



Program #25131C - YFS - Eviction Prevention Support **FY 2026 Department Requested**

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Lori Stegmann
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

ISSUE: COVID-19 deepened the housing crisis and increased housing instability for many in Multnomah County, with disparate impacts on 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 contributed to the current crisis. 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 will have a resource that provides accurate and timely information about renter rights. This offer also helps renters 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 are provided in multiple formats including, but not limited to, a Renters' Rights Hotline, website, social media, and hard copies. Additional education services are available and created to ensure information is up to date, accurate, and tailored to the diverse communities needing eviction protections. These programs offer culturally relevant services and have community connections and relationships with culturally specific organizations.

The second activity is eviction legal 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 information, education and referral services to households at risk of eviction.
 - 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 eviction legal defense in court for tenants with cases for nonpayment of rent.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of tenants receiving information, education and advocacy services	1,897	1,500	1,500	1,500
Output	Number of renters who engage with legal representation to achieve dismissal of their case.	282	300	300	300

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$446,256	\$0	\$458,305	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$446,256	\$0	\$458,305	\$0
Program Total:	\$446,256		\$458,305	
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 2025: 25131C YFS - Eviction Prevention Support