

**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

All families can meet their full potential to become economically stable through access to culturally specific and appropriate supports and benefits they need. Recognizing that families are the experts in their own lives, the Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI) offers a range of culturally specific and responsive services focused on meeting family goals around stability and income creation. By contracting with community based organizations, including ensuring that 60% of the funding goes toward culturally specific organizations, MSI is able to respond to the unique needs of each community and honor their cultures and preferences. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring.

### Program Summary

**ISSUE:** Families experiencing poverty often struggle to find the services and support they need to achieve economic stability. Additionally, identifying and accessing services that lead with racial equity and justice can be especially difficult.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** MSI addresses the need for culturally specific and appropriate service interventions so that families facing economic challenges can have supports that are tailored and flexible enough to each families strengths, needs and goals.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** Culturally specific and appropriate services are delivered by contracted partner staff using an Assertive Engagement approach, which recognizes the individual as the expert in their own life and instills hope. MSI offers families a selection of services and interventions to choose from. Families identify their interests, strengths, choices, and goals and are connected with resources and services that meet their expressed goals. The activities of the MSI program include assisting families in stabilizing and securing housing; providing access to short term rent assistance; making connections to legal clinic services; providing Assertive Engagement case management; connecting families to natural supports in the community like support groups and school programs; connecting people to job training, income and asset creation, and flex funds. The Assertive Engagement approach to engaging with participants is trauma informed and an approach in which the participant is the expert in their life and is given agency to act from their expertise - rather than being told what services are available. This individualized approach respects a person's lived experience, wisdom and understanding about what is best for them and their family.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, culturally specific providers have played a critical role in supporting families to navigate complex systems. Services provided through MSI ensure that all families, especially those from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities have the tools and resources needed to maintain economic stability.

### Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of households served in MSI case management	528	750	750	750
Outcome	Percentage of households served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit	69%	75%	75%	75%

### Performance Measures Descriptions

Outputs and outcomes are lower for FY 2020 due to the pandemic.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$69,648	\$69,648	\$108,992	\$37,543
Contractual Services	\$2,540,525	\$1,016,667	\$2,540,803	\$1,079,298
Materials & Supplies	\$62,500	\$0	\$43,295	\$0
Internal Services	\$17,003	\$9,236	\$21,613	\$5,497
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$2,689,676</b>	<b>\$1,095,551</b>	<b>\$2,714,703</b>	<b>\$1,122,338</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$3,785,227</b>		<b>\$3,837,041</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.50	0.50	0.74	0.26

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,095,551	\$0	\$1,122,338
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,095,551</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,122,338</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$5,497 in indirect revenues.  
 \$835,705 - OHCS D Community Development Block Grant  
 \$286,633 - OHCS D Housing Stabilization Program

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 25139A YFS - Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI)