

**Department:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Operating

**Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

**Related Programs:**
**Program Characteristics:**
**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** The current housing crisis in Multnomah County has deepened and increased housing instability for many, with disparate impacts on Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other Communities of Color. A lack of affordable housing, along with un- and under-employment, confusion related to changes in the law, and other complicating factors have contributed to the current situation.

Renters benefit from services that help them take advantage of existing eviction protections, as knowing their rights and navigating legal protections can be complex and difficult. Additionally, with many pandemic-related eviction protections no longer in place, there is a higher need for eviction prevention services.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Renters in Multnomah County have access to legal services to support negotiation with landlords and positive court outcomes to prevent eviction and homelessness.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This program provides eviction legal advice and defense services. Services include: landlord negotiations, referrals to community partners and consultation with tenants to prevent cases from going to court whenever possible. Additionally, legal services, mediation, courtroom support, and courtroom representation (when necessary) are provided. Providers capitalize on existing services and capacity, as well as develop new resources to provide comprehensive eviction prevention support.

**PROGRAM OUTPUTS:**

- Provides legal support to households with an eviction notice to prevent the case from being taken to court and the tenant from being evicted.
- Provides legal defense in court for tenants with cases for nonpayment of rent, preventing imminent eviction, as well as avoiding future barriers to housing that are caused by having an eviction on one's record.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of renters who engage with legal representation to achieve dismissal of their case.	282	300	300	300
Outcome	Percent of closed cases that resulted in a positive outcome*	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*This is a new performance measure in the program offer in FY26, so FY24 and FY25 are N/A.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$446,256	\$0	\$124,528	\$210,164
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$446,256</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$124,528</b>	<b>\$210,164</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$446,256</b>		<b>\$334,692</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

\$210,164 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Homeless Services Department (HSD) program 30999 Supportive Housing Services Revenue for Other Departments. SHS funding is one-time-only

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2025: 25131C YFS - Eviction Prevention Support

In FY 2025, this program was funded with ongoing General Fund.

In FY 2026, this program was restored by Board Amendment #34 and is funded with \$124,528 in ongoing General Fund and \$210,164 in one-time-only Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding.