



**Program #25131E - YFS - Eviction Prevention: In Courtroom Support** 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**

The number of eviction court cases filed has increased dramatically since the end of the pandemic protections with rates currently exceeding those seen prior to the pandemic. This one-time-only program offer maintains efforts to avoid imminent eviction by providing free in-courtroom legal support to tenants facing eviction in court.

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** In Multnomah County, the number of court cases for eviction due to nonpayment of rent reached over 800 cases per month by Spring 2024, which suggests that over 8,000 households will be taken to court for eviction in FY 2024. The number of impacted households far exceeds this, with research suggesting that for every one court case filed, 5 tenants will have self-evicted. Thousands of Multnomah County residents are unable to pay their rent due to the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color continue to be disproportionately at risk of eviction, impacted by inflation and rising costs of rent, and facing the greatest barriers to employment and housing stability. The number of eviction court cases filed has increased dramatically since the end of the pandemic protections with rates currently exceeding those seen prior to the pandemic. The vast majority of cases are for nonpayment of rent.

**PROGRAM GOALS:** This program maintains efforts to avoid imminent eviction by providing free legal support to tenants facing eviction in court proceedings.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:** Provide free legal support and representation to low-income tenants facing eviction in court. Legal support will be provided directly in the court setting to ensure tenants understand their rights and can effectively advocate for themselves in court. Legal support and representation will assist tenants to navigate the complex and intimidating legal processes involved in eviction cases before appearing in court. The provider will conduct direct outreach at the Multnomah County Courthouse to tenants who are attending proceedings for eviction. They will also provide intake and screening for legal representation, focused on households at or below 65% of average median income. They will provide limited or full legal representation that may include: negotiations; rental assistance referrals; and help filing stipulated agreements. The provider will also refer program participants who need financial assistance to appropriate community emergency rent assistance partners.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of households facing eviction court hearings who receive legal support or representation	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,300
Outcome	Percentage of households receiving legal support who are able to avoid eviction	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$330,000	\$250,000
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$330,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$580,000</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**

\$250,000 - Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Joint Office of Homeless Services program 30999 Supportive Housing Services Revenue for Other Departments.

**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: