

Program #25134 - YFS - Fair Housing Testing in East Multnomah County
FY 2026 Adopted
Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

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 of Portland's fair housing testing and expand testing to include East Multnomah County, including Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village. Gain insights into housing discrimination experienced by those classified as a 'protected class' by the Fair Housing Act.

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.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Conducts fair housing tests in East Multnomah County.
- Provides consultation, advocacy and investigation into housing discrimination complaints.
- Provides Fair Housing training and outreach events for direct service staff at other social service organizations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of fair housing tests conducted in East Multnomah County	31	70	60	60
Output	Number of alleged housing discrimination investigations, advocacy & support conducted	80	25	25	25
Output	Number of Fair Housing training and outreach events provided to direct service staff	11	10	10	10

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$125,110	\$0	\$128,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$125,110	\$0	\$128,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$125,110		\$128,000	
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 2025: 25134 YFS - Fair Housing Testing in East Multnomah County

Program restored by Board Amendment #28 in FY 2026. In FY 2025, this program was funded with ongoing General Fund. In FY 2026, this program is funded with one-time-only General Fund as some fair housing funds were cut from HUD and other federal grants that supported this work. This investment will ensure that people in the County who live outside of the City of Portland have access to fair housing investigations.