

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Multnomah County is in a severe housing crisis and many low-income residents lack housing and/or economic stability. Legal barriers and debt are roadblocks to overall stability and prevent access to housing, employment, education and community involvement. People of color and people with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by debt and legal barriers because of disparate treatment in the justice system, discrimination, and systemic racism. Legal Services Days remove barriers to opportunity and address systemic racism and allowing for greater access to housing and opportunity.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Residents experiencing poverty, especially people of color and people who experience discrimination and disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system, have legal and financial barriers that prevent them from accessing housing, employment, education and other opportunities.

PROGRAM GOAL: Legal Services Days work to eliminate or reduce fees, fines and legal barriers to stability and opportunity through access to a legal clinic focused on these issues.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: District Attorneys, Judges, Public Defenders and Social Services agencies collaborate to host six afternoon legal clinics dedicated to reducing or eliminating fees, fines and legal barriers. These legal clinics are located in East County and North Portland, close to low-income residents and communities of color.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of participants engaged in service.	860	870	870	870
Outcome	Percent of participants receiving legal advice or services resulting in barrier reduction.	100%	100%	100%	100%
Output	Number of participants appearing before judge.	836	730	730	730
Output	Amount of fees and fines waived or reduced.	\$3.3million	\$3.2million	\$3.2 Million	\$3.2 Million

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$125,000		\$125,000	
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 2020: 25131-20 YFS - Legal Services Day

For FY 2021 we are requesting that funding move from one time only to ongoing. There are no changes to program operations in FY 2021, as described in this program offer.