Program #25133 - YFS - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP) 3/7/2022

Department:	County Human Services	**Program Contact:**	Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	**Program Offer Stage:**	As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Racism, a lack of affordable housing and a global pandemic have contributed to housing instability, especially for Black, Indigenous, Native and other Communities of Color. In addition, for those with low or fixed incomes, the lack of affordable housing has been especially devastating. Yet housing is a foundation to individual, family and community stability and well being. This offer provides eviction prevention services to people with low incomes, and focuses on families with children, older adults and people with disabilities. The goal is to both prevent eviction as well as support those who are evicted to secure stable housing.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Significant rent increases, a shortage of affordable housing and a global pandemic have contributed to housing instability for many. Individuals and families with low or fixed incomes can benefit from stable housing. Stable housing is also a racial justice issue. Because of the on-going and cumulative impacts of racism, we know many of those who struggle with housing stability are Black, Indigenous, Native and other People of Color.

PROGRAM GOAL: This program offers a range of services to both prevent eviction as well as help those who are evicted to secure stable housing.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program offer represents two program areas: Short Term Rent Assistance and the Housing Stability Team.
1. Short-Term Rent Assistance program (STRA) is a joint effort between Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and Home Forward. Each organization contributes funds. STRA funds are then given to local social service agencies who work with families who are at risk of homelessness. Because of the impacts of racism, this program prioritizes support to communities of color. Funds can be used for rent assistance, mortgage payment, and emergency hotel vouchers. Assistance is available for up to 24 months. These services help County residents find homes, maintain housing, avoid homelessness, and work on creating a path to economic stability.
2. The Housing Stability Team (HST) provides additional help with housing for people engaged in County programs. Services include eviction prevention, housing stabilization, Assertive Engagement case management, landlord retention services, utility payments, short-term rent assistance, and move-in flexible funds.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of households engaged in STRA[1]	1,616	2,011	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percentage of households engaged who remain in permanent housing six months after exit	96%	70%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

[1]Estimate for FY2022 was inaccurate as it inadvertently included households served with Federal CARES funding; we have adjusted to pre-pandemic levels of non-COVID response rent assistance for FY2023.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

Program Expenses	Adopted General Fund 2022	Adopted Other Funds 2022	Requested General Fund 2023	Requested Other Funds 2023
Personnel	$71,395	$71,395	$159,049	$0
Contractual Services	$1,143,113	$2,191,997	$1,148,956	$2,053,505
Materials & Supplies	$2,270	$2,270	$11,018	$0
Internal Services	$10,869	$21,283	$35,259	$0
Total GF/non-GF	**$1,227,647**	**$2,286,945**	**$1,354,282**	**$2,053,505**
Program Total:	**$3,514,592**		**$3,407,787**	
Program FTE	0.50	0.50	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$0	$2,286,945	$0	$2,053,505
Total Revenue	**$0**	**$2,286,945**	**$0**	**$2,053,505**

Explanation of Revenues

$1,926,734 - OHCSD Emergency Housing Assistance
$126,771 - State of Oregon Elderly Rent Assistance

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25133 YFS - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP)