

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The number of eviction court cases filed has increased dramatically due to the current housing and affordability crisis, and the expiration of pandemic renter protections. In Multnomah County, the number of court cases for eviction due to nonpayment of rent reached nearly 11,000 households in FY 2025. Many tenants are unaware of legal services they can access or don't have time or resources to connect with attorneys to support them prior to their court date. This results in a large percentage of tenants going to court without legal support or representation. The program in this offer provides legal support directly in the court setting to ensure tenants understand their rights and can effectively advocate for themselves. Program activities include:

- Providing available attorneys in the courtroom conducting direct outreach to tenants without representation.
- Providing same-day eviction legal support and intervention in court for tenants with eviction cases.
- Providing intake and screening for legal representation to households at or below 65% of average median income. Legal representation may include negotiations, rental assistance referrals, and help filing stipulated agreements.

This offer supports the Youth and Family Services (YFS) Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability by providing eviction legal services to tenants that assists them in navigating the complex and intimidating legal processes involved in eviction cases before appearing in court.

Equity Statement

The Youth and Family Services Eviction Prevention Program (In Courtroom Support) provides in courtroom legal defense services and supports access to services for a greater number of people and prevents evictions by helping to reduce the amount tenants owe.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$247,324	\$0	\$255,486	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$247,324	\$0	\$255,486	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$247,324		\$255,486	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of renters who received same-day legal support in the eviction courtroom	1,508	550	550
Percent of households receiving legal support beyond the first court appearance	N/A	10%	10%