



Program #25136 - YFS - Culturally Specific Navigation Services for Immigrant Families 5/6/2020

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

Executive Summary

Changes to the federal immigration landscape have created an environment of hardship and fear for our immigrant and refugee communities, creating increased barriers to housing, health, education and employment. Multnomah County has allocated funds to increase the capacity of culturally specific providers in helping community members access immigration legal services and information as well as navigate related systems, thereby reducing barriers.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Multnomah County strives to promote and create a welcoming community that is safe, stable and thriving. Limited access to accurate immigration information and support has increased fear and hindered access to health and social services in immigrant and refugee communities that already face substantial barriers. When fewer families get health care, education or the assistance necessary to become safely housed or employed, it impacts the wellness of our entire community.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the program is to ensure that immigrant and refugee families are able to access services by providing culturally specific assistance, addressing barriers to access and providing opportunities for legal information.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Three primary activities will happen in this program. First, provide increased capacity for navigation services and family support for immigrant and refugee families identified as being at risk by culturally specific agencies. Second, increase access to culturally specific and responsive information and education. And third, offer training and education opportunities for impacted communities on legal rights and legal services available in the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of participants engaged in individualized navigation services.	301	370	370	370
Outcome	Percent of individuals and families reporting a reduction in barriers.	37%	40%	40%	40%
Output	Number of community trainings or workshops.	47	18	20	20
Output	Number of individuals and families receiving timely and accurate information, referral, education, services.	627	570	570	570

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$250,000		\$250,000	
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 2020: 25136-20 YFS - Culturally Specific Navigation Services for Immigrant Families

For FY 2021 we are requesting that funding shift from one time only to ongoing. There are no program operation changes as described in this Program Offer. Changes to the federal immigration landscape have created hardship and fear for our immigrant and refugee communities, creating increased barriers to housing, health, education and employment. The County began funding legal navigation and supports four years ago - and the demand immediately outpaced the capacity; the need has not diminished over time.