

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Annie Neal
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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 families in the HUD program with additional support to increase participants' ability to gain and maintain living wage employment. 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	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of victims and children receiving stabilizing housing assistance and/or support services ¹	371	-	350	325
Outcome	Percentage of adult victims who exit services with a lower perception of risk ²	93%	70%	85%	80%
Outcome	Percentage of victims and children who exit services to permanent housing	93%	-	85%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Current year purchased services have changed in this program reconstruction. FY14 program offer 25040A, Victim Services Continuum, purchased 1000 victims and children receiving residential (shelter/housing services). Current year estimate and next year offer reflects only stabilizing services including rent assistance and supportive services. ² Reworded for clarity.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$5,159	\$0	\$0
Contractual Services	\$196,792	\$69,675	\$199,655	\$496,537
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,759
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,107
Total GF/non-GF	\$196,792	\$74,834	\$199,655	\$514,403
Program Total:	\$271,626		\$714,058	
Program FTE	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$0	\$0	\$7,963	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$74,834	\$0	\$514,403
Total Revenue	\$0	\$74,834	\$7,963	\$514,403

Explanation of Revenues

\$27,120 - Office on Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Program: Based on grant award
 \$487,283 - HUD Horizons Domestic Violence Supportive Housing: Based on grant award
 \$120,175 - County General Fund
 \$79,480 - County General Fund Match

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 25040A Domestic Violence Victims Services Continuu