

### Program # 25044 - ALT: Domestic Violence Community-based Victim Services

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Priority: Basic Needs Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Program Alternative / Program Contact: Chiquita Rollins

**Related Programs:** 25040A, 25043, 25045, 25046A

**Program Characteristics:** 

#### **Executive Summary**

With 25043, 25045 and 25046, this offer provides alternatives to #25040A. It provides community-based supportive services for low-income victims. It is part of a coordinated system of care for victims, and includes three components: culturally specific services, wrap-around services for a general population, and legal advocacy and representation.

### **Program Description**

Many victims need a variety of supportive services to increase their safety and the safety and stability of their families, without the need for housing services. This Offer is designed to meet those needs and to increase accessibility. This offer funds the following services:

- -- Culturally specific services for the following specific populations: Hispanics, Russians, African Americans, Native Americans, immigrants/refugees, Southeast Asians, victims escaping the sex industry, and sexual minorities. Supportive services provided include crisis intervention, safety planning, a strength-based needs assessment and case plan, support groups, and advocacy for permanent housing, mental health or substance abuse assessment and treatment, employment, and other services. Contractors assist clients in accessing emergency shelters, transitional housing or other general domestic violence programs and coordinate on-going services, when appropriate. These funds provide services for 800 victims and 500 children.
- -- Wrap-around and mobile advocacy services for a general population, similar to those listed above, and long-term supportive services. This program administers the Clearinghouse motel voucher and rent assistance program for the entire domestic violence system. Approximately 230 women and 370 children are served, 50% of whom are people of color. -- Legal advocacy in civil proceedings to insure safety following separation are accessed by the entire victim services system. This Offer funds advocates at the courthouse daily to assist victims in filling out restraining order petitions, developing post-separation safety plans and accessing other needed services, and legal representation in civil proceedings such as custody and visitation, contested restraining or stalking orders, immigration assistance, eviction, or other needed services. Approximately 2,500 clients receive services annually.

# **Program Justification**

This program offer relates to Basic Needs' priorities of physical health and stable, affordable housing. It supports the following county policies, priorities or Frameworks: Resolution 00-149 related to County domestic violence policy by providing safety and stability, the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness by providing supportive housing and a "housing first" approach, Early Childhood by strengthening families and providing competent/coordinated social services and Poverty Elimination through needed social services. It also incorporates national best practices of "housing first." It includes basic needs, holistic care for family units, easily accessible crisis intervention, and on-going supportive services for victims to meet basic living needs.

## **Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Number of victims and children receiving services	4,140	4,140	4,300	4,375
Outcome	Clients have a safe living situation upon exit	50%	50%	50%	50%
Output	Clients who develop a safety plan by the 3rd in-person contact	75%	75%	75%	75%

#### **Performance Measure - Description**

Clients who have a safe living situation upon exit and clients who develop a safety plan by the 3rd in-person contact are measured only for the culturally specific and wrap around services for the general population.

## **Legal/Contractual Obligation**

None

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$40,220	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$647,012	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$71,405	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$12,143	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$770,780	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$3,281	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$19,255	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$22,536	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$793,316	\$0
Program Total:	\$	<b>50</b>	\$793,316	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

# **Explanation of Revenues**

100% CGF. These services are also linked to HUD funded transitional housing services for specific populations.

# Significant Program Changes

### Last year this program was:

Last year this program was included in 25082A, 25083A&B. No significant changes to the types of services. An RFP released in 2005 resulted in a new five-year procurement with improvements in the system, including a contract for African American services, an allocation formula for distribution of funds, more collaboration between residential and non-residential services and increased access to shelter for victims. On July 1, 2005, contractors were required by HUD to convert to a new Homeless Management Information System. This more flexible database will enable us to gather data specifically related to domestic violence outcomes and service utilization. We anticipate additional changes this year to make the database more user-friendly, so data quality may be less consistent in 2006 than in future years.