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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Stable housing is linked to a number of positive health and social outcomes for individuals, families and communities--and rental assistance is a key strategy to support renters. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented numbers of layoffs and furloughs that have will continue for years to come. This has led to high levels of housing instability and even deeper racial disparities and challenges to pay rent. This program offer continues the County's leadership role in providing rent assistance and related supports.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Thousands of Multnomah County residents are unable to pay their monthly rent due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As moratoriums are lifted and people struggle to pay their bills, evictions are likely to increase and the need for rental assistance is unprecedented. Racial disparities existed before COVID-19 and current national and state trends indicate that the economic hardships of the global pandemic are widening racial inequalities. These trends are likely mirrored at the local level. For instance, in Multnomah County, the majority of people who rent are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color).

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide eviction prevention support through legal, rent and service support, and provide COVID-19 rent assistance support so that households can remain stably housed by paying rent.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: These funds will support rent assistance to households throughout Multnomah County who are impacted by the pandemic. The focus will be on tenants from culturally specific communities. Funds will be disbursed through an internal YFS team (Allita) and community-based rent assistance program jointly led by the City of Portland, Joint Office of Homeless Services, Home Forward, County Human Services and non-profit organizations. There are currently 43 organizations providing rent assistance support to households.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of households receiving rent assistance	6,938	8,827	8,827	3,866
Outcome	% of households receiving rent assistance who are at 50% or below of the Area Median Income.	81%	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Outputs are all based on different funding sources and different amounts. Calculated using average of \$5,046 per household. Estimates for FY23 reflect projections of lower amounts of state & federal funds for rent assistance.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$2,468,684	\$0	\$2,167,743
Contractual Services	\$0	\$45,914,345	\$0	\$19,511,073
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$36,000	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$380,971	\$0	\$304,351
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$48,800,000	\$0	\$21,983,167
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Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.75

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$48,800,000	\$0	\$21,983,167
Total Revenue	\$0	\$48,800,000	\$0	\$21,983,167

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$304,351 in indirect revenues.

\$11,146,090 - STATE GENERAL FUNDS - Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Supplemental

\$5,343,454 - STATE GENERAL FUNDS - OR Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program

\$2,130,114 - COVID-19 Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERAP-2)

\$1,666,588 - COVID-19 Federal COP Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERAP 2)

\$1,145,050 - COVID-19 Federal Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

\$459,871 - COVID-19 Federal COP Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

\$92,000 - COVID-19 Federal CJC Coronavirus Emergency Support Grant

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25399L ARP - Emergency Rent Assistance

This program offer falls under the County's Crisis Response & Community Recovery ARP Priority Area.

This program offer includes only funds for rent assistance that are not Multnomah County direct ARP allocations. The amount between years varies.

This program includes the conversion of limited duration positions to 13.75 FTE.