

Program #25131D - YFS - Record and Fee Expungement Program (Project Reset)
FY 2026 Adopted
Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

ISSUE: 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, disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system and legal barriers because of systemic racism and discrimination. 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.

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.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provides legal support to help remove fees, fines and other barriers that prevent employment and housing stabilization.
- Provides access for County residents to a monthly lottery system where they will receive legal services and support.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of participants engaged in services*	836	800	800	600
Output	Percent of participants receiving legal advice or services related to barrier reduction	100%	90%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*The FY26 Target is lower due to a reduction in funding in FY26.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$325,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$325,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$325,000		\$250,000	
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 2025: 25131D YFS - Record and Fee Expungement Program (Project Reset)

This program was restored by Board Amendment #34 in FY 2026 with ongoing General Fund. In FY 2025, this program was funded with one-time-only General Fund.