Budget Amendment #3: Eviction Prevention, Housing Case Management, and Expungement

Introduced by Commissioners Meghan Moyer and Vince Jones-Dixon

Addition of Eviction Defense Services, Housing Case Management, and Expungement Assistance balanced with materials and supplies budgets.

Changes from Prior Amendment in Red

In #30100: System Access, Assessment, & Navigation
ADD
- $433,360 for housing, immigration, and collateral consequence legal services to individuals and families enrolled in the coordinated access system (Youth, Family, Adult, and Domestic Violence systems).
- $339,000 for eviction defense legal services.

In #25131A: YFS - Legal Services & Supports
ADD
- $250,000 to Project Reset - Legal Services Days to provide expungement of an additional $1,100,000 in mostly uncollectible fines that keep people from acquiring licenses and housing. Previously funded with OTO.
- $580,000 to Tenant Eviction Defense (TED) program to provide free, same-day, onsite legal education, advice and negotiation to tenants at Multnomah County Courthouse and the East County Courthouse. In FY25 this was listed as, "Program #25131E - YFS - Eviction Prevention: In Courtroom Support" and funded with $330,000 GF and $250,000 SHS.

In #25131B - YFS - Peer Navigators
ADD
- $621,261 to fund case management for people involved in the criminal justice system at FY25 level.

Expungement Access System Improvement (EASI)
ADD
- $100,000 to community partners tasked with supporting the District Attorney's office by processing delayed expungements. Previously supported through OTO outside of any program offer.

In #25131C: YFS - Eviction Prevention Support

ADD

- $334,000 to eviction legal defense services, including landlord negotiations, referrals to community partners, and consultation with tenants to prevent cases from going to court whenever possible. Prevents up to 300 evictions annually.

Total: $2,657,621

Source of funds:

General fund balanced with cuts to the materials and supplies budgets and vacant positions.