

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic Violence Housing and Stabilization services provide long-term (6-24 months) housing assistance and supportive services for domestic violence victims who need additional support to achieve ongoing safety, stability and self sufficiency. Services include rent assistance, case management/advocacy, economic life skills, employment and education-focused supportive services, and direct client assistance for expenses related to education and work opportunities. Six Multnomah County domestic violence agencies collaborate through these programs and serve over 300 individuals annually.

Program Summary

Domestic Violence Housing and Stabilization programs provide long-term (6-24 month) housing assistance and supportive services for domestic violence victims who need additional support to achieve ongoing safety, stability and self sufficiency. Services in this program offer include the HUD Horizons Domestic Violence Supportive Housing Program, the Family Strengths program, and a Domestic Violence Employment Specialist. Six domestic violence agencies collaborate through these programs, including shelters, community-based services and culturally specific programs.

The HUD Horizons Domestic Violence Supportive Housing program provides 6 to 24 months of rent assistance and supportive services for domestic violence victims/survivor households who have additional barriers to establishing safe, stable housing. These barriers include language/cultural needs, poor rental or credit histories, mental health and/or addiction needs, and large families or families with children who have special needs. The program uses a "rapid rehousing" approach to help victims/survivors quickly access permanent housing and serves up to 35 households at a single point in time. The Family Strengths program provides enhanced supportive services for some families in the HUD housing program, with a focus on economic, education and employment support services to secure long-term safety and self-sufficiency. These services include financial education and economic life skills classes, education and employment-focused supportive services, and direct client assistance such as tuition, childcare and transportation related to education and work opportunities.

Housing and economic self-sufficiency are critical needs for domestic violence victims/survivors. Research demonstrates that domestic violence has a direct impact on victims' economic well-being and on housing stability. Thirty-eight percent of domestic violence victims become homeless due to the violence, and a similar percentage face housing problems such as paying rent late or eviction threats (Baker, Cook, Norris 2003). Nearly half of all victims report staying in or returning to an abusive situation because they lacked adequate resources to maintain independent housing (Wilder Research Center, 2004). While individuals of all income levels may experience domestic violence, poor women experience higher rates of violence but have fewer resources with which to seek and maintain safety (Rennison & Welchans, 2000).

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of victims and children receiving stabilizing housing assistance and/or support services	401	350*	350	350
Outcome	Percentage of adult victims who exit services with a lower perception of risk	89%	80%	80%	80%
Outcome	Percentage of victims and children who exit services to permanent housing	88%	80%	90%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Includes victims served from last year's program offers 25043A and 25044B (backfill)

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Contractual Services	\$257,671	\$496,537	\$260,932	\$566,603
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$2,759	\$0	\$9,517
Internal Services	\$0	\$15,107	\$0	\$20,903
Total GF/non-GF	\$257,671	\$514,403	\$260,932	\$597,023
Program Total:	\$772,074		\$857,955	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$7,963	\$0	\$13,090	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$514,403	\$0	\$597,023
Total Revenue	\$7,963	\$514,403	\$13,090	\$597,023

Explanation of Revenues

\$106,800 - Office on Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Program: Based on new grant award
 \$490,223 - HUD Horizons Domestic Violence Supportive Housing: Based on anticipated grant award

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 25043A Domestic Violence Housing & Stabilization

25043B - Domestic Violence Housing & Stabilization Backfill (\$58,016) was funded in FY15 and is included.
 In October 2014, Multnomah County received a 42-month, \$352,416 federal grant from Office on Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Program