

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:** Backfill State/Federal/Grant

**Executive Summary**

The Prosperity and Stability program offer supports the most critical, needed and effective parts of two federal transitional housing grants: Economic Education Program, Housing Assistance for Russian-Speaking Survivors, and WorkSource Navigator. These elements are core to prosperity and stability, are not funded by other sources, and leverage significant WorkSource funding.

**Program Description**

Assistance in gaining long-term prosperity, income and stability will require focused services: domestic violence (DV) survivors who have accessed DV services reported that 18 months after accessing housing-related services, they have difficulty paying or are unable to pay for housing (48.5%); are living below poverty line (74.2%); or are unemployed (62.3%).

The Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office has two federal Office Violence Against Women (OVW) grants, slated to end in FY12, intended to increase survivors' prosperity and long-term stability through job training and linkages to employment resources. This offer seeks to backfill only the most critical and effective activities funded by these grants:

**MOBIS:** (Multnomah County Overcoming Barriers to Independence and Safety, funded through 2/12). This grant provides assistance to survivors living in transitional housing in navigating/overcoming barriers and obtaining maximum benefits and resources through WorkSource (local Work Force Investment Act program). The full-time "Navigator" is an aligned partner, co-located at WorkSource and assists 50-75 domestic violence (DV) survivors to safely and successful access WorkSource system programs annually. Clients of an aligned partner are eligible to receive \$5,000 for on-the-job-training and educational opportunities that are not available to individuals seeking WorkSource assistance. Without this Navigator these opportunities will be lost to DV survivors accessing Work Source. The ultimate goal of these activities is to increase the ability of victims to obtain and maintain living wage jobs necessary for independence and safety. Client assistance is required to assure that the participants have the financial resources to complete the training components at WorkSource through support of childcare, transportation, and housing stabilization.

**Family Strengths** (Funded through 10/11): This grant project provides housing assistance and support (.4 FTE advocate) for Russian-speaking victims and makes HUD leasing dollars available to this population. This is the only Russian speaking housing program in Multnomah County. In addition, it supports approximately 20% of the Bradley Angle Economic Education program, which includes a full time economic advocate, provides fiscal education classes and advocacy to address credit repair for over 50 DV participants, and includes an Independent Development Account (IDA) and micro loan program to assist participants. IDA saving can be used for housing, education, or starting a business. Micro loans can be used for deposits for housing, starting a business, paying off bad debt that might be keeping them from getting a job or housing, and other uses. The program is open to all DV survivors throughout the community and has been replicated at other agencies because of its high success.

The ultimate goal of these activities is to increase the ability of victims to obtain and maintain living wage jobs necessary for independence and safety. Although there are other aspects to these grants, the three listed above (Economic Education Program, Housing Assistance for Russian-Speaking Survivors, and WorkSource Navigator) are core to prosperity and stability for survivors and are not funded by any other sources.

This program offer provides services similar to those requested in Community Services 25139B Action for Prosperity; and leverages funding from HUD, WorkSource Systems and Bradley-Angle House.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	# participants receiving prosperity and stability services <sup>1</sup>	0	0	80	80
Outcome	% of participants who report increased prosperity <sup>2</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	75.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

<sup>1</sup> This measure includes: all MOBIS and Family Strength clients, with 75 MOBIS Navigator clients, 40 Economic Education clients, and 5 Russian-speaking clients.

<sup>2</sup> This measure uses the "Action for Prosperity Matrix" which includes measures for safety, financial management, housing, employment life skills, education/training, and employment. Development of the Matrix was supported by Grant No. 2009-EH-S6-0074 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

None

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$31,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$22,600	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$53,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$53,600</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Total Revenue:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$53,600 – County General Fund

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:** #25040A, Domestic Violence Victims Svcs & Coord  
 Partial year federal funding for MOBIS and Family Strengths is included in 25040A