

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics: New Request

Program Description

The need for imminent eviction prevention support continues to be high and is growing due to multiple factors, including increasing rents, cost of essential goods, utility rate increases, slow housing production and slow wage increases. In Multnomah County, the number of court cases for eviction due to nonpayment of rent reached nearly 11,000 households in FY 2025. Research suggests that the number of tenants who self-evict is five times the number of court cases filed. Without an increased investment, we will see more households enter into homelessness. Within the broader eviction prevention system, this program offer increases Crisis Case Management and Emergency Rent Assistance for low-income tenants at imminent risk of eviction: that includes those with an eviction notice, written notice to vacate, or households at high risk of losing their housing within 21 days. To be eligible, households must be at 65% average median Income or less. There are several key partners who are part of the Eviction Prevention Program, including contracted culturally responsive and culturally specific nonprofit organizations, Bienestar de la Familia, and Home Forward. Program activities include:

- Providing crisis support, landlord negotiation, application completion support and referrals to additional resources to meet basic needs through case managers.
- Providing one-time emergency rent assistance.
- Providing short-term case management and management of stipulated agreements (up to 3 months).

This offer connects to the Youth and Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability. Activities stabilize housing and prevent eviction.

Equity Statement

The Youth and Family Services Eviction Prevention Program services are delivered through culturally responsive and specific organizations using an equity lens in their design, including engaging participants and the broader community. They ensure fair access for all households facing housing and economic instability.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | 2026 General Fund | 2026 Other Funds | 2027 General Fund | 2027 Other Funds |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$578,201 | \$0 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,908,830 | \$1,000,000 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$12,969 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,500,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Total Expenses: | \$0 | | \$3,500,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.50 | 0.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Performance Measures

| Performance Measure | FY25 Actual | FY26 Estimate | FY27 Target |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Number of households receiving emergency rent assistance | N/A | 575 | 500 |
| Percentage of households served that have income of 30% average median income or less | N/A | N/A | 50% |