

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic Violence (DV) Victim Services & Coordination provides in-person services for 5,600 victims and children, management of grant-funded projects and coordination of multi-jurisdiction government and community responses. Research shows that these core services reduce re-assault of victims, and thus help to reduce violent crime in the county.

Program Description

The county expends \$11 million in criminal justice costs (jail, prosecution and probation supervision) annually, and DV costs the community another \$10 million in lost wages, health care and other costs.

Services funded in this offer include: centralized access and crisis response (24,600 calls); safe emergency shelter or motel vouchers (990 women and children); civil legal advocacy insuring safety after separation (2,800 victims); mobile advocacy and rent assistance (650 women and children); and culturally specific services for Latinas, Russians, African Americans, Native Americans, immigrants/refugees, and sexual minorities (800 women and children). Evidence-based practices include emergency shelters, which reduce re-assault by 50%, and civil legal services, which reduce DV homicides.

This program offer also includes grant-funded projects that serve an additional 310 victims and children: services to increase long-term self-sufficiency; services for victims and their children involved in Child Welfare; and DV Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) which is a collaborative response to high risk offenders and their victims. DVERT has reduced recidivism of the high risk offenders in DVERT by 30% and increased victims' safety and their confidence in the criminal justice system.

Coordination includes staffing the Family Violence Coordinating Council to provide a forum for collaborative efforts such as training, policy and program development and implementation, and system-wide problem-solving. The 43 member organizations represent the criminal justice system, victim services, health care, batterers intervention, elected officials and others. In addition, the offer supports the development of the one-stop victim center.

Program Justification

DV accounts for 40-50% of all reported violent crimes in Portland, and for 25-30% of homicides in the county. Victims receiving services through this program offer face extreme levels of danger (average 12 of 19 on Danger Assessment tool) and high levels of housing instability (63% moved 3 or more times in 6 months). This program offer supports effective coordinated intervention to reduce these problems and help stabilize victims. It aligns with Basic Needs priority by providing intervention and coordination of services in a culturally competent manner, ensuring care for vulnerable members of the community through coordination of services and promoting healthy behaviors by empowering victims to escape DV and increase self-sufficiency through advocacy, education and support. It aligns with County Resolution 00-149 (Domestic Violence Policy) and the City/County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness to increase income and stabilize participants in permanent housing.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY07-08) | Current Year Purchased (FY08-09) | Current Year Estimate (FY08-09) | Next Year Offer (FY09-10) |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Number of victims and children served | 5,600 | 5,100 | 5,600 | 5,600 |
| Outcome | % of victims in stable housing after six months out of services | 68.0% | 70.0% | 68.0% | 70.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

Number served includes all clients and their children receiving in-person services provided by CGF, HUD or SHAP funds (on-going funding). Significant increase over "Current Year Purchased" is due to the addition of clients receiving Short Term Rent Assistance, which were not included in prior year data. Percent of victims includes only those households receiving transitional housing or rent assistance.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Federal and state grant requirements.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2009 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 |
| Personnel | \$188,952 | \$581,906 | \$220,292 | \$411,172 |
| Contracts | \$1,200,194 | \$947,086 | \$1,195,837 | \$806,128 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$143,716 | \$372,181 | \$140,787 | \$375,647 |
| Internal Services | \$39,001 | \$99,564 | \$116,384 | \$63,926 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$1,571,863 | \$2,000,737 | \$1,673,300 | \$1,656,873 |
| Administration | \$13,617 | \$0 | \$11,124 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$171,981 | \$0 | \$141,401 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$185,598 | \$0 | \$152,525 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$1,757,461 | \$2,000,737 | \$1,825,825 | \$1,656,873 |
| Program Total: | \$3,758,198 | | \$3,482,698 | |
| Program FTE | 2.12 | 6.94 | 2.24 | 4.53 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$20,027 | \$0 | \$22,593 | \$0 |
| Fees, Permits & Charges | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$1,890,237 | \$0 | \$1,639,428 |
| Other / Miscellaneous | \$0 | \$110,500 | \$0 | \$16,445 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$20,027 | \$2,000,737 | \$22,593 | \$1,656,873 |

Explanation of Revenues

HUD Horizons - \$457,742
Oregon Housing and Community Services SHAP - \$211,372
City of Portland GF - \$50,000
United Way (DVERT) - \$1,000
Department of Justice Safe Start - \$210,000; OVW-DVERT - \$329,826; OVW Transitional Housing - \$93,939
CDC - Housing Battered Women - \$286,549
RAND Corp - OJJDP Safe Start - \$15,445
Domestic Partnership Fees - \$1,000
County General Fund Match - \$51,480
County General Fund Subsidy - \$1,621,820

Significant Program Changes **Significantly Changed****Last year this program was:** #25040A, Domestic Violence Victims Services and Coordination

Funding for two programs was not continued into FY2010: the Byrne grant funding for services for victims with co-occurring mental health, substance abuse and DV was for 2 years only (\$200,000 annually); and our application for funding for supervised visitation was denied (\$175,000 annually). We are considering reapplying for the supervised visitation funds for Federal FY10. In addition, the United Way grant for the DV Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) is up for renewal; it will be a very competitive process and may not be refunded.