

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 offer expands the basic domestic violence (DV) victim services, as recommended in the plan adopted by the Board in 2002. It expands existing contracted services to respond to increased costs and expected increase in victims seeking DV services due to the opening of the Gateway DV Center (one-stop).

Program Description

DV significantly impacts our community. It is 40-50% of all reported violent crimes and 25-30% of homicides. However, funding for community-based services for victims has not kept up with the need nor the increased cost of doing business. For example, the fair market rate for apartments has increased 40-60% and salary rates of victim advocates has increased by 35%, since 1997 when the county assumed responsibility for funding victim services. Yet there has been no significant increase in county funding for these basic services. The convergence of these two factors (increased cost with no increased funding) has led to an increase in the turn-away count of 36%.

This offer provides a 25% increase in funding for all contracted services, to expand the number of victims that can be served, increase the quality of services and maintains the stability of existing programs. In the last year, almost all of the agencies providing DV victim services through contracts with the county have had to lay off staff and/or reorganize in some way because of fiscal limitations.

The expected increase in victims seeking services through the city-county supported "one-stop" (the Gateway DV Center) has the potential to increase the need for capacity in the victim services system to accept referrals for longer term or specific services not provided by the center. It is expected that there will be an increase in requests for emergency and longer-term housing, and for culturally specific services, legal assistance and on-going support that are not provided by the Navigators at the Gateway Center.

This offer addresses the county priorities expressed in the 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;" in the victim services system plan adopted by the Board; and in County Resolution 00-149 (Domestic Violence Policy), which directs the county to "develop effective and integrated responses to domestic violence." The victim services plan was based on an assessment done by the Family Violence Coordinating Council, and emphasized meeting the needs of victims beyond crisis intervention and emergency shelter. It recommended expanding the level of existing services, the populations served, and the venues in which services are delivered. New sites proposed for services included victims' homes/neighborhood restaurants, a multi-disciplinary walk-in center, and co-location of advocates at other social service agencies at which victims sought services (public assistance, child welfare, law enforcement agencies).

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	Total victims and children served ¹	0	0	0	1,000
Outcome	% report increased safety ²	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Performance Measures:

¹ Counts additional clients who receive 'in person' services above the 25040A level.

² % victims who report increased safety options will be those victims who have developed a safety plan with the assistance of an advocate. This is a different outcome measure than that found in 25040A and is more appropriate for a wider variety of services provided.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$82,188	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$656,250	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$1,975	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,605	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$744,018	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$744,018	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$744,018 – County General Fund

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

Significant Program Changes (Programmatic only)

This will significantly increase the number and populations that the victim services system serves (1,200)