



**Program #25047A - YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit** FY 2025 Adopted

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **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 provide in-person services.

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 | Performance Measure   | FY23 Actual | FY24 Budgeted | FY24 Estimate | FY25 Target |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Output       | Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention                | 171         | 250           | 200           | 200         |
| Outcome      | Percentage of survivors who engaged in safety planning with an advocate                 | N/A         | N/A           | N/A           | 85%         |
| Output       | Number of domestic violence survivors referred by police to afterhours victim advocates | 486         | 500           | 500           | 500         |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure 2 is new this year, and replaces an outcome measure that no longer captures the work done by the DVCRU

Revenue/Expense Detail

|                        | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2024                    | 2024                   | 2025                    | 2025                   |
| Personnel              | \$988,119               | \$348,827              | \$1,042,553             | \$343,583              |
| Contractual Services   | \$60,000                | \$0                    | \$60,000                | \$0                    |
| Materials & Supplies   | \$7,940                 | \$0                    | \$2,046                 | \$0                    |
| Internal Services      | \$222,923               | \$0                    | \$240,132               | \$0                    |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$1,278,982</b>      | <b>\$348,827</b>       | <b>\$1,344,731</b>      | <b>\$343,583</b>       |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$1,627,809</b>      |                        | <b>\$1,688,314</b>      |                        |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 8.00                    | 3.00                   | 8.09                    | 2.91                   |

| Program Revenues     |            |                  |            |                  |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental    | \$0        | \$348,827        | \$0        | \$343,583        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$348,827</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$343,583</b> |

Explanation of Revenues

\$343,583 - City of Portland General Fund (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25047 YFS - Domestic Violence Crisis Response Unit

0.09 FTE Victim Advocate moved from Federal/ State Fund to General Fund