



Program #25133C - YFS - Eviction Prevention 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, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Stable housing is linked to positive health and social outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Eviction prevention supports and rent assistance are key strategies to support renters to remain stably housed and prevent the homelessness crisis from getting worse. This program builds off of program YFS - Emergency Rent Assistance (25133B) to increase the number of households that avoid eviction through receiving culturally specific and responsive case management support services in combination with emergency and short-term rent assistance.

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. The pandemic increased the number of folks experiencing unemployment, poverty and domestic violence, as well as creating significant economic hardship. COVID-19 also 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 number of eviction court cases filed has increased dramatically since the end of the pandemic protections with rates currently exceeding those seen prior to the pandemic. The vast majority of cases are for nonpayment of rent. In Multnomah County, the number of court cases for eviction due to nonpayment of rent reached over 700 cases per month by Fall 2023, which suggests that over 7,000 households will be taken to court for eviction in FY 2024. The number of impacted households far exceeds this, with research suggesting that for every one court case filed, 5 tenants will have self-evicted.

Program Goals: This program deepens investment in the County’s priority for long term stability while maintaining a significant effort to avoid imminent eviction. It does this through providing eviction prevention support through supportive services and emergency and short term rent/client assistance payments.

Program Activities: 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 short term case management to support housing stability. Activities include outreach to tenants with court cases filed, intake and case management services.

Activities funded in this offer are provided by county staff and culturally specific non- profit organizations. The efforts are part of a broader eviction prevention partnership and system that includes 211 info, Metropolitan Public Defender, Oregon Law Center, Home Forward and other non-profits.

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 with housing stability services that 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	\$0	\$0	\$725,847
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,308,738	\$965,416
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$106,844
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$3,308,738	\$1,798,107
Program Total:	\$0		\$5,106,845	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$106,844 in indirect revenues.

\$1,798,107 - Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Joint Office of Homeless Services program 30999 Supportive Housing Services Revenue for Other Departments.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

In FY 2025, this program is funded with one-time-only General Fund and one-time-only Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding.