

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 25131
Program Characteristics:

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. Access to legal supports such as Legal Services Days remove barriers to opportunity and address systemic racism and allowing for greater access to housing and opportunity. This funding will increase access to these types of services.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Residents experiencing economic distress experience discrimination and disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system. This is especially true for members of our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Justice involved individuals in these communities frequently face legal and financial barriers that prevent them from accessing housing, employment, education and other opportunities.

PROGRAM GOAL: Access to supports such as Legal Services Days help eliminate and reduce fees, fines and legal barriers to stability and opportunity by providing a legal clinic that address these issues. This additional funding will expand access across the county, with an emphasis on BIPOC communities.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: District Attorneys, Judges, Public Defenders and Social Service agencies have collaborated to host six afternoon legal clinics dedicated to reducing or eliminating fees, fines and legal barriers. These legal clinics have historically been held in East County and North Portland.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to new efforts among our partners to look for ways to collaborate and provide access to clients in virtual sessions. This additional funding will allow the County to work with these partners to explore new options for service delivery, expand successful models, and ensure clients can access legal supports in this complex environment.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of participants engaged in service.	N/A	N/A	N/A	600
Outcome	% of participants receiving legal advice or services resulting in barrier reduction.	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%
Output	Number of participants appearing before judge.	N/A	N/A	N/A	450

Performance Measures Descriptions

Performance outcomes is an estimate, and is reduced some due to virtual nature of these sessions; it is estimated that as many folks may not be able to engage in these types of sessions, compared to in-person. Additional measures may be determined through discussion with partners.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$125,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: