

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs: 25040A, 25156
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

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Executive Summary

Domestic violence (DV) Outreach to African Immigrants addresses a critical emerging need and provides outreach services and community education to African immigrant victims of domestic violence and their communities. This program provides consultation and technical assistance, including interpreting, for community-based DV and immigration programs with clients who are among the 17,000 recent immigrants/refugees from Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Nigeria, Oromo and Ghana. Contracted staff for this project will work closely with other agencies serving these populations, such as Bradley-Angle House, IRCO, SEI, Lutheran Family Services, Catholic Charities, Bienestar, and Africa House. Each agency has reported DV as a significant problem among African immigrants.

Program Description

These one-time-only funds will enable the immigrant communities and the community organizations to better understand the cultures of the 17,000 African immigrants from North, South, East and West Africa, the specific needs and barriers of victims within those cultures, and the most effective means of working with the victims and their communities. Some African immigrant victims of domestic violence face immense cultural barriers related to the social and economic status of women in their culture, the traditional community structure, and language/education.

The goal of this Program Offer is to increase the safety of immigrant African women who are victims of domestic violence (DV). It will provide a community outreach worker to provide information about DV and local resources to the African immigrant communities, to increase collaboration between DV and immigration organizations and to train staff in DV agencies on culturally competent response to immigrant African victims and immigration agencies on effective, safety-focused response to DV. The outreach worker will be available to provide consultation to agency staff on specific cases and response.

Funding interpreters/translation will make information about domestic violence and US laws more accessible to African immigrant communities and to victims. This Program Offer will also provide an assessment of the level of need in the identified communities, develop models of response and an estimate of the cost of on-going services.

Program Justification

DV Outreach for African Immigrants is linked to Basic Living Needs priority: It provides intervention and coordination of services that meet basic needs in a culturally competent manner, ensures care for vulnerable members of the community by coordinating services and promotes healthy behaviors by empowering women to escape domestic violence and grow towards self-sufficiency through advocacy and education. Proposes 'pilot' program which will result in better client outcomes; empowers individuals, families and communities to take greater control over their well-being, and employs strategies and models across communities. It supports: County Resolution 00-149 (Domestic Violence Policy) by providing safety and stability through community based services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	# Presentations to African communities	0	0	0	20
Outcome	Staff report increased competency to respond to victims from Africa	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	90.0%
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Outcome: Post presentation evaluation/survey.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The county will contract for a total of 1.0 FTE outreach worker, possibly as two half-time workers, one placed at a DV program and one placed at an immigration program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$188	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$1,898	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$2,086	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$92,086	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$92,086	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	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:
New offer FY08