



Program #25121B - YFS - Woodstove Replacement FY 2024 Proposed

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: New **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 10095
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This program continues a Wood Stove Replacement Program for Multnomah County. The program exchanges wood stoves for new furnaces or heat pumps. This program impacts air quality, health and climate change. It funds 2.00 limited duration assignment (LDA) staff to build and carry out the program. Funding for equipment and installation will come from American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds originally given to the Office of Sustainability. This program is modeled after a similar successful effort in Washington County.

Program Description

ISSUE: Clean air greatly affects the health and safety of people who live in Multnomah County. Smoke from burning wood to heat homes is a major cause of air pollution. Higher levels of wood smoke in the air have been connected to higher levels of sickness like heart and lung illnesses.

Wood smoke pollution is an environmental justice issue for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color. Black, Latinx and Indigenous people also have higher rates of asthma than other groups. Reducing wood smoke will benefit these groups. It is also a way for the county to have a positive effect on the heat problems we face due to climate change and on the lives of all people in the county.

PROGRAM GOAL: Improve the environment and lives of people in Multnomah County by providing more efficient heating that will reduce air pollution and result in better health of 1) those living in the homes with new heating, 2) those living in nearby areas, 3) BIPOC people who experience more pollution and higher rates of lung problems and 4) the county as a whole.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Wood Stove Replacement Program provides a woodstove exchange program. Households can replace an old wood stove, fireplace or fireplace insert with a cleaner, more efficient option such as a new furnace or a heat pump. People who use wood as their main source of heat would receive the new heating. The program includes 2.00 LDA staff to carry out the program including reaching out to people heating with wood, signing them up, doing inspections and managing contracts to do the replacement work. Funding for equipment and installation will come from state ARP funds originally given to the Office of Sustainability. In addition, a small fund of client assistance is included to help support the change and pay for higher electric bills. This program is modeled after a similar successful effort in Washington County.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of wood stoves replaced	N/A	100	20	50
Outcome	Wood stove replacement project plan completed and implemented	N/A	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$244,283	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$244,283	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$244,283	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25121C YFS - Wood Stove Replacement

In FY 2023 this program was funded with one-time-only General Fund (PO 25121C). The program is requesting one-time-only funding for a second year in FY 2024