

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Annie Neal  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 60076A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Multnomah County's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) provides intervention for domestic violence cases that have a high risk of ongoing, severe violence or lethality. The DVERT program provides afterhours victim services and crisis intervention in more than 650 criminal cases annually, and provides ongoing coordinated, multidisciplinary followup intervention and support to more than 100 cases per year.

**Program Summary**

The Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) provides a Countywide multidisciplinary, intensive, collaborative response to complex domestic violence cases with a high risk of ongoing severe abuse or potentially lethal outcomes. DVERT intervention includes immediate crisis response, ongoing victim support services, criminal justice intervention, and coordination across multiple agencies. DVERT partners funded at least in part with grant funding include Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordination Office, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland Police Bureau, and two domestic violence victim service agencies. In addition, DHS Child Welfare and Self-Sufficiency, the District Attorney's Office, and Department of Community Justice (parole/probation) and other community partners participate in DVERT.

Since 2014, Multnomah County and Portland Police Bureau have jointly funded four contracted, after-hours victim advocates to provide immediate on-scene crisis response, safety planning and victim support following police response to domestic violence crimes. Advocates are available seven nights per week within all Portland Police Bureau Precincts, and provide immediate response at night and on weekends, when most other services are unavailable.

In addition to crisis response, followup support and criminal intervention in individual cases, DVERT works to improve overall system responses through specialized trainings, analysis of system responses, and ongoing reviews of how high-risk domestic violence intersects with other interventions. DVERT participates in a five-county, multi-jurisdictional effort to improve responses to high-risk domestic violence cases across the region and provides training and technical assistance to other community agencies to help them increase identification and effective response to high-risk offenders and victims.

Domestic violence accounts for a significant portion of serious violent crime in Multnomah County, including more than one-third of aggravated assaults and 1 in 4 homicides. DVERT is recognized both locally and nationally for implementing best practices in domestic violence intervention, and an evaluation of the program has shown that it reduces repeat violence.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of victims receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention	237	100*	150	150
Outcome	% of officers who agree that victims of domestic violence benefit from having advocates respond on scene.	96%	90%	95%	90%
Output	Number of victims referred by police to afterhours victim advocates	858	500	650	600

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*Includes victims served from program offer 25047A and 25047B (backfill)

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$96,483	\$41,554	\$116,739	\$0
Contractual Services	\$184,720	\$126,304	\$188,784	\$164,645
Materials & Supplies	\$8,047	\$30,872	\$3,322	\$11,500
Internal Services	\$11,466	\$9,916	\$11,789	\$14,523
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$300,716</b>	<b>\$208,646</b>	<b>\$320,634</b>	<b>\$190,668</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$509,361</b>		<b>\$511,302</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.75	0.50	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$5,266	\$0	\$9,094	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$208,645	\$0	\$190,668
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,266</b>	<b>\$208,645</b>	<b>\$9,094</b>	<b>\$190,668</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$190,668 - US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Grants To Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program: Based on new grant award

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 25047A Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team