

**Program #25047 - YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit** 5/6/2020

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 60076  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Multnomah County's Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit (DVCRU) provides intervention for domestic violence cases that have a high risk of ongoing, severe violence or lethality. The DVCRU 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 DVCRU program is to increase victim safety and offender accountability where there is high risk of lethality.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:** DVCRU 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 DVCRU advocates are co-located with police, including the Elder Crimes Unit.

DVCRU 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.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention.	120	300	300	300
Outcome	Percent 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 survivors referred by police to after-hours victim advocates.	950	650	650	650

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure 1 outputs were lower in FY2020 due to significant staffing turnover in the unit. Service levels are anticipated to return to their original level in FY2021

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$674,918	\$310,518	\$691,511	\$355,936
Contractual Services	\$50,000	\$222,702	\$50,000	\$247,710
Materials & Supplies	\$22,048	\$3,201	\$27,856	\$0
Internal Services	\$108,890	\$4,105	\$141,152	\$12,923
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$855,856</b>	<b>\$540,526</b>	<b>\$910,519</b>	<b>\$616,569</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,396,382</b>		<b>\$1,527,088</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	6.00	3.00	6.00	3.59

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$540,526	\$0	\$616,569
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$540,526</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$616,569</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$6,790 in indirect revenues.  
 \$311,569 - City of Portland General Fund  
 \$305,000 - US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 25047-20 YFS - Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team