



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

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl  
**Program Offer Type:** New Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

**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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$986,894	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$4,636,706	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,623,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$5,623,600</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	8.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

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

In FY 2024, this program was funded by one-time-only Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County funding (25490B/C). The FY 2024 Adopted budget included \$10.0 million and 17.00 FTE. During the FY 2024 budget process, the Board directed that they be notified of the final ARP balance as soon as 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 a request for ongoing County General Fund support.