

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Racism and a lack of affordable housing 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 program 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 Description

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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of households engaged in Short Term Rent Assistance through Home Forward	1,938	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percentage of households engaged who remain in permanent housing six months after exit	66%	70%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$300,943	\$0	\$158,218	\$159,788
Contractual Services	\$1,204,952	\$2,986,607	\$1,219,016	\$3,554,455
Materials & Supplies	\$10,270	\$0	\$11,250	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,216	\$0	\$50,734	\$23,521
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,537,381	\$2,986,607	\$1,439,218	\$3,737,764
Program Total:	\$4,523,988		\$5,176,982	
Program FTE	2.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,986,607	\$0	\$3,737,764
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,986,607	\$0	\$3,737,764

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$23,521 in indirect revenues.
 \$1,933,003 - Oregon Eviction Diversion & Prevention Program
 \$1,669,782 - OHCSA Emergency Housing Assistance (State)
 \$134,979 - State of Oregon Elderly Rent Assistance (State)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25133A YFS - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP)

Moved 1.00 FTE Program Specialist Sr from program offer 25118 (Federal/ State Fund), moved 1.00 FTE Program Specialist Sr to program offer 25139 (General Fund)