

### Program #25131C - YFS - Eviction Prevention Support

FY 2024 Proposed

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Program Offer Type: Existing Program Offer Stage: Proposed

**Related Programs:** 

**Program Characteristics:** 

## **Executive Summary**

This program funds services that support renters so they can remain housed and avoid eviction. It provides access to up-to-date and accurate information about their rights as renters. It also provides legal representation to clear eviction notices.

## **Program Description**

ISSUE: COVID-19 has deepened the housing crisis and increased housing instability for many in Multnomah County with disparate impacts of health, employment and housing instability for Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other Communities of Color. A lack of affordable housing along with job loss, confusion related to changes in the law, and the health consequences of COVID-19 are some of the factors that contribute to the current crisis. Accessing resources and navigating the evolving legal protections has also been difficult and renters can benefit from services that help them take advantage of existing eviction protections. Additionally, once eviction protections end, there will be a higher need for eviction support services.

PROGRAM GOAL: Renters in Multnomah County will have a resource that provides accurate and timely information. It will also help them access the legal protections and rental assistance they may be entitled to for eviction protection.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: There are two primary program activities. The first activity focuses on providing updated legal information and education services to renters in the County. To make it easy to access, services will be provided in multiple formats including, but not limited to a Renters Right Hotline, website, social media, and hard copies. Additional education services are available and/or can be created to ensure information is up to date, accurate, and tailored to the diverse communities needing eviction protections, during the pandemic recovery period and beyond. These programs offer culturally specific services and has community connections and relationships with culturally specific organizations. The second activity is legal services. These will capitalize on existing services and capacity as well as develop new resources to provide comprehensive eviction prevention support.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer			
Output	Number of people receiving legal information, education and referral services	1,458	1,500	1,500	1,500			
Outcome	Renters who engage with legal representation to achieve dismissal of their case.	182	300	300	300			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$0
Program Total: \$400,000		\$400,000		
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 2023: 25131C YFS - Eviction Prevention Support