

Program # 15015B - Domestic Violence Trial Unit- Elder Abuse and Gun DV

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Priority:SafetyLead Agency:District AttorneyProgram Offer Type:Existing OperatingProgram Contact:Scott Marcy

Related Programs: 15015A

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

This program offer requests general fund backfill of the Elder Abuse and Gun Domestic Violence Deputy DA positions. These are targeted prosecution positions whose four year grant funding will be exhausted in FY06.

Purchasing this program offer along with 15015A will maintain the current service level in the Domestic Violence trial unit.

Program Description

The Elder Abuse Prevention Program was created to increase reporting, investigation, and prosecution for cases with victims, aged 60 and over, when the criminal activity involved is maltreatment, either emotional or physical, by someone who has a special relationship with the older person.

This position is responsible for screening and reviewing and prosecuting cases involving victims of domestic abuse who are aged 60 years or older.

Additional duties include training of police personnel, agency personnel, and others responsible for mandatory reporting of abuse. The deputy district attorney collaborates with service providers, groups and civic organizations to advise them of the signs of physical, mental, and/or sexual abuse or mistreatment, reporting procedures, legal services, and other services available.

Recognizing the unique and deadly role firearms play in domestic violence, the Domestic Violence Gun Prosecutor (DVGP) focuses on prosecuting all felony and misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence involving firearms. The DVGP maintains a close relationship with federal prosecutors and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate and focus gun prosecution. This communication allows the DVGP to work with federal authorities and local police to maximize the prosecution of domestic abusers found with guns.

The DVGP works closely with the Domestic Violence Reduction Unit of the Portland Police Bureau and is available to answer any questions regarding investigation of domestic violence involving guns.

Program Justification

The program works cooperatively and collaboratively with a variety of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to hold offenders accountable who commit high, medium and low level domestic violence crimes including crimes against the elderly and those committed with a gun.

These positions both provide valuable information and training to citizens and law enforcement personnel on elder abuse and domestic violence involving guns.

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 | Cases Issued | 177 | , | , | , |
| Outcome | Cases Resolved | 155 | 155 | 181 | 180 |

Performance Measure - Description

Cases Issued: is defined as the number of cases for which a charging document has been created in that unit.

Cases Resolved: is defined as the number of cases completed and closed in that unit.

Cases Reviewed: is defined as the total number of cases that have been submitted to the unit.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.660 Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein.

ORS 8.665 Prosecuting violations. Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Program Expenses | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 | |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$246,086 | \$0 | |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$246,086 | \$0 | |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$246,086 | \$0 | |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$246 | 246,086 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 | |
| Program Revenues | | | | | |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Over the past four years these positions have been substantially funded by grant dollars.

The \$90,000 Elder Abuse grant will exhaust in June 2006 and the \$40,000 Bureau of Justice gun prosecution grant will also exhaust funding in June 2006.