

Program #25046 - YFS - Domestic Violence Legal Services
FY 2026 Proposed
Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

ISSUE: Domestic violence is a complex issue, often requiring legal intervention to address client safety and offender accountability. 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.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provides access to high quality legal support to survivors as they navigate the legal system.
- Provides support to survivors on site at the Multnomah County Courthouse as they obtain protection orders.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of domestic violence survivors assisted with courthouse-based restraining order advocacy	967	800	800	800
Output	Percent of retained cases with a court action filed or contested by an attorney	100%	75%	75%	75%
Output	Percent of participants who identify as BIPOC	51%	40%	40%	40%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$221,355	\$35,000	\$225,726	\$35,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$221,355	\$35,000	\$225,726	\$35,000
Program Total:	\$256,355		\$260,726	
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 2025: 25046 YFS - Domestic Violence Legal Services