

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Domestic violence (DV) survivors encountering law enforcement—often during crises—need immediate, trauma-informed support navigating safety and complex criminal and civil systems. The Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit (DVCRU) is the only program that fills this critical need by responding in real time to support survivor safety, voice, and choice.

DVCRU is a team of county advocates embedded within Portland Police Bureau's Special Victims Unit serving intimate partner and familial DV survivors across four programs: Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (high-lethality intimate partner violence cases), Elder and Vulnerable Adult Advocacy (55+ adults with disabilities), Special Victims Unit Advocacy (escalating DV and protective order violations), and Domestic Violence Response Advocates (DVRA), who respond to 911 pages countywide 7 days a week, after business hours, late nights, and holidays. Advocates provide crisis response, safety planning, navigation of criminal/civil systems, emergency stabilization supports, and connection to comprehensive, culturally response services. Program activities include:

- Coordinating intensive, multidisciplinary case staffing for high lethality domestic violence cases.
- Responding to law enforcement pages to provide on-scene and hospital-based crisis response and advocacy.
- Delivering safety planning, protective order assistance and system navigation for highest-risk survivors.
- Providing emergency stabilization supports (ie. shelter, relocation, security equipment).

This offer supports the Youth and Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Safety and Resilience.

Equity Statement

The Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit (DVCRU) serves survivors through advocacy and responding to the highest risk and high-lethality cases, ensuring safety and access to trauma-informed support. By bridging gaps in the criminal and civil justice systems, they seek to remove barriers to access and critical services, such as protection, stability, and lifesaving interventions across Multnomah County.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,227,107	\$352,516	\$1,162,226	\$363,091
Contractual Services	\$172,900	\$0	\$67,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$6,825	\$0	\$4,370	\$0
Internal Services	\$336,640	\$0	\$305,672	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,743,472	\$352,516	\$1,539,268	\$363,091
Total Expenses:	\$2,095,988		\$1,902,359	
Program FTE	9.15	2.85	8.22	2.78
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$352,516	\$0	\$363,091
Total Revenue	\$0	\$352,516	\$0	\$363,091

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary and intensive intervention	275	250	250
Number of domestic violence survivors referred by police to after hours victim advocates	824	600	600