

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Even though fair housing laws exist to protect people from being treated unfairly, people who live in Multnomah County still experience biases and unfair actions when they try to rent or buy a home. Most of the complaints about housing discrimination are related to a person's race. Everyone deserves to find a home that fits their needs.

Fair housing testing uses people from diverse backgrounds (testers) who pose as potential renters or home buyers to detect discrimination. They document and compare the services and treatment received by protected and non-protected classes to identify patterns of unequal access to housing opportunities. This program expands on the City of Portland's existing fair housing testing initiative. It funds and executes fair housing activities specifically in East Multnomah County, focusing on Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village, Corbett, and unincorporated areas. Program activities include:

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

This program supports the Youth and Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability by identifying discrimination experienced by protected classes and supporting residents who have complaints. The resulting data informs and shapes new policies to eliminate and prevent housing discrimination.

Equity Statement

Fair housing ensures access for everyone. This program focuses on addressing discrimination and disparities in housing access for all, including discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or other protected class.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$128,000	\$0	\$128,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$128,000	\$0	\$128,000	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$128,000		\$128,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of fair housing tests conducted in East Multnomah County	64	60	60
Number of fair housing training and outreach events provided to direct service staff	10	10	10