

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic Violence (DV) Victim Services & Coordination provides in-person services for over 5,000 (unduplicated) 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.

Victim services funded in this offer include: safe emergency shelter and supportive services (350 victims and 319 children in shelter; 489 victims and 434 children through short-term rent assistance and motel vouchers); civil legal advocacy and restraining order room assistance ensuring safety after separation (2500 victims); mobile advocacy and rent assistance with supportive services (237 victims and 255 children); and culturally-specific services for Latinas, Russians, African Americans, Native Americans, immigrants/refugees and sexual minorities (295 victims and 478 children); and specialized support for victims involved with police and child welfare (250 victims and 500 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 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 (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Number of participants and their children served in person ¹	5,709	6,000	5,200	5,000
Outcome	% of victims who report perceived increase in safety at exit ²	81.0%	70.0%	80.0%	70.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

¹ Number of participants includes only those receiving face-to-face services (not crisis line services). This year, current year estimates reflect an unduplicated number of people served. Some victims receive services from multiple program areas.

² Victims who report a perceived increase in safety/lower risk of violence at exit is a new measure. Victims who receive brief crisis services (such as restraining order advocacy or short-term emergency motel stay) are not asked about perceived risk of violence. Percentage of clients in stable services includes only those clients in transitional housing or rent assistance programs.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$527,452	\$177,805	\$551,892	\$198,680
Contracts	\$1,470,534	\$633,210	\$1,537,958	\$623,787
Materials & Supplies	\$175,284	\$405,392	\$180,914	\$384,877
Internal Services	\$79,638	\$28,281	\$64,800	\$64,471
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,252,908	\$1,244,688	\$2,335,564	\$1,271,815
Program Total:	\$3,497,596		\$3,607,379	
Program FTE	5.75	1.75	5.90	2.23
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$13,776	\$0	\$14,227	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$41,804	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,201,684	\$0	\$1,270,515
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,300
Total Revenue:	\$13,776	\$1,244,688	\$14,227	\$1,271,815

Explanation of Revenues

\$462,083 - HUD Horizons Grant: Based on FY12 revised budget
 \$168,092 - Oregon Housing and Community Service SHAP Grant: Based on current award
 \$340,340 - Department of Justice - DVERT; \$83,333 - DOJ OVW Transitional Housing; \$166,667 - DOJ - OJJDP
 \$50,000 - City of Portland GF - Based on FY12 revised budget
 \$100 - United Way - Based current year projected estimates
 \$1,200 - Domestic Partnership Fees: Based on FY12 current registration level
 \$51,480 - County General Fund Match
 \$2,284,084 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25040A, Domestic Violence Victims Services and Coordination

The joint Multnomah County-City of Portland supported Gateway Center for DV Services opened in September 2010. In its first 12 months, the Center had 7000 visits and served 2000 unduplicated individuals, highlighting a significant, previously unmet need. Funding for the Gateway Center is not included in this program offer.

A 3-year federal grant, the Defending Childhood Initiative, provides a new focus on the impact of children's exposure to violence by providing training and capacity-building in existing programs.