



Program #25046 - YFS - Domestic Violence Legal Services FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Domestic violence is a complex issue, often requiring legal intervention to address client safety and offender accountability. The legal system is complex and navigating it can be traumatic for survivors. High quality legal services assist survivors who choose a legal intervention and need support through the process.

Program Description

ISSUE: The court system can be difficult to navigate without professional legal representation and the cost of legal representation can be a barrier. There are very few resources for legal support available for low income survivors. As a result, survivors are often forced to appear in court without representation or legal advocacy. Survivors and provider agencies report that legal services are one of the highest unmet needs in the service continuum.

PROGRAM GOAL: Civil legal services help survivors navigate the court system. Funded programs provide support, consultation and legal representation for survivors.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Program activities focus on the provision of legal support. These specialized legal services for survivors help ensure better outcomes in legal proceedings. Services include support with restraining order hearings, custody and parenting time, immigration, housing, and other victim's rights related issues.

This program also supports services based in the Multnomah County Courthouse. The Restraining Order Services Room advocates assist survivors in obtaining protection orders. The Court Care program provides childcare in the Courthouse for families attending legal proceedings. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, courthouse services have moved to remote operation, and Court Care has suspended operation temporarily. In-person courthouse services will resume in line with Oregon Health Authority guidance.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of domestic violence survivors assisted with courthouse-based restraining order advocacy	800	850	1,000	800
Outcome	Percentage of retained cases with a court action filed or contested by an attorney	85%	75%	85%	75%
Output	Percentage of participants who identify as BIPOC	40%	40%	40%	40%

Performance Measures Descriptions

In FY23, Legal Aid Services of Oregon received some additional funding reallocated from underspent contracts and were consequently able to serve more participants through this contract.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$198,847	\$35,000	\$210,390	\$35,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$198,847	\$35,000	\$210,390	\$35,000
Program Total:	\$233,847		\$245,390	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$35,000 - Oregon Judicial Department Court Care Center (State)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25046 YFS - Domestic Violence Legal Services