

Program #25133B - Emergency Rent Assistance & Eviction Prevention
FY 2026 Proposed
Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

ISSUE: County and other leaders have taken significant action to address our state's housing crisis in recent years. This includes providing funding for critical eviction prevention programs and emergency rent assistance. This has prevented thousands of families from becoming homeless. The need for eviction prevention and emergency rent assistance continues to be high, and is growing due to multiple factors. These factors include increasing rents prices, higher costs of essential goods, utility rate increases, slow housing production, and slow wage increases. 2024 Eviction Court data suggests that there will be over 11,000 eviction court cases filed in Multnomah County in FY 2025, compared to 9,422 in FY 2024. The impact of eviction on children is particularly severe. Family shelter waiting lists currently exceed six months, leaving families in precarious and potentially dangerous situations if they lose their housing.

PROGRAM GOALS: Provide eviction prevention through supportive services and emergency rent assistance payments so that households can remain stably housed and avoid homelessness. In addition, for households that have an eviction notice from their landlord, the support will help them avoid having an eviction on their permanent court record.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Emergency Rent Assistance for tenants with an eviction notice, written notice to vacate, or households at high risk of losing their housing within 21 days. Case managers to provide crisis support, landlord negotiations, application completion assistance, and referrals to additional resources to meet basic needs.

Court Outreach – Bienestar de La Familia operates a unique outreach hub at East County and Downtown courthouses to support tenants facing a court eviction. Court outreach staff provide real-time support by pre-screening tenants and referring them to either Bienestar case managers, 211 or county legal contractors for emergency rent assistance, legal services, and other essential support. This one-of-a kind program meets people where they need help the most, ensuring timely connections to critical resources.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provide emergency rent assistance, crisis support and resource navigation to tenants to prevent eviction.
- Provide court outreach in the Multnomah County Courthouse to support tenants facing eviction.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of households who receive emergency rent assistance ¹	N/A	1,600	1,600	575
Output	Number of tenants supported by court outreach staff in the courthouses	1,552	1,125	1,125	1,125

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This was a one-time-only program in FY 2025 and so FY 2024 data is N/A. In FY 2025 Emergency Rent Assistance was in two program offers (25133B and 25133C). The FY 2026 Target is lower as there is significantly less funding budgeted for FY 2026 than FY 2025.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,006,454	\$725,847	\$188,126	\$0
Contractual Services	\$5,945,444	\$2,965,416	\$3,311,874	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$106,844	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$6,951,898	\$3,798,107	\$3,500,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$10,750,005		\$3,500,000	
Program FTE	8.50	6.00	1.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25133B YFS - Emergency Rent Assistance

This program combines 25133B and 25133C YFS - Eviction Prevention from FY 2025.

- In FY 2025 this program was funded with one-time-only General Fund and Other Funds. Other Funds included \$2,000,000 in Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding and \$1,798,107 in Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Funding.
- In FY 2026 this program is reduced by 11.50 FTE as follows: 3.00 FTE Office Assistant 2 (1.00 FTE vacant); 6.00 FTE Case Manager 2; 0.50 Data Technician (vacant); and 2.00 FTE Program Supervisor. Additionally, moved 1.50 FTE (0.50 FTE Data Technician, 1.00 FTE Case Manager 2) to YFS - Housing Stabilization & Eviction Prevention (25133A).