



Program #50028 - Diane Wade Program FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Lonnie Nettles
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Diane Wade Program (formerly the Diane Wade House) is a culturally and gender responsive transitional housing program for Black and African American women on supervision and/or paroling from a correctional facility to Multnomah County Department of Community Justice (ASD). Wraparound culturally responsive, gender specific services include safe housing, resource referrals for co-occurring disorders (substance abuse and/or behavioral health), family reunification, group, and individual counseling.

Program Description

The Diane Wade Program was developed in response to fill a community need for a culturally specific program to serve Black and African American Women. Services include responsive intervention, sanction, and stabilization options for women experiencing mild behavioral health issues, particularly Black and African American women who experience disproportionately higher rates of incarceration.

Initially this program was launched in 2020 with grant funds from The MacArthur Foundation. Ongoing County funding was provided in FY 2021 to the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) to continue this important program. Throughout FY 2021 DCJ worked with providers and the Community Advisory Board to assess changes that should be made to the services and size and structure of the home. In FY 2023, a Request For Proposal (RFP) resulted in the selection of a provider to run the program.

The RFP called for secured housing with culturally specific, trauma-informed programming with the purpose of empowering residents' strengths and resiliency, by supporting them to reach their goals to uplift themselves, their families, provide long-term support, and build stronger communities.

The RFP was awarded to Urban League and they secured a brand new build in North Portland for women to stabilize, address trauma, build healthy relationships, be referred to substance abuse and behavioral health treatment and learn new skills. It consists of 6, two bedroom, 1.5 bath units. Two women will share the two bedroom townhome. Urban League will provide all the necessities to go with the housing unit, including getting the women started with food and toiletries. The reason for the delay in the original opening was due to Urban League having to pivot due to the original site having soil issues. Urban League was cognizant of choosing a location that did not contribute to environmental racism.

Urban League opened their doors to the first participants on October 26, 2023.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of women served annually	0	15	7	7
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of a misdemeanor or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	0%	25%	15%	15%
Outcome	Percent of adults who are engaged in housing placement services within 6 months post-program	N/A	N/A	65%	65%

Performance Measures Descriptions

This program was not implemented in FY23 because the site was contaminated. As not to cause harm and further environmental racism, another location was secured, but this delayed implementation. Currently, the program has reached 30% of its target within the first three months.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$746,456	\$0	\$771,089	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$746,456	\$0	\$771,089	\$0
Program Total:	\$746,456		\$771,089	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 50028 Diane Wade Program