



**Program #25139 - YFS - Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI)** FY 2024 Proposed

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 30407A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI) is an antipoverty program that offers a range of culturally specific and responsive services. It supports families by recognizing that they are experts in their own lives and they are resilient. It also assumes that families should make their own goals around stability and income. A key to MSI is the ability to provide culturally responsive services and flexibility while supporting families. As part of leading with racial equity, 60% of funds are for culturally specific organizations. This ensures that the program meets the unique needs and norms of families and communities,

**Program Description**

**ISSUE** There is a lack of culturally specific services that provides flexibility for the unique needs of families in poverty.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** MSI addresses the need to recognize that families are experts and know what they need and want for themselves. By providing culturally specific and flexible services to help them achieve the goals they select, this program empowers families and is a key to family and community stability.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** Culturally specific and appropriate services are delivered by contracted partner staff using an Assertive Engagement approach. This model recognizes the individual as the expert in their own life and instills hope. MSI offers families a selection of services and supports to choose from. Families identify their interests, strengths, choices, and goals and are connected with resources and services that help them. 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.

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 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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of households served in MSI case management	322	750	750	750
Outcome	Percentage of households served that remain in permanent housing six months after exit	86%	75%	75%	75%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup>Output is lower due to staffing capacity challenges.  
<sup>2</sup> Outcome is higher in FY2022 compared to target and previous years. We will analyze this trend and adjust in future years.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$92,997	\$61,986	\$109,859	\$60,541
Contractual Services	\$2,610,745	\$1,079,300	\$2,774,400	\$1,099,557
Materials & Supplies	\$20,100	\$0	\$6,148	\$0
Internal Services	\$27,107	\$8,702	\$43,732	\$7,459
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$2,750,949</b>	<b>\$1,149,988</b>	<b>\$2,934,139</b>	<b>\$1,167,557</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$3,900,937</b>		<b>\$4,101,696</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.60	1.40	0.64	1.36

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,149,988	\$0	\$1,167,557
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,149,988</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,167,557</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$7,459 in indirect revenues.  
 \$880,000 - OHCS D Community Development Block Grant (Federal)  
 \$287,557 - OHCS D Housing Stabilization Program (Federal)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25139 YFS - Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI)

1.00 FTE in Other Funds is funded by the Supportive Housing Services Measure funding in the Joint Office of Homeless Services. See program 30407A for the associated costs and program information.

Moved 0.04 FTE Program Specialist Senior from Federal/State Fund (1505) to General Fund.