

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25139
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Multnomah County is experiencing an unprecedented housing crisis. The legacy and cumulative effects of systemic racism and discrimination have meant that Black, Indigenous, Native and other communities of color are the most severely burdened by the housing crisis. This is particularly acute for Latinx households, many of whom have an additional barrier because they are unable to access federal rent assistance resources. This is a local long term rent assistance program for Latinx families at risk of homelessness. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance, and contract monitoring.

Program Summary

ISSUE: In the Latinx community housing burdens are very acute, and many very low-income Latinx families in Multnomah County are living with severe rent burdens, spending more than 50% of their already limited incomes on rent. Over the course of any given year, a percentage of these households will face a crisis that puts them at imminent risk of homelessness. For some of these families, this is a one-time occurrence, and for others it is part of a recurring cycle of extreme housing instability, followed by homelessness.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal is to provide long term rent assistance that improves stability for Latinx families at risk of homelessness so that they may transition off of a rent subsidy and/or helps families transition to a permanent federal subsidy.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The program leads with race by engaging a small number of severely rent burdened Latinx families at risk of homelessness through the existing Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI) anti-poverty program, with long term rent assistance instead of short term rent assistance. Long term rent assistance is coupled with culturally specific case management using principles of Assertive Engagement, so that participants identify and drive towards goals they set. The program is being evaluated to determine which families are most likely to benefit from long term intervention and how long term rent assistance results in improved outcomes in a variety of domains including housing stability and positive child development.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number households receiving long term rent assistance	6	8	8	8
Outcome	Percent of families experiencing improvements in self identified outcomes ¹	N/A	80%	80%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹No families exited yet, so no outcome data for FY2020.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$150,000		\$150,000	
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 2021: 25132 YFS - Long Term Rent Assistance (LTRA)