

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Annie Neal
Program Offer Type: Administration **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 25044
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$54,000 to fund a 0.5 FTE Program Specialist to support the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and \$20,000 to develop a framework for linking recommendations to implementation within the local coordinated community response to domestic violence. The Fatality Review Team conducts in-depth reviews of recent domestic violence-related homicides to identify factors associated with these deaths and gaps or missed opportunities for intervention, and to develop recommendations to prevent future homicides.

Program Summary

Domestic violence makes up one in four homicides in Multnomah County and nearly half of all violent crime, including more than one-third of aggravated assaults. These serious assaults and homicides are typically preceded by previous domestic violence incidents, and are often accompanied by risk factors and warning signs that frequently go unaddressed. There is clearly a need for an examination of these incidents to better understand opportunities for intervention and to improve local responses.

The Fatality Review Team conducts in-depth, multidisciplinary reviews of local domestic violence related deaths and near-deaths in order to understand the early warning signs associated with escalation to lethal behavior, uncover gaps and missed opportunities for intervention, and develop recommendations to improve identification and interventions to stop the escalation of violence. The Fatality Review Program Specialist gathers and organizes information, interviews key informants, develops timelines, identifies themes for further review, works with the team members to develop written reports, and implements strategies and recommendations.

In past years, the Fatality Review Team has been staffed with grant-funded, temporary part-time staff. Grant funds are no longer available to support this position. A half-time position will support the continued efforts of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and enhance system improvement efforts by ensuring implementation of recommendations. Responsibilities include preparing review materials, researching official records, interviewing key informants, facilitating fatality review meetings, compiling and organizing findings, and drafting recommendations for the Fatality Review Team. This position also coordinates data collection and uniform reporting in collaboration with the State Fatality Review Team. Finally, the position will ensure implementation of at least two Fatality Review recommendations by convening and staffing workgroups, researching best practices and examples from other communities, developing local strategies, and documenting changes.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Complete two comprehensive, in-depth fatality reviews and develop recommendations and reports.	-	-	-	2
Outcome	Ensure implementation of at least two Fatality Review recommendations	-	-	-	2

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$45,361	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$8,715	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$74,076	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$74,076	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: