

Program priority Report

The following charts reflect an attempt by each DHS division to prioritize its programs. The general criteria used to guide this prioritization process included:

- Federal program mandates,
- Levels of need,
- Numbers of clients served, and
- Federal financial participation requirements.

In addition, each division considered its program policy objectives and the department's mission and goals.

It must be noted, however, that prioritization is particularly difficult because most DHS programs form part of an interlinked continuum of care. Very few programs and services provide, in and of themselves, the single solution to the complex issues facing Oregon's most vulnerable populations. The wide array of programs DHS provides and the diverse populations served make application of any set of criteria difficult and of limited value, particularly at the departmental level.

