

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

ISSUE: 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. 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 is to increase victim safety and offender accountability, and ultimately to prevent and address domestic violence. DVCRU helps to ensure that law enforcement has the tools they need to best serve survivors and prevent homicide or other severe violence. Peer-delivered community-based advocacy services and system-based advocacy embedded with law enforcement are both vital components of the response to domestic violence.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit (DVCRU) and the Domestic Violence Recovery Mentors (DVRM). DVCRU advocates are co-located with the Portland Police Bureau Special Victims Unit. Daytime and after-hours victim advocates provide crisis response and support following domestic violence crimes. DVCRU advocates provide in-person services. Advocacy support includes court accompaniment, coordination with system and community agencies, financial assistance, safety planning including accessing protection orders and ongoing support. DVCRU includes:

1. Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team coordinates high-lethality cases of domestic violence.
2. Domestic Violence Response Advocates 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.
3. Elder & Vulnerable Adults Advocate collaborates with law enforcement and community agencies, supporting adults over 55 or who have a disability.
4. Special Victims Unit Bilingual/Bicultural Advocate collaborates with the investigation unit of Portland Police Bureau.

DVRM community-based advocates work at the intersection of domestic violence and substance abuse recovery. Peer Mentors offer lived experience as survivors in recovery, and are uniquely positioned to provide participants with a wide range of intensive, long-term support and advocacy. This offer funds one contracted DVRM with a culturally-specific focus.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provides access for survivors to advocates who support them after law enforcement has become involved in their case.
- Partners closely with law enforcement officers to provide training and consultation on domestic violence cases, improving services to survivors who interact with law enforcement.
- Provides peer mentors to support survivors in recovery.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention ¹	251	200	200	250
Output	Number of domestic violence survivors referred by police to afterhours victim advocates	575	500	500	500
Output	Number of survivors served by recovery mentors ²	54	25	25	25

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹The FY 2026 target is higher to reflect the inclusion of the DVERT position in this offer in FY 2026.

²The FY 2025 budgeted and FY 2026 targets are lower due to a reduction in FTE for this program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,168,790	\$343,583	\$1,227,107	\$352,516
Contractual Services	\$170,418	\$0	\$172,900	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$2,046	\$0	\$6,825	\$0
Internal Services	\$240,132	\$0	\$336,640	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,581,386	\$343,583	\$1,743,472	\$352,516
Program Total:	\$1,924,969		\$2,095,988	
Program FTE	9.09	2.91	9.15	2.85

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$343,583	\$0	\$352,516
Total Revenue	\$0	\$343,583	\$0	\$352,516

Explanation of Revenues

\$352,516 - City of Portland General Fund (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25047A YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit

This program combines 25047A and 25047B YFS - Domestic Violence Services to Highly Vulnerable Survivors from FY 2025.

Moved 0.05 FTE Victim Advocate from Federal/State Fund to General Fund.