

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This offer funds expanded legal advocacy and legal services for survivors of domestic violence, one of the largest unmet needs of survivors in Multnomah County, and restores cuts to the Court Care program.

Program Summary

The cost of legal representation can be prohibitive for survivors who have low or no income and have been financially exploited by their abusers. As a result, survivors of domestic violence often are forced to appear in court without representation or legal advocacy. Specialized legal services for domestic and sexual violence survivors ensure better outcomes in legal proceedings including restraining order hearings, custody and parenting time determinations, housing retention, immigration matters, and related victims' rights and civil legal matters.

This offer expands legal advocacy and civil legal services for domestic violence survivors, provides flexible client assistance for legal needs, and restores funding for the Court Care program, which provides developmentally appropriate child care while their parents tend to legal matters and attend court hearings.

Legal advocacy and civil legal services reduce domestic violence by helping victims safely end abusive relationships and resolve issues that cannot be addressed by human service or criminal justice interventions. Civil legal assistance is related to reduction in reported domestic violence crimes and improves the likelihood that survivors will be able to obtain protective orders from courts, which is a significant factor in reducing rates of violence.

Scaled funding will support one additional attorney and one additional legal advocate, as well as provide flexible client assistance for legal needs such as domestic violence-related immigration assistance, court filing fees, and assistance for low-income survivors who are not eligible for nonprofit legal services. Funding also will leverage additional funding for the Court Care program and provide child care for at least 650 children while parents are attending legal proceedings.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of families served by CourtCare.	N/A	N/A	N/A	650
Outcome	% of retained cases with a court action filed or contested by an attorney.	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$200,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: