

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Daniel Field

Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) has prioritized a range of effective strategies in order to reduce homelessness through the allocation of emergency rental assistance through a coalition of smaller, primarily culturally specific, community-based organizations that have helped to deliver eviction prevention programming. This program offer funds staffing, housing, and rental assistance that prioritizes Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) who are already overrepresented within the population of people experiencing homelessness.

Program Description

This program offer funds staffing at culturally specific community based organizations to support with housing placements and rent assistance. These culturally specific community based organizations play a critical role in creating access for BIPOC households to vital emergency rental assistance resources. Focusing this funding on an expanded partner network of community based organizations, especially culturally specific organizations, maintains the network of service providers and culturally specific service offerings in the County.

The funding streams for Emergency Rent Assistance, while typically larger, are too restrictive to allow community based organizations, including culturally specific providers, to create the capacity that they need to allocate the funds. The resources in this offer allow the Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Department of County Human Services to address these gaps and maximize the amount of outside rental assistance that the County is able to distribute through community based organizations serving BIPOC and other marginalized and hard to reach communities.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of culturally specific organizations supported to distribute emergency rental assistance funds	15	15	15	15
Outcome	Number of households prevented from losing their housing*	662	400	400	278
Outcome	BIPOC households served at rates as high or higher than their percentage of eligible households	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*FY 2025 Offer lower due to reduction of rent assistance funding.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$0	\$3,611,270	\$0	\$3,268,845
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,611,270	\$0	\$3,268,845
Program Total:	\$3,611,270		\$3,268,845	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,611,270	\$0	\$0
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,268,845
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,611,270	\$0	\$3,268,845

Explanation of Revenues

\$3,268,845 carryover from the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 30907 ARP - COVID-19 Emergency Recovery - Emergency Rent Assistance

In FY 2024, this program was funded with American Rescue Plan Act funding. In FY 2025, funding was reduced to fund in-courtroom eviction prevention (DCHS Offer 25133C), and East County capacity building and furniture bank (Offer 30308C).