

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
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 General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2023	2023	2024	2024
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,611,270
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,611,270
Program Total:	\$0		\$3,611,270	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,611,270
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,611,270

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.