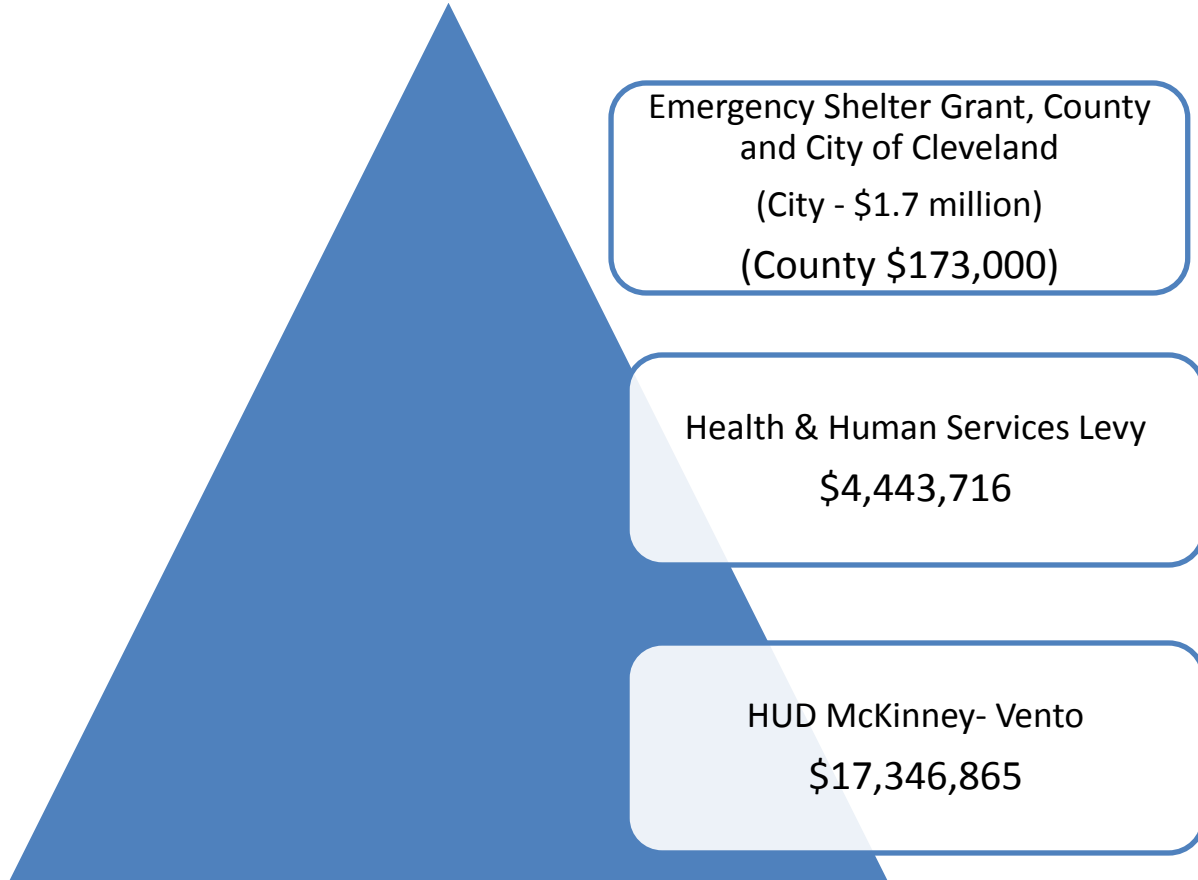
Average salary - \$54,621

*(1 position Grant funded)



Annual Contracts Management

Total Amount: \$21,963,581



State Budget Impacts

OHS

HHS Levy Impact from State Budget

~ First Quarter Assessment

6 months - \$71,000

~ Mid year assessment

Pending

Critical Issues for OHS for Next 18 months

- Complete “Strategic Utilization of CoC Resources (SURE) Project ~ analysis of resources and needs; align information with strategy to reduce length of stay /divert persons from entering shelter; include clearly stated goals and measurable objectives
- Implement “Coordinated Intake” within the shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing systems
- Utilize HMIS information for data driven evaluation, accountability, and system change