



Program #25133C - YFS - Rent Assistance FY 2024 Adopted

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Program Offer Type: New **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs: 25490B, 25490C
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Stable housing is linked to a number of positive health and social outcomes for individuals, families and communities--and rental assistance is a key strategy to support renters. Housing instability as a result of the pandemic and economic impacts continue to place heavy burdens on renters in order to maintain their housing. Governor Kotek declared a state of emergency during her first week in office, and advocated for funding to support eviction prevention. This program implements that Emergency Order for Multnomah County.

Program Description

ISSUE: Thousands of Multnomah County residents are unable to pay their monthly rent due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Racial disparities existed before COVID-19 and current national and state trends indicate that the economic hardships of the global pandemic are widening racial inequalities. These trends are mirrored at the local level. For instance, in Multnomah County, the majority of people who rent are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) and are at high risk for eviction

PROGRAM GOALS: Provide eviction prevention support through rent assistance payments so that households can remain stably housed.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: These funds will support eviction prevention for households who meet any of these criteria as directed by the Emergency Order: those with an eviction notice, written notice to vacate, or otherwise in imminent risk of eviction. The Rapid Response Eviction Prevention program led by Bienestar de la Familia will provide outreach, intake and social support services for households who are referred and meet the criteria. This approach prioritizes those who have an eviction notice through several referral sources: the Eviction court docket, 211info, culturally specific organizations and/ or self referrals. Staff will conduct outreach to people’s homes to apprise them of the rent assistance support, in addition to sending texts and phone calls to reach tenants at risk and then work with them through the application process.

There are several key partners who are part of the Rapid Response Eviction Prevention program including the Oregon Law Center, Metropolitan Public Defender, 211info and culturally specific nonprofit organizations.

Funds must be expended by 1/10/24.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of households served	NA	NA	NA	1,426
Outcome	Number of evictions prevented	NA	NA	NA	1,426

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$668,076
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,652,931
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,722
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,307
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,474,036
Program Total:	\$0		\$5,474,036	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,474,036
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,474,036

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$82,307 in indirect revenues.
 \$5,474,036 State Executive Order Oregon Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program includes 2.50 FTE that were in program offer 25490A in FY 2023 and 2.50 FTE that were in 25490C in FY 2023. In FY 2023, these FTE were budgeted in the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Fund (1515). In FY 2024, these FTE are budgeted in the Federal/State Fund (1505).

It also converts a position that was limited duration in FY 2023 to 1.00 FTE in FY 2024.