

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

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. 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. Youth Stability and Homelessness Prevention (YSHP) services 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, culturally specific organizations, school personnel, social service providers, and other relevant partners in order to achieve the program’s goals. Program activities include:

- Access and outreach: Text and phone services are available around the clock, seven days a week. Mobile response connects with youth in person, and provides transportation if needed. Outreach takes place in the community.
- Crisis and stability support: This program provides needs and safety assessments, emotional support, crisis intervention, safety planning, family mediation, and reunification (when possible and appropriate).
- Emergency housing: Overnight emergency housing options and short-term case management services for youth in emergency housing are available.

This offer supports the Youth & Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability by preventing youth homelessness.

Equity Statement

Youth Stability and Homelessness Prevention (YSHP) services are high quality, culturally appropriate, and designed to address barriers and reflect youth experience. The goal of the program is to ensure awareness and access to support is provided at schools, as well as through youth-serving organizations and law enforcement.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$1,490,916	\$110,000	\$1,540,116	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,490,916	\$110,000	\$1,540,116	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$1,600,916		\$1,540,116	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of youth engaged in service	139	75	75
Number of emergency shelter bed nights available annually	4,380	4,380	4,380