



Program #25133C - YFS - Eviction Prevention - SHS **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: One-Time-Only Request, In Target

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 offer builds off program offer 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 FY24. 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 for households.

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$725,847
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,274,153
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$5,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

\$5,000,000 - Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Joint Office of Homeless Services program 30000 Administration and Operations

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: