



**Program #25133B - YFS - Emergency Rent Assistance** FY 2025 Proposed

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating      **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** New Request, Backfill State/Federal/Grant, One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

Stable housing is linked to positive health and social outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Eviction Prevention Program and other eviction prevention supports are key strategies to support renters to remain stably housed and prevent the homelessness crisis from getting worse. Eviction prevention supportive services and rent assistance are critical interventions to keep our homelessness crisis from getting worse.

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** Thousands of Multnomah County residents are not able to pay their rent due to the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID 19 exposed and exacerbated economic racial disparities that existed long before the pandemic. Black, indigenous, and People of color continue to be disproportionately at risk of eviction, impacted by inflation and rising costs of rent, and facing the greatest barriers to employment and housing stability. The pandemic increased the number of folks experiencing unemployment, poverty and domestic violence, as well as creating significant economic hardship. These issues have caused the number of evictions to increase dramatically since the end of the pandemic protections and funding, and exceed rates prior to the pandemic.

**Program Goals:** Provide eviction prevention support through supportive services and emergency and short term rent/client assistance payments so that households can remain stably housed.

**Program Activities:** This Eviction Prevention program supports the County’s priority for long term stability while maintaining a significant effort to avoid imminent eviction. These funds will support eviction prevention for households who meet any of these criteria; those with an eviction notice, written notice to vacate, or households at high risk who need longer short term case management to support housing stability. The Eviction Prevention program led by Bienestar de la Familia will provide outreach, intake and case management services for households who are referred and meet the criteria.

There are several key partners who are part of the Eviction Prevention Program including Metropolitan Public Defender; 211 info and culturally specific nonprofit organizations.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of households who receive eviction prevention services	N/A	N/A	N/A	800
Outcome	Percent of households served who remain stably housed at 6 months after exit	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$1,910,358	\$988,364	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$12,730,990	\$2,836,706	\$1,800,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$70,722	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$82,307	\$0	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,794,377</b>	<b>\$3,825,070</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$14,794,377</b>		<b>\$5,625,070</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	17.00	8.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$15,474,036	\$0	\$1,800,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,474,036</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,800,000 - Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. These funds provide emergency rent assistance to county renters who are unable to pay rent due to the pandemic. This is particularly acute in communities of color.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25490B ARP - Emergency Rent Assistance

The FY 2024 Adopted budget included \$15.5 million and 23.00 FTE in one-time-only funding as follows:

- \$5,474,036 - State Executive Order Oregon Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program (25133C)
- \$10,000,000 - Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County funding (25490B/C)

During the FY 2024 budget process, the Board directed that they be notified of the final ARP balance when FY 2023 actual spending was finalized. This resulted in an additional \$8.0 million and 3.00 FTE added during FY 2024 for emergency rent assistance, per a Supplemental Budget (# OVER-002-24).

In FY 2025, this program is funded with one-time-only General Fund and one-time-only Federal ARP funding. It is marked New because it now has General Fund.