



Program #25149B - YFS - Housing Stability Flex Funds for SUN Youth Advocacy 2/21/2018
Participants

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25149
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

All children deserve safe and stable housing so they can develop and thrive. Housing Stabilization for SUN Youth Advocacy (SYA) provides housing stabilization support to the families of SYA participants whose housing is vulnerable and are at high risk for homelessness, school mobility and/or dropping out. This offer provides flexible funds to help families avoid becoming homeless by providing housing stabilization services and eviction prevention to families of youth receiving SYA support.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Families often seek assistance to maintain stable housing, particularly those who are living on low or fixed incomes. Multiple industry reports have stated that Portland is the 12th most expensive rental market in the country, and rents are forecasted to increase 6% or more in the coming year. Meanwhile, tenants are receiving large rent increases -- some as high as 100% -- and entire buildings are receiving no cause eviction notices. This has a significant effect on children and youth within the families and housing was among the top reasons for chronic absence in SUN attendance demonstration sites.

Housing instability and the lack of resources within community organizations to address this issue is consistently among the top challenges articulated by SYA advocates. SYA has very limited client assistance dollars available within current funding levels and these funds do not affect housing stability.

PROGRAM GOAL: Housing stabilization funding strives to prevent homelessness by keeping families stably housed or helping those who are evicted from stable housing to locate and secure new housing. Housing Stabilization programs help families stay stable and avoid homelessness which affects children in many ways including reducing trauma, increasing school attendance and improving educational outcomes.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program adds a targeted pool of funds to the Housing Stability Team to support families of youth served in SUN Youth Advocacy. The Team is an innovative approach to provide coordinated access to holistic wrap-around services. Services include eviction prevention, housing stabilization, short-term rent assistance, and move-in flexible funds.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	# of SYA families provided rent assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	80
Outcome	Percentage of households who report increased housing stability post intervention	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$200,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: