



**Program #25490C - ARP - YFS Rent Assistance Team Staffing Capacity** 7/14/2022

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

**Executive Summary**

Stable housing is linked to a number of positive health and social outcomes for individuals, families and communities--and rental assistance is a key strategy to support renters. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented numbers of layoffs and furloughs; the economic and social impact of this will remain for years to come. This has led to high levels of housing instability and even deeper racial disparities and challenges to pay rent. This program offer continues the County's leadership role in providing rent assistance and related supports.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Thousands of Multnomah County residents are unable to pay their monthly rent due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As moratoriums are lifted and people struggle to pay their bills, evictions are likely to increase and the need for rental assistance is unprecedented. Racial disparities existed before COVID-19 and current national and state trends indicate that the economic hardships of the global pandemic are widening racial inequalities. These trends are mirrored at the local level. For instance, in Multnomah County, the majority of people who rent are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color).

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Provide eviction prevention support through system support with legal and administrative functions, in tandem with rent assistance so that households can remain stably housed by paying rent.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** These funds will support system partners and staff who support housing stability for those who are struggling to pay rent and remain stably housed. This includes system access and information and referral through 211info, legal navigation and support through Metropolitan Public Defenders and Oregon Law Center, centralized data entry, and rent assistance payments - both through jurisdictional partners. Staff capacity is provided by public and non-profit organizations.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of staff supported through leadership and management support	N/A	25	30	30
Outcome	Aligned and coordinated programmatic rent assistance models and guidance	N/A	100%	100%	100%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

## Revenue/Expense Detail

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## Explanation of Revenues

\$2,730,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2022: 25399M ARP - YFS Rent Assistance Team Staffing Capacity

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. Funding for staff capacity in the Youth & Family Services Division's rent assistance team is critical to support the several programs the Division has to provide emergency rent assistance to the thousands of County renters who are unable to pay rent due to the pandemic.

During FY 2022, an additional \$1.2 million of the County's direct allocation of ARP funds was reallocated to this program from other County departments in order to maintain staffing capacity (per budget modification # DCHS-001-22).

This program includes the conversion of limited duration positions to 15.25 FTE.