

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic violence is a leading cause of violent victimization, accounting for more than 40% of all reported violent crime and 25% of homicides in Multnomah County. Survivors need access to trauma-informed services when the time is right for them. The Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit (DVCRU) serves survivors in complex and high-risk cases. The DVCRU works with law enforcement to provide crisis response and victim advocacy. This co-located program also helps to ensure that law enforcement has the tools they need to best serve survivors.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Complex cases of ongoing, severe abuse require an immediate collaborative response. Strong collaboration between law enforcement and trained advocates can help prevent domestic violence homicides.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the DVCRU program is to increase victim safety and offender accountability. DVCRU focuses efforts where there is high risk of homicide or concern of immediate/severe violence.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: DVCRU advocates are co-located with the Portland Police Bureau Special Victims Unit, and include bilingual/bicultural advocates in an effort to reflect the population of survivors served. Daytime and after-hours victim advocates provide crisis response and support following domestic violence crimes. As essential employees, DVCRU advocates have provided in-person services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DVCRU includes four program components:

- Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) coordinates high-risk cases of domestic violence. These cases involve multiple systems and service providers to address survivors' needs. DVERT advocates provide coordination, ongoing support, and advocacy.
- Domestic Violence Response Advocates (DVRA) provide after-hours crisis support following police response to domestic violence related crimes. Advocates are available seven days a week, including late nights and holidays.
- Elder & Vulnerable Adults Advocate collaborates with the Elder Crimes unit. This advocate supports adults over 55 or who have a disability. Advocates provide financial assistance, safety planning and help accessing protection orders.
- Domestic Violence Reduction Unit advocates collaborate with the investigation unit of Portland Police Bureau. DVRU advocates provide advocacy, court accompaniment, and coordination with community agencies.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention	171	200	200	200
Outcome	Percentage of police officers who agree that DV survivors benefit from having DVRA's on the scene	95%	90%	90%	90%
Output	Number of domestic violence survivors referred by police to afterhours victim advocates ²	992	700	1,000	900

Performance Measures Descriptions

²The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an increase in domestic violence, resulting in a much higher number of referrals for crisis services. Totals adjusted to better reflect service levels.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$897,402	\$323,133	\$930,077	\$340,903
Contractual Services	\$60,000	\$217,000	\$60,000	\$7,200
Materials & Supplies	\$18,070	\$0	\$7,760	\$0
Internal Services	\$198,774	\$5,037	\$259,281	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,174,246	\$545,170	\$1,257,118	\$348,103
Program Total:	\$1,719,416		\$1,605,221	
Program FTE	8.00	3.00	8.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$545,170	\$0	\$348,103
Total Revenue	\$0	\$545,170	\$0	\$348,103

Explanation of Revenues

\$340,903- City of Portland General Fund
 \$7,200 - US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25047A YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit