



**Program #25047 - YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit** FY 2024 Adopted

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** 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 Description**

**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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention	197	250	250	250
Outcome	Percentage of police officers who agree that DV survivors benefit from having DVRA's on the scene	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%
Output	Number of domestic violence survivors referred by police to afterhours victim advocates	417	500	500	500

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$930,077	\$340,903	\$988,119	\$348,827
Contractual Services	\$60,000	\$7,200	\$60,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$7,760	\$0	\$7,940	\$0
Internal Services	\$259,281	\$0	\$222,923	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,257,118</b>	<b>\$348,103</b>	<b>\$1,278,982</b>	<b>\$348,827</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,605,221</b>		<b>\$1,627,809</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	8.00	3.00	8.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$348,103	\$0	\$348,827
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$348,103</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$348,827</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$348,827 - City of Portland General Fund (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25047 YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit