



Program #25399M - ARP - YFS Rent Assistance Team Staffing Capacity 7/6/2021

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This offer funds 2.00 FTE (limited duration) for COVID-19 response rent assistance in the Youth & Family Services Division in order to provide administrative and technical supports, and leadership for rent assistance programming in the Division. The goal of these programmatic services is to prevent eviction for households who are experiencing housing and instability due to the pandemic.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Multnomah County’s rental climate has been extremely difficult for many residents. A combination of high rents, rent increases and low vacancies made finding and keeping units challenging for many renters. Oregon’s landlord-tenant law, in combination with a patchwork of local ordinances affecting rental properties, makes it difficult for renters to understand and exercise their rights, and many renters fear reprisals from landlords if they voice concerns or have issues with paying rent. The impact of these conditions on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities was particularly severe. These challenges and disparities have been amplified by COVID-19. Providing rent assistance and access to other supports is a key area of focus for the Youth & Family Services Division.

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide administrative and technical supports, and leadership for rent assistance programming in the Division. The goal of these programmatic services is to prevent eviction for households who are experiencing housing and instability due to the pandemic.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The rent assistance programs supported through Youth & Family Services require planning, collaboration, oversight and compliance with Federal and local guidelines. The staff in these positions will support these efforts, in partnership with others in the YFS Housing Stability Team and cross jurisdictional partners - the City of Portland, Joint Office of Homeless Services, Home Forward, DCHS and community non-profits. These funds will support a management level position and a data analyst position.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of staff supported through leadership and management support	N/A	N/A	N/A	25
Outcome	Aligned and coordinated programmatic rent assistance models and guidance.	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$230,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$230,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$230,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$230,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$230,000

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$230,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. Funding for staff capacity in the Youth & Family Services Division's rent assistance team is critical to support the several programs the Division has to provide emergency rent assistance to the thousands of County renters who are unable to pay rent due to the pandemic.