

**Program #25147B - YFS - East County Culturally Specific Community Food Systems**
**FY 2026 Adopted**

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Lori Stegmann  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating      **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** New Request, One-Time-Only Request

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** According to the US Department of Agriculture 2022 Census of Agriculture of the 1,282 farmers in Multnomah County, only 8 are Black or African American. Black and African American farmers make up only 0.6% of the farmer population even though Black and African American individuals make up 5.5% of the County's overall population according to the US Census. This disparity is born out of a racist history of exclusion in Oregon.

Significant disparities impact Black Oregonians when it comes to income and food access. According to data from the Oregon Center for Public Policy, Black households in Oregon are twice as likely to experience poverty as White households. These disparities are reflected in food insecurity rates. In Oregon, over 21 percent of Black households experienced food insecurity in 2018, compared to 9.9 percent of White households.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Provides community based and culturally specific support for Black and African American farmers to develop food systems that ensure Black, Indigenous, Latino, and other people of color, and low income families have access to fresh, culturally appropriate, and locally grown food. The resulting food system will promote local growers and community based economic development while connecting growers to individual consumers, markets, and institutional buyers

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** Provide workforce development and other resources to beginning Black and African American farmers in East Multnomah County that includes, but is not limited to, access to essential equipment, connection to markets, and other infrastructure supports.

**PROGRAM OUTPUTS:**

- Provide growers with workforce development resources.
- Provide access to infrastructure supports, such as equipment and markets.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of applications for this funding.	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Output	Number of growers who access workforce development or other program resources provided through this grant.	N/A	N/A	N/A	100

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The number of Black Farmers in Multnomah County is measured by the USDA in the Census of Agriculture. The USDA conducts the Census of Agriculture once every five years. The most recently available Census of Agriculture is for calendar year 2022."

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2025	2025	2026	2026
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$74,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$74,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

## Significant Program Changes

## Last Year this program was:

Board Amendment #37 added this program, funded with one-time-only General Fund.