COLLEGE HOUSING NORTHWEST

ARCS PROGRAM 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Reporting Period:
FY 2025 - 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Affordable Rents for College Students (ARCS) program provided safe, stable housing to 125 low-income students experiencing housing insecurity. Students received monthly rental subsidies along with individualized support from a dedicated Student Resource Coordinator as they pursued a post-secondary degree or certificate.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

125
Students Served

12
New Credentials Earned

Breakdown by School:

PSU	PCC	MHCC	Other Schools
48	37	35	5

STUDENT EQUITY METRICS

58%
BIPOC Students

62%
Students with Disabilities

50%
LGBTQIA2S+ Students

72%
First-Generation College Students

FUNDING IMPACT & 2027 OUTLOOK

- State funding not renewed amid Oregon's budget shortfall, and consequently baseline rent assistance was reduced from 50% to 25% in fall 2025.
- New enrollment was limited to eligible CHNW residents at Connery Place, funded by a property-specific ODHS grant.

No new eviction proceedings began for nonpayment in the first two quarters of funding reduction — and staff collaborated closely with students to ensure that 97% of students exiting during this time exited to safe housing.

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ARCS PROGRAM OUTCOMES SINCE 2020

Program To Date:
2020 - 2026

SIX-YEAR SUMMARY

Since launching in 2020, the Affordable Rents for College Students (ARCS) program has provided safe, stable housing to 230 low-income students experiencing housing insecurity. Enrollment grew from 26 students in the first year to a peak of 161 in FY 2024-25, with every student receiving monthly rental subsidies and individualized Student Resource Coordinator support.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

230
Students Served

84
Credentials Earned

Breakdown by School:

PSU	PCC	MHCC	Other Schools
85	75	55	6

STUDENT EQUITY METRICS

61%
BIPOC Students

64%
Students with Disabilities

46%
LGBTQIA2S+ Students

73%
First-Generation College Students

PROGRAM GROWTH SINCE 2020

- After six fiscal years of continuous operation, 193 students have now completed their time in ARCS, and 37 remain actively housed with the program.
- The number of students currently served has declined in recent years due to reductions in state and local funding, which have required the program to scale back.

Equity percentages are calculated among students with the field recorded: BIPOC 202 of 230, LGBTQIA2S+ 171, disability 111, first-generation 143. Recording improved sharply as the program grew — disability and first-generation status were captured for under 20% of students entering in 2020, versus over 90% of those entering since 2024 — so the earliest cohorts are under-represented here. Credentials include 73 degrees and 11 certificates or GEDs.