

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Domestic Violence (DV) Victim Services & Coordination provides in-person services for 7,000 victims and children, management of grant-funded projects and coordination of multi-jurisdiction government and community responses. Research shows that these services reduce re-assault of victims, reduce the number of reported violent crimes and improve outcomes for victims and children.

Program Description

The county expends at least \$10 million in criminal justice costs (jail, prosecution and probation supervision) and \$2.5 million in victim services annually. These services increase employment, income, quality of life; decrease the level of danger and of assault, PTSD, depression, alcohol & drug abuse; and improve the health of victims and their children. DV costs the community another \$10 million in lost wages, health care and other costs. The number of individuals served in FY10 increased by almost 30% compared to FY09 and is expected to increase by 25% in 2011 compared to FY10.

Victim services funded in this offer include: centralized access and crisis response; safe emergency shelter and supportive services (300 victims and 300 children in shelter + 400 victims and 500 children through short-term rent assistance and motel vouchers); civil legal advocacy ensuring safety after separation (2,980 victims); mobile advocacy and rent assistance with supportive services (300 victims and 400 children); and culturally-specific services for Latinas, Russians, African Americans, Native Americans, immigrants/refugees and sexual minorities (500 victims and 800 children). Evidence-based practices include emergency shelters, shown to reduce the incidence of re-assault by 50%, and civil legal services, shown to reduce homicides.

This offer provides professional staffing for coordination efforts, such as the Family Violence Coordinating Council which provides a forum for collaborative efforts including training, policy and program development and implementation, and system-wide problem solving. The 40 organizations that are members represent the criminal justice system, victim services, health care, batterers intervention and others. In addition, staff provide training for and/or coordinate multiple multi-disciplinary efforts, including Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) and Safe Start and participate in and partially staff the county DV Fatality Review Process meetings. This program offer is based on four major agreements, policies or plans: 1) 1997 Portland-Multnomah County agreement that the county would take over full responsibility "for planning, funding, and tracking performance of shelter and services for victims of domestic violence;" 2) 2000 LPSCC evaluation of the criminal justice system which recommended development of a more intensive response to high risk DV cases; 3) Victim services system plan, adopted by the Board in 2002; 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 (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	Number of clients and their children served in person ¹	6,574	5,100	8,000	6,000
Outcome	% in stable housing six months after close of services ²	68.0%	70.0%	75.0%	70.0%

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¹ Number of clients includes only those receiving face-to-face services (not crisis line services)

² % in stable housing includes only those clients in the transitional housing or rent assistance programs.

Note: The current year estimate for number of clients served is noticeably higher than in previous years. It now includes the DVERT (235) and Safe Start (260) clients and their children, and also reflects a much higher level of need than in previous years due to increased need and increased family size, with many more children accompanying victims than in previous years. Data also indicate that the length of shelter stay has decreased, possibly due to additional rent assistance funds, which has led to more survivors able to access shelter.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

CGF primarily funds Multnomah County RPF #P06-8706 Domestic Violence Programmatic Services. Grant funded services must meet all government-required goals, outcomes, and reporting requirements. These include the federally funded projects of DVERT, transitional housing/economic empowerment, and HUD Horizon. HUD funding requires a \$51,240 cash match and database specifications, included in this offer.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$451,685	\$180,088	\$527,452	\$177,805
Contracts	\$1,464,322	\$630,861	\$1,398,001	\$633,210
Materials & Supplies	\$162,741	\$470,827	\$145,663	\$405,392
Internal Services	\$79,626	\$30,639	\$84,109	\$28,281
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,158,374	\$1,312,415	\$2,155,225	\$1,244,688
Program Total:	\$3,470,789		\$3,399,913	
Program FTE	4.62	1.80	5.75	1.75
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$16,401	\$0	\$13,776	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,140	\$0	\$41,804
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,310,400	\$0	\$1,201,684
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$875	\$0	\$1,200
Total Revenue:	\$16,401	\$1,312,415	\$13,776	\$1,244,688

Explanation of Revenues

\$462,083 – HUD Horizons Grant: Based on FY11 revised budget
\$193,724 – Oregon Housing and Community Service SHAP Grant: Based on current grant award
\$50,000 – City of Portland GF – Based on FY11 revised budget
\$100 – United Way – Based current year projected estimates
\$291,556 – Department of Justice-DVERT; \$44,143 – DOJ – OJJDP; \$41,804 OVW Transitional Housing; \$160,078 - OVW-ARRA: Based on FY11 estimated carryover
\$1,200 – Domestic Partnership Fees: Based on FY11 current registration level
\$51,480 – County General Fund Match
\$2,103,745 – County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25040A, Domestic Violence Victims Svcs & Coord

This program offer now includes funding from 25040B and 25040C, which were funded by the Board last year. 25040B provided 6 months of funding for the DVERT project to backfill the federal grant slated to end 12/31/10; 25040C funded 9 months of the Safe Start project which ended 9/30/10. The DVERT project was refunded by DOJ for another two years. Part of the CGF allocated in 25040B from FY11 has been retained for the DVERT project (.5 FTE DVERT Coordinator); the remaining funds have been used to meet the 2% constraint level, to provide funds for African immigrant survivors, to defray increased personnel and internal services costs, to keep current service level, and to support a 1.0 FTE OA2. In addition, it includes 3 months of a DOJ/OJJDP grant to develop and begin implementation of a strategic plan on preventing and intervening in children's exposure to violence in general.