

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

ISSUE: Significant rent increases, a shortage of affordable housing and the high cost of living in the County have contributed to housing instability for many. In addition, for those with low or fixed incomes, the lack of affordable housing has been especially devastating. Stable housing is foundational for community stability and well-being for individuals and families. 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: The goals are to stabilize housing and prevent eviction, as well as support those who are evicted to secure stable housing. Ultimately, the goal is to prevent and reduce homelessness. Prevention and reduction of the number of households entering the homeless system of care are critical to achieving the County's goals in the Homelessness Response Action Plan.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program provides housing stability and eviction prevention services to people with low incomes, and focuses on families with children, older adults and people with disabilities. It represents four services:

1. Emergency Rent Assistance, funded by the State of Oregon, for tenants with an eviction notice, written notice to vacate, or households at high risk of losing their housing within 21 days. Case managers provide crisis support, landlord negotiation, application completion and connection to additional resources to meet basic needs.
2. 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. Funds can be used for rent assistance, mortgage payment, and emergency hotel vouchers. Assistance is available for up to 24 months.
3. Client Assistance funding that provides rent and other homelessness prevention financial resources for people engaged in existing County-staffed programs. Assistance types include utility payments, short-term rent assistance, housing placement and move-in costs.
4. Medicaid 1115 pilot project, which helps people with low incomes and a serious health condition keep stable housing by providing short-term rent and utilities assistance. This project coordinates Medicaid payers, health systems and human services to maintain housing stability and improve health outcomes.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provides emergency rent assistance, crisis support and resource navigation to tenants at imminent risk of eviction.
- Provides critical short term rent and client assistance resources to existing programs to ensure clients are able to achieve housing stability.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of households receiving emergency rent assistance to prevent eviction	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	1,305
Output	Number of households engaged in Short Term Rent Assistance through Home Forward	1,153	1,000	1,000	1,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

*In FY 2024 and FY 2025, the eviction prevention and emergency rent assistance funding from the State was included in several separate program offers.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$158,218	\$709,984	\$179,360	\$1,749,771
Contractual Services	\$1,219,016	\$3,554,455	\$1,227,660	\$8,431,217
Materials & Supplies	\$11,250	\$0	\$17,560	\$0
Internal Services	\$50,734	\$23,521	\$138,394	\$138,609
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,439,218	\$4,287,960	\$1,562,974	\$10,319,597
Program Total:	\$5,727,178		\$11,882,571	
Program FTE	1.00	5.00	1.06	6.94

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,737,764	\$0	\$10,319,597
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,737,764	\$0	\$10,319,597

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$138,609 in indirect revenues.

\$7,810,303 - Oregon Eviction Diversion & Prevention Program

\$1,587,107 - OHCSO Emergency Housing Assistance (State)

\$787,208 - Federal Coordinated Care Organization Community Capacity Building 93.778 (Federal)

\$134,979 - State of Oregon Elderly Rent Assistance (State)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25133A YFS - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP)

- Move 0.06 FTE from Federal/State Fund to General Fund;
- Move 0.50 FTE Office Assistant 2 from YFS - Bienestar Social Services (25156) to YFS - Housing Stabilization & Eviction Prevention (25133A)
- Move 1.50 FTE (0.50 Data Tech, 1.00 FTE Case Manager 2) from Emergency Rent Assistance & Eviction Prevention (25133B)
- Reallocate \$3.2 million State Oregon Eviction Diversion and Prevention (ORE-DAP) from YFS - Bienestar Social Services (25156) to YFS - Housing Stabilization & Eviction Prevention (25133A).