

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Fair housing audit testing is a tool used to gauge housing discrimination. Locally, the City of Portland funds testing within city limits but Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village are outside the boundaries. This program will extend similar testing to areas in Multnomah County. It will provide insights into housing discrimination experienced by those classified as 'protected class' by the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act of 1968 considers protected classes to include discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, sex (and as amended) handicap and family status. The results can inform policies and ensure we can identify who is experiencing it, by whom, and that we end housing discrimination.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Discrimination continues to prevent equal access to housing opportunities. Fair housing testing is a tool used to detect discrimination in the housing market. To test for discrimination, people from different backgrounds (different races, ages, abilities, etc.) pretend they will rent or buy a home. They document what information they are given by landlords, the bank, etc. Since the 'testers' have different backgrounds (race, age, ability, etc.) we can compare the information, services and treatment people in protected classes received to what those in non-protected classes received and look for patterns of different treatment in the housing market.

PROGRAM GOAL: Build on the City's fair housing testing and expand testing so it includes East Multnomah County, including Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program will fund fair housing testing in East Multnomah County to better understand the level of discrimination in the housing market. The results can inform policies that work to eliminate and prevent housing discrimination.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of fair housing tests conducted in East Multnomah County	N/A	75	75	75
Outcome	Number of alleged housing discrimination investigations, advocacy & support conducted	N/A	55	55	55
Output	Number of Fair Housing training and outreach events for direct service staff	N/A	15	15	15

Performance Measures Descriptions

Program started in FY2022; no outputs or outcomes to report.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$110,000		\$110,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25134 YFS - Fair Housing Testing