



Program #25490C - ARP - YFS Rent Assistance Team Staffing Capacity FY 2024 Proposed

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

Executive Summary

Stable housing is linked to 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 Description

ISSUE: Thousands of Multnomah County residents are unable to pay their monthly rent due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and rising costs of housing. 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 through staffing support with both 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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of staff supported through leadership and management support	14	30	30	17
Outcome	Aligned and coordinated programmatic rent assistance models and guidance	100%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$2,730,000	\$0	\$1,921,941
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,730,000	\$0	\$1,921,941
Program Total:	\$2,730,000		\$1,921,941	
Program FTE	0.00	15.25	0.00	17.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,730,000	\$0	\$1,921,941
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,730,000	\$0	\$1,921,941

Explanation of Revenues

Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$1,921,941

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25490C 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.