



Program #25399E - ARP - SUN Community Schools: Family Resource Navigators FY 2024 Adopted

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Integrated support is a core component of the SUN Community School (SUN CS) model. Helping to meet basic needs and connecting families to resources increases family stability. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted family stability in many ways. These impacts have been most felt by students and families of color. Because basic needs help has increased so much, the demand on SUN CS site managers has also increased. The intensity of support required to help families with getting basic needs met has not decreased. Continuing the Family Resource Navigator (FRN) program in SUN CS at 81 sites allows sites to expand focus while ensuring family basic needs are met while a ramp down strategy is developed as funds will no longer be available after fiscal year 2024.

Program Description

ISSUE: Academic performance is linked to a student's health, well-being, family, and community. Before learning can take place, a student's basic needs must be met. This is even more true for students and families of color, who experience daily structural racism and systemic oppression. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing inequities in food, housing, employment, health, and more. All these inequities impact a student's ability to learn and thrive.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the FRN program is to increase staffing capacity at each County supported SUN Community School. This will allow staff to further support COVID-impacted families in accessing needed resources. The program aims to build skills so that families know how to access the resources they need in the future.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Family Resource Navigators work alongside families to help reduce barriers in the home. FRNs work to build skills and confidence so that families can continue to get their needs met. Promoting this self-sufficiency helps students learn and families thrive. Through this program, a half-time Family Resource Navigator has been placed at each Community School site. This FRN is culturally responsive, and prioritizes support to families of color. FRNs collaborate with school staff, other SUN Service System programs, and community partners to identify families who might need extra support. Services provided include but are not limited to: case management, group skill building, reducing language barriers, and outreach.

As a complement to Case Management, Unconditional Client Assistance can be provided as a service within Family Resource Navigation, to increase household security particularly of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities within Multnomah County by addressing the impacts of systemic racism and poverty. Through access to unconditional cash payments or unconditional client assistance as requested by the individual, the goal is to increase household security and support self-determination.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of individuals who receive support from Family Resource Navigators	3,565	9,200	8,850	5,670
Outcome	Percent of people served who identify as Black, Indigenous, Families of Color, and immigrants/refugees	80%	70%	90%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,276,420	\$0	\$4,443,455
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,276,420	\$0	\$4,443,455
Program Total:	\$4,276,420		\$4,443,455	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,276,420	\$0	\$4,443,455
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,276,420	\$0	\$4,443,455

Explanation of Revenues

Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$4,443,455

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25399E ARP - SUN Community Schools: Family Resource Navigators

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. Adding staff capacity to SUN Community Schools creates opportunity for deeper connection with families and support as they navigate complex social service systems to access basic needs supports. SUN Community Schools are an integral part of 92 schools in Multnomah County.