

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Safety Net Program provides eviction prevention assistance and housing stabilization services to ensure clean and safe housing. The program provides funds for bed bug mitigation, medical equipment, dental services, and prescriptions to those with no other financial options to prevent health decline, increase independence, and improve quality of life.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Older adults, people with disabilities, and Veterans may be unable to attain or retain housing, medical equipment, dentures, and prescription medication due to limited financial resources, lack of insurance coverage, limited mobility, and other health and public health factors.

PROGRAM GOAL: The first goal of the Safety Net Program is to support and maintain safe and stable housing for older adults, people with disabilities, and Veterans who are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of losing their housing, through emergency housing assistance and services. The second goal is to increase independence and prevent health decline by ensuring individuals get their prescribed treatments through emergency medical and prescription assistance. The third goal is to reduce nutrition barriers, by providing denture assistance. Collectively, these three goals provide services and supports to address significant gaps.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Safety Net Program is part of the access and early intervention continuum of ADVSD services and receives requests from numerous sources within Multnomah County and from community partners. The Aging & Disability Resource Connection Helpline is the primary access point for these services. Specific to the goal of providing or maintaining safe, stable housing, the Safety Net Program provides direct housing assistance by facilitating housing support services such as extreme cleaning and bed bug mitigation. To ensure individuals are able to get their prescribed treatments and prevent health decline, the Safety Net Program provides financial assistance for special medical needs, such as dentures, eyeglasses, and other durable medical equipment not covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or other programs. Short-term emergency prescription assistance is provided to cover the cost of medications and help develop a long-term prescription coverage plan.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of people who received Safety Net services	513 ¹	650	230 ¹	350
Outcome	Percent of participants in stable housing six months after receiving services	96%	95%	97%	94%
Outcome	Percent of requests for Safety Net services fulfilled to avert eviction	65%	70%	73%	55% ¹

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹The eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic led to a decrease in requests for rent assistance. This is compounded by increasing costs of housing and deposits, which reduced the number of individuals who could be served.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$88,921	\$88,921	\$92,003	\$92,003
Contractual Services	\$557,949	\$0	\$558,038	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$1,790	\$1,790	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$20,600	\$9,269	\$24,065
Total GF/non-GF	\$646,870	\$111,311	\$661,100	\$116,068
Program Total:	\$758,181		\$777,168	
Program FTE	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$111,311	\$0	\$116,068
Total Revenue	\$0	\$111,311	\$0	\$116,068

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$13,423 in indirect revenues.
\$116,068 - Title XIX

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 25036 ADVSD Safety Net Program