

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs: 60076

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Multnomah County's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team is a nationally recognized 'best practice' program providing coordinated, multi-disciplinary intervention for domestic violence cases throughout Multnomah County that have a high-risk of ongoing abuse, severe violence or lethality.

Program Description

The Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) Project provides a multi-disciplinary, intensive, collaborative response to domestic violence cases with a high risk of on-going abuse, stalking and/or potentially lethal outcomes. DVERT intervention on individual cases includes victim services as well as criminal justice intervention, and coordination of information and intervention across multiple agencies involved in these high risk cases.

An evaluation of the effectiveness of DVERT intervention found that offenders assigned to DVERT intervention were 'significantly less likely to recidivate when compared to a demographically and criminologically similar group of people who had recently committed a Domestic Violence offense. Of particular importance was the finding that DVERT offenders were significantly less likely to recidivate with a new DV or Family Disturbance incident. They were also less likely to have a new violent offense on their record. These differences were observed despite the fact that the DVERT group as a whole had significantly more prior Domestic Violence reports on their record, which made them a higher risk group from the beginning.'

DVERT also works to improve system responses to high-risk cases through specialized trainings, analysis of system responses, and system development meetings with a Steering Committee to review how high-risk, complex domestic violence cases intersect with other interventions. with a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from partner agencies. DVERT provides training and technical assistance to other community agencies to help them increase identification and effective response to high-risk offenders and the victims in non- DVERT cases.

DVERT partners funded at least in part with grant funds include Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordination Office (DVCO) and Sheriff's Office, the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), and three community-based victim advocacy agencies: Raphael House, Volunteers of America and Catholic Charities' El Programa Hispano. In addition, Child Welfare, Self-Sufficiency (public assistance), District Attorney, and Community Justice (probation/parole) participate in DVERT.

DVCO's DVERT Coordinator oversees all aspects of the development and implementation of DVERT, including grant oversight, planning, coordination, administration, case staffings and system meetings, and contracts for services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Number of active cases assigned to DVERT intervention	0	0	110	100
Outcome	Cases with criminal justice sanctions related to DVERT intervention	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$43,329	\$31,954	\$46,259	\$67,677
Contracts	\$0	\$245,485	\$179,050	\$209,339
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$33,544	\$86,728	\$20,825
Internal Services	\$0	\$29,357	\$12,572	\$13,492
Total GF/non-GF:	\$43,329	\$340,340	\$324,609	\$311,333
Program Total:	\$383,669		\$635,942	
Program FTE	0.50	0.38	0.50	0.75
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$8,202	\$0	\$7,059	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$340,340	\$0	\$311,333
Total Revenue:	\$8,202	\$340,340	\$7,059	\$311,333

Explanation of Revenues

\$311,333 - US Department of Justice OVW Grants to Encourage Arrest: Based on FY14 allocation.

\$324,609 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

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

This is part three of a three-part restructure of the single domestic violence program offered in previous years.

US Department of Justice has reduced the maximum award amounts in this grant category. City of Portland and Multnomah County Sheriff's Office have offset this reduction by backfilling some costs for personnel dedicated to the DVERT program.

\$136,000 was added from County general funds for DVERT Emergency Response Advocates.