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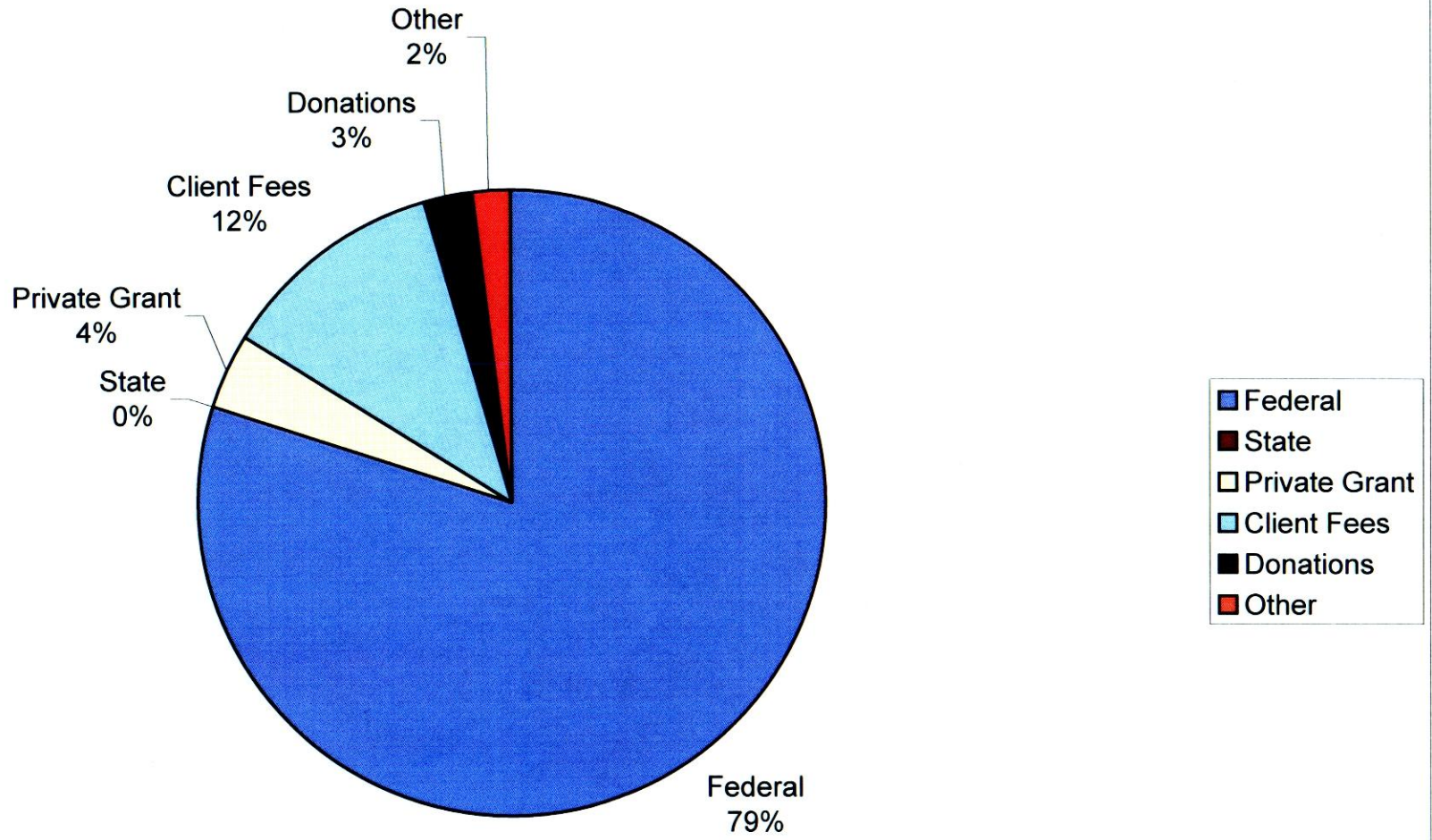
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Treatment Philosophy

During their enrollment with the Ridge House, clients receive intensive treatment for addiction and alcoholism, including goal-oriented treatment planning, one-on-one counseling, group therapy, educational lectures, relapse prevention groups, re-entry counseling, and specific components designed for individual clients on a case-by-case basis. Intensive case management augments individual and group counseling, and is the foundation for clients to become self-sufficient and develop healthy, productive lifestyles. The goal of the Ridge House is to help clients achieve and sustain long-term recovery/sobriety.

The Ridge House, Inc. Income Sources FY2002-FY2006



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Nevada's Model Re-entry Program

History

The Ridge House, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, social services organization was founded in Reno in 1982.

Mission Statement: Serving the criminal justice population through prevention, intervention and rehabilitation treatment, thereby assisting the community in its fight against crime.

Target Population

Ridge House, Inc., serves adult male and female criminal justice clients.

Referrals include those offenders recently released from prison, self-referred parolees, and clients from the Division of Parole and Probation.

Both federal and state offenders are served.

Services Provided

Services include four nights of therapeutic and educational groups and three nights of free time per week so clients can adjust to their new community.

Clients must obtain employment within one week of intake. By encouraging re-entry into the working community immediately upon arrival at the facilities, the clients overcome their initial fears while having the support of a caring staff during this transition.

Clients utilize the residential portion of our treatment program for 3 months, then participate in outpatient aftercare for another 9 - 12 months.

Housing

Ridge House currently has five residential treatment facilities. Three for men and two for women.

Additionally, we had added two gender specific, transitional living facilities. One for men and one for women. Unfortunately, the women's transitional home was let go on March 10, 2008, due to limited funding.

Results

The true measure of success for this unique population of former offenders is the number that remain free from incarceration.

According to Nevada Assemblyman Bernie Anderson, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, 87% of untreated former offenders return to prison within three years of release.

The Nevada Dept. of Corrections' 2006 audit indicates that only 9% of former clients returned to prison within one year after leaving Ridge House

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Cost Effectiveness

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the cost to Nevada taxpayers per year to house an individual inmate is \$23,367.

Using this figure, the cost for an average prison term of 26 months is \$50,629.

In 2001, only 20% of Ridge House clients returned to prison, as opposed to former Dept. Of Corrections Director, Jackie Crawford's reported 68% return rate for a one year period.

Therefore taxpayers realized a savings of \$5,467,220.00 in that year alone.

Funding

In 1999, the Nevada Office of Criminal Justice, awarded Ridge House, Inc., funding from VOI-TIS monies.

Additionally, the Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency formerly BADA provided funding for the treatment services.

In 2002, the Council of State Governments published the Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council which listed the Ridge House, Inc. as a Model Program for prisoner re-entry.

During this time, the Ridge House was funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), with the goal of duplicating the model statewide.

Our last U. S. Department of Justice grant ended in 2003. Specific state funding has not been available except through legislative sessions, and since none was approved in the 2007 session, we're relying on the Interim Finance Committee or the 2009 Legislative Session to request money again.

Our largest funder at present is the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency formerly BADA.

This year alone we have applied for grants in excess of \$2,361,771 from 20 various private, county, state and federal entities.

Our biggest problem currently is funding operating expenses and debt reduction.

Staff layoffs and other cost reductions have reduced the run-rate operating deficit to approx \$10 K per month.

The remaining staff consists of a "bare-bones" admin staff, the house managers, and the client counselors... reductions here would minimize program services.

Another large part of the operating budget is the mortgage payments on the client houses. Although the houses are assets, they are "encumbered" assets, i.e. because they were acquired via grants, they cannot be sold nor their usage changed for 99 yrs.

Our largest liquid asset is the commercial building in which we reside. We lease some of the space to other tenants, so it is essentially a break even operation. It is estimated to have an unrealized gain.

We realize the need to raise money ourselves, and we have had several small fundraisers to this end.