

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs: 60076A, 25040A

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

This offer provides funding for half year of program costs for a coordinator and victim advocates for the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT). Federal grant funding for the project ends 12/31/10. DVERT provides a multi-disciplinary, intensive, collaborative response to cases with a high risk of on-going abuse, stalking or of potentially lethal outcome. DVERT has been shown to prevent recidivism and it reduces likelihood of homicide.

Program Description

This offer provides backfill for DVERT project. The current federal grant ends 12/31/10, and this offer provides coordination and three contracted victim advocates.

DVERT services have saved lives and are even more needed: since January 1, 2010, five women have been killed and one man has committed suicide in DV-related incidents.

The DVERT model incorporates identification of high risk/high lethality domestic violence and stalking cases using standardized evidence-based screening tools (Danger Assessment and recidivism), with subsequent intensive, multi-disciplinary response by DVERT partners. DVERT partners meet bi-weekly to review new potential DVERT cases and the status of on-going cases. DVERT partners coordinate their responses to assure that the needs of the victims are met, the offenders don't "fall through the cracks," and that specific assigned tasks are accomplished. At each meeting, DVERT partners are informed of the status of elements of the case (investigation, prosecution, etc.), and an "action plan" is developed with expectations of each DVERT partner clearly defined.

The DVERT partners include: Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office (DVCO) and Sheriff's Office, the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), and the community-based victim advocacy agencies, Raphael House and Volunteers of America. In addition, Child Welfare, Self-Sufficiency (public assistance), District Attorney, and Community Justice (probation/parole) will continue to provide staff to DVERT who are not funded by the federal grant.

Research by Portland State University has found that offenders who are part of the DVERT project are 1/3 less likely to recidivate for any crime and for DV crimes. In addition, routine victim/client feedback has found that 87% of victims report DVERT was helpful in increasing their personal safety and the safety of their children/families.

DVERT addresses recommendations in a 2000 LPSCC evaluation of the criminal justice system which recommended development of a more intensive response to high risk DV cases; in the 2002 victim services system plan, adopted by the Board, which recommends co-location of advocacy services in agencies utilized by victims (police); and 4) County Resolution 00-149 (Domestic Violence Policy), which directs the county to "develop effective and integrated responses to domestic violence."

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	Number of high risk/high lethality cases DVERT	0	0	0	85
Outcome	% of victims that report increased safety due to DVERT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	87.0%

Performance Measure - Description

We expect an increase in victims served in FY11, as we will be changing the model slightly to allow victim advocates to provide more services to victims who do not choose to engage in a coordinated victim services/criminal justice response.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$49,471	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$82,215	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$7,350	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$139,036	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$139,036	
Program FTE	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$139,036 - County General Fund Subsidy

Significant Program ChangesLast year this program was: #25040, Domestic Violence Victims Services and Coordination