

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:** 60076  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Multnomah County's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) provides intervention for domestic violence cases that have a high risk of ongoing, severe violence or lethality. DVERT works closely with law enforcement to provide after-hours victim services and crisis response, including a focus on older adults experiencing violence.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Complex domestic violence cases with a high risk of ongoing, severe abuse require an immediate, multidisciplinary, collaborative response in order to de-escalate violence and prevent domestic violence-related deaths in our community.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of the DVERT program is to increase victim safety and offender accountability where there is high risk of lethality.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:** DVERT provides after-hours victim advocates to provide immediate on-scene crisis response, safety planning and victim support following police response to domestic violence crimes. The team has one FTE focused on older adults who are victims of violence from family members or caregivers to reduce the risk of injury and death from abuse. All DVERT advocates are co-located with police, including the Elder Crimes Unit.

DVERT includes three program components: DVERT case staffing, Domestic Violence Response Advocates (DVRA) and Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU). DVRA provides after-hours on-scene crisis response, safety planning, and victim support services following police response to violent crimes. Advocates are available seven days a week, including late nights and holidays. DVRUs work with officers five days a week as part of the investigation unit and includes victim support services, court accompaniment, and coordination with community agencies. The case staffing team provides crisis response, ongoing victim support, client financial assistance, criminal justice intervention, and service coordination across multiple agencies.

The team also participates in multi-jurisdictional efforts to improve responses to high-risk domestic violence cases. They provide training and technical assistance locally and throughout the country on improved response and coordination between advocates and law enforcement. The team also conducts outreach and awareness about domestic violence to the community, and partners with a variety of organizations in addition to law enforcement including the District Attorney's Office, Oregon Department of Human Services, County Adult Protective Services, Department of Community Justice, domestic violence and sex trafficking service systems.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of victims receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention.	265	300	300	300
Outcome	% of police officers who agree that DV survivors benefit from having DVRA's on the scene.	82%	90%	90%	90%
Output	Number of domestic violence victims referred by police to afterhours victim advocates.	816	650	650	650

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>
Personnel	\$600,900	\$265,794	\$674,918	\$310,518
Contractual Services	\$50,000	\$222,732	\$50,000	\$222,702
Materials & Supplies	\$5,169	\$11,869	\$22,048	\$3,201
Internal Services	\$101,101	\$0	\$108,890	\$4,105
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$757,170</b>	<b>\$500,395</b>	<b>\$855,856</b>	<b>\$540,526</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,257,565</b>		<b>\$1,396,382</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	6.00	3.00	6.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$500,395	\$0	\$540,526
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,395</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$540,526</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$311,569 - City of Portland General Fund  
 \$228,957 - US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 25047A-19 YFS - Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team