

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

**Executive Summary**

This program offer increases the domestic violence (DV) victim services to address the needs of communities of color. Since 2000, there has been a 150% increase of people of color in Multnomah County, with no significant addition of funding for DV services for these populations. This offer will increase the number of victims served by 50.

**Program Description**

The Communities of Color in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile report clearly documents the increasing number of people of color, the disparate impact on these communities and need for additional services. For example, from 2004 to 2008, there was a 15% increase in people of color in the county (based on data from American Community Survey and the Profile; during the same time period, the percentage of people of color in DV shelters increased from 50% to 65%.

Victims of color face significant barriers to getting services and/or increasing their safety. They are more likely to be poor, to have dropped out of high school and to spend more than 30% of their income on housing. New immigrants or undocumented workers face additional language and legal barriers. These barriers make it less likely that the victims can find safe affordable housing for themselves and their children. In addition, victims of color may need additional advocacy as they are more likely to have Child Welfare involvement, to have landlord or credit problems or a criminal history.

This offer increases the amount of funding for DV victim services in order to increase overall the number of victims of color who can access DV services. Fifty additional families (victims and their children) will receive advocacy and direct client assistance through established and high quality culturally specific programs. These funds will leverage additional services, such as programs for children exposed to batterers, rent assistance funds, legal assistance, support groups and programs intended to assist in increasing prosperity and financial stability of DV victims. Safety and supportive services, as well as long term stability, are critical needs for children, and increase their success in school and their overall adjustment.

This offer addresses the county-priorities expressed in the victim services system plan, adopted by the Board; in County Resolution 00-149 (Domestic Violence Policy), which directs the county to "develop effective and integrated responses to domestic violence," and the victim services assessment done by the Family Violence Coordinating Council, which recommended expanding the level of services available to diverse populations.

**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	# of victims served each year	0	0	0	50
Outcome	% of victims who report increased safety options*	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

\* % victims who report increased safety options will be those victims who have developed a safety plan with the assistance of an advocate.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

N/A

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$65,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$65,000</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**

\$65,000 – County General Fund

**Significant Program Changes****Last year this program was:**

This program offer seeks funding for Domestic Violence Victim services to Communities of Color