



Program #25131D - YFS - Record and Fee Expungement Program (Project Reset) FY 2025 Adopted

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Multnomah County is in a severe housing crisis and having legal issues and/or not having financial resources to address them are roadblocks to overall stability for low-income residents. Fines and fees, along with outstanding criminal records, often have an extraordinary financial impact on individuals who are working to get their lives back on track. This often shows up as continuing economic hardship, and an inability to secure good housing and employment. Black, Indigenous, Native and communities of color and people with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by debt and legal barriers because of systemic racism and discrimination. Project Reset provides record expungement legal support and consultation to remove these barriers to stability.

Program Description

ISSUE: Residents experiencing poverty, in particular people of color, experience discrimination and disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system. This systemic racism results in legal and financial barriers that prevent them from accessing housing, employment, education and other opportunities.

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide low barrier, easy access to legal services in order to reduce legal barriers to safe housing, employment and educational opportunities. As part of this, create efficiencies to benefit the justice system and most importantly resolve a backlog in the District Attorney’s Office that is creating delays in expungement hearings.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Provider will conduct outreach about Project Reset to communities of color disproportionately affected by the justice system including but not limited to outreach to culturally specific providers of County programs. Services provided shall include, but are not limited to: Reduction or waiver of fees and fines; expungement of convictions, arrests and dismissed cases; resolution of bench warrants; early termination of successful probation; dismissal of up to three TriMet fare violations; dismissal of marijuana violations; screening of records; driver’s license restoration; navigation of court orders and obligations; reduction of qualifying marijuana convictions; review of open or pending cases and warrants; and other services as needed.

The full expungement process includes eligibility analysis, paperwork preparation, court filing, fingerprint processing, and representation at court if required.

This program also includes staff to work on existing record expungement processes in partnership with the County DA’s office. They will meet with pro se expungement applicants to better understand whether they actually qualify for expungement, have completed the correct paperwork, screen them for additional legal services that their division can offer to reduce legal barriers, and resolve any other issues that may create a delay in the process.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of participants engaged in services	672	700	700	800
Outcome	Percent of participants receiving legal advice or services resulting in barrier reduction	100%	90%	100%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

For the output and outcome we are using the Project Reset FY23 and 24 #s and then FY25 is the target for the combined services since the expansion is included in 25131D in FY25 rather than a separate offer.

Legal / Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$262,500	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$262,500	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$262,500		\$325,000	
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 2024: 25131D YFS - Expungement and Legal Services Days

The name of this program offer has changed from Legal Services Days to Record and Fee Expungement Program (Project Reset).