

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

The City of Portland dedicated \$4.25 million one-time-only funding for emergency rent assistance in FY 2027 to prevent eviction in its Technical Adjustment Ordinance in Spring 2026. The City did this in recognition of the high and growing need for imminent eviction prevention support due to multiple factors, including increasing rents, high costs of essential goods, utility rate increases, slow housing production, and slow wage increases.

Within the broader eviction prevention system, this program increases Crisis Case Management and Emergency Rent Assistance for low-income tenants at imminent risk of eviction: those with an eviction notice, written notice to vacate, or households at high risk of losing their housing within 21 days. Recipients must be residents of the City of Portland. 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 program connects to the Youth and Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability. Activities stabilize housing and prevent eviction.

Equity Statement

The Eviction Prevention 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 instability and eviction.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$251,924
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,970,540
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,536
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$4,250,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of households receiving emergency rent assistance	N/A	167	833
Percentage of households served that have income of 30% average median income or less	N/A	50%	50%