

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing      **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 during the COVID-19 pandemic. With American Rescue Plan funding, this program offer funds staffing, housing, and rental assistance. The offer 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 culturally specific community based organizations to maintain their critical role in creating access for BIPOC households to vital emergency rental assistance resources. A portion of the funding in this program offer will also be available for use as direct rental assistance. 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.

This program offer funds staffing at culturally specific community based organizations to support with housing placements and rent assistance. These funding streams are typically larger, but 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 | Primary Measure   | FY22 Actual | FY23 Budgeted | FY23 Estimate | FY24 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Number of culturally specific organizations supported to distribute emergency rental assistance funds | 7           | 15            | 10            | 15         |
| Outcome      | Number of households prevented from losing their housing due to COVID-19                              | 841         | 400           | 600           | 400        |
| Outcome      | BIPOC households served at rates as high or higher than their percentage of eligible households       | Yes         | Yes           | Yes           | Yes        |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

|                        | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2023                    | 2023                   | 2024                    | 2024                   |
| Contractual Services   | \$0                     | \$0                    | \$0                     | \$3,611,270            |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>\$0</b>             | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>\$3,611,270</b>     |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$0</b>              |                        | <b>\$3,611,270</b>      |                        |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 0.00                    | 0.00                   | 0.00                    | 0.00                   |

| Program Revenues     |            |            |            |                    |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental    | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$3,611,270        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$3,611,270</b> |

Explanation of Revenues

\$3,611,270 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program addresses the County's priority of Crisis Response & Community Recovery.