

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

ISSUE: Hundreds of youth under the age of 18 in Multnomah County face unaccompanied homelessness (meaning they are leaving their current home without a parent or guardian) each year due to family stressors and unsafe situations. The dynamics and consequences of homelessness are different for youth than adults. Youth need support and services that are tailored to their age, developmental stage, culture and specific circumstances. Youth homelessness impacts their health, development, education and ability to attend or stay in school. BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ youth are overrepresented in youth at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.

PROGRAM GOAL: Prevent youth homelessness and promote housing stability and safety. This includes ensuring youth at risk of leaving their current home (due to conflict or unsafe conditions) are able to engage in services that stabilize their living situation and prevent exposure to homelessness, as well as ensuring that youth who have already left or been kicked out are able to return home (if appropriate and possible) or connect quickly with supports and emergency housing placement. The program supports youth to stay in school and prevents them from unnecessary involvement in juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: There are three main service areas which focus on family reconciliation, resolving crises that youth experience, and preventing unnecessary out-of-home placement. Services are delivered in partnership with the caring adults in young people's lives, including family members (when appropriate), culturally specific organizations, school personnel, social service providers and other relevant partners, in order to achieve the program's goals. The services are contracted to non-profits who have track records of serving youth with high quality and culturally appropriate services.

- 1) Access and Outreach: Text and phone services that are available around the clock, 7 days a week. Mobile response is also available to connect with youth in person and provide transportation if needed. Outreach is conducted at schools, as well as youth-serving organizations, DHS and law enforcement.
- 2) Crisis and Stability Support: Needs and safety assessment, emotional support, crisis intervention, safety planning, family mediation and reunification (when possible and appropriate).
- 3) Emergency Housing: Overnight emergency housing options and short-term case management services for youth in emergency housing.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provides crisis support and case management to youth who are at imminent risk, including 24/7 mobile response.
- Provides family reunification services, when appropriate.
- Provides emergency shelter to youth who do not have a safe place to stay overnight.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of youth engaged in service	131	75	75	75
Output	Number of emergency shelter bed nights available annually	4,380	4,000	4,000	4,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$1,457,757	\$110,000	\$1,490,916	\$110,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,457,757	\$110,000	\$1,490,916	\$110,000
Program Total:	\$1,567,757		\$1,600,916	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$110,000 - OCCF Youth Investment (Federal)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25138 YFS - Youth Stability & Homelessness Prevention Services