



Program #25047A - YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit FY 2025 Proposed

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic violence is a leading cause of violent victimization, accounting for more than 40% of all reported violent crime and 25% of homicides in Multnomah County. Survivors need access to trauma-informed services when the time is right for them. The Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit (DVCRU) serves survivors in complex and high-risk cases. The DVCRU works with law enforcement to provide crisis response and victim advocacy. This co-located program also helps to ensure that law enforcement has the tools they need to best serve survivors.

Program Description

ISSUE: Complex cases of ongoing, severe abuse require an immediate collaborative response. Strong collaboration between law enforcement and trained advocates can help prevent domestic violence homicides.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the DVCRU program is to increase victim safety and offender accountability. DVCRU focuses efforts where there is high risk of homicide or concern of immediate/severe violence.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: DVCRU advocates are co-located with the Portland Police Bureau Special Victims Unit, and include bilingual/bicultural advocates in an effort to reflect the population of survivors served. Daytime and after-hours victim advocates provide crisis response and support following domestic violence crimes. As essential employees, DVCRU advocates have provided in-person services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- DVCRU includes four program components:
- Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) coordinates high-risk cases of domestic violence. These cases involve multiple systems and service providers to address survivors' needs. DVERT advocates provide coordination, ongoing support, and advocacy.
 - Domestic Violence Response Advocates (DVRA) provide after-hours crisis support following police response to domestic violence related crimes. Advocates are available seven days a week, including late nights and holidays.
 - Elder & Vulnerable Adults Advocate collaborates with the Elder Crimes unit. This advocate supports adults over 55 or who have a disability. Advocates provide financial assistance, safety planning and help accessing protection orders.
 - Domestic Violence Reduction Unit advocates collaborate with the investigation unit of Portland Police Bureau. DVRU advocates provide advocacy, court accompaniment, and coordination with community agencies.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention	171	250	200	200
Outcome	Percentage of survivors who engaged in safety planning with an advocate	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%
Output	Number of domestic violence survivors referred by police to afterhours victim advocates	486	500	500	500

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 2 in new this year, and replaces an outcome measure that no longer captures the work done by the DVCRU

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$988,119	\$348,827	\$1,042,553	\$343,583
Contractual Services	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$7,940	\$0	\$7,830	\$0
Internal Services	\$222,923	\$0	\$234,348	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,278,982	\$348,827	\$1,344,731	\$343,583
Program Total:	\$1,627,809		\$1,688,314	
Program FTE	8.00	3.00	8.09	2.91

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$348,827	\$0	\$343,583
Total Revenue	\$0	\$348,827	\$0	\$343,583

Explanation of Revenues

\$343,583 - City of Portland General Fund (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25047 YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit

0.09 FTE Victim Advocate moved from Federal/ State Fund to General Fund