

**Program #25047A - YFS - Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team** 6/27/2018

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 60076  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Domestic Violence Crisis Services improve the quality of life for victims who are currently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. Individuals attempting to flee domestic violence should have access to the type and level of service they desire when the time is right for them. 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. DVERT works closely with law enforcement to provide after-hours victim services and crisis response.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Complex domestic violence cases with a high risk of ongoing, severe abuse require an immediate, multidisciplinary, collaborative response in order to de-escalate violence and prevent domestic violence-related deaths in our community.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of the DVERT program is to increase victim safety and offender accountability where there is high risk of lethality

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:** DVERT provides after-hours victim advocates to provide immediate on-scene crisis response, safety planning and victim support following police response to domestic violence crimes. DVERT advocates are co-located with police.

DVERT includes three program components: DVERT case staffing, Domestic Violence Response Advocates (DVRA) and Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU). DVRA provides after-hours on-scene crisis response, safety planning, and victim support services following police response to violent crimes. Advocates are available seven days a week, including late nights and holidays. DVRUs work with officers five days a week as part of the investigation unit and includes victim support services, court accompaniment, and coordination with community agencies. The case staffing team provides crisis response, ongoing victim support, client financial assistance, criminal justice intervention, and service coordination across multiple agencies.

The team also participates in multi-jurisdictional efforts to improve responses to high-risk domestic violence cases. They provide training and technical assistance locally and throughout the country on improved response and coordination between advocates and law enforcement. The team also conducts outreach and awareness about domestic violence to the community, and partners with a variety of organizations in addition to law enforcement including the District Attorney's Office, Oregon Department of Human Services, Department of Community Justice, domestic violence and sex trafficking service systems.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of victims receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention.	293	300	300	300
Outcome	% of police officers who agree that domestic violence victims benefit from having advocates respond on scene.	94%	90%	90%	90%
Output	Number of domestic violence victims referred by police to afterhours victim advocates.	1016	650	650	650

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\* Staffing levels similar to previous fiscal years, however, 3 FTE were moved from contracted to internal staff via supplemental budget during FY18.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$347,576	\$0	\$500,900	\$265,794
Contractual Services	\$99,431	\$118,196	\$0	\$222,732
Materials & Supplies	\$3,139	\$3,700	\$5,169	\$11,869
Internal Services	\$13,585	\$0	\$101,101	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$463,731</b>	<b>\$121,896</b>	<b>\$607,170</b>	<b>\$500,395</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$585,627</b>		<b>\$1,107,565</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	4.00	0.00	5.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$121,896	\$0	\$500,395
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$121,896</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,395</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$303,631 - City of Portland General Fund  
 \$196,764 - US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2018: 25047 YFS - Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team

In FY18 Bud Mod DCHS-01-18 added \$0.3M of City of Portland funding that added 3.00 FTE Victim Advocates. 1 FTE Program Supervisor was moved from PO 25133 Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations and PO 25139 Multnomah Stability Initiative