



**Program #25047B - Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team - Expansion** 7/21/2015

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Annie Neal  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 25047A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This program offer requests \$135,000 to expand victim response for domestic violence crimes in Gresham and East Multnomah County jurisdictions which respond to more than 1000 domestic violence crimes annually. Currently, Multnomah County and City of Portland fund contracted victim advocates to provide immediate on-scene response and follow-up support services for victims of domestic violence crimes within Portland Police Bureau's jurisdiction. This program offer will extend these services to victims of domestic violence crimes in East County jurisdictions four nights per week.

**Program Summary**

Domestic violence accounts for approximately 40% of violent crime in Multnomah County, including one-third of aggravated assaults and one in four homicides. Police response is an important opportunity for intervention in high risk cases. A national study of domestic violence homicides found that in the year prior to the homicide, 44% of abusers had been arrested and more than one-third of victims had contacted police (Sharps et. al, 2001). Abuse often escalates when victims seek outside intervention or attempt to end the relationship (Glass & Campbell, 2009). In addition, domestic violence victims are more likely than other crime victims to experience repeat violence, and are five times more likely than other crime victims to experience socio-emotional problems (National Crime Victimization Survey, 2014). National research demonstrates that victims who work with domestic violence advocates experience less violence over time and report higher quality of life, better social support, and less difficulty obtaining needed community resources (Bybee & Sullivan, 2002).

The Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) was established in 2004 to provide a multi-disciplinary, intensive followup support and investigations in these high-risk domestic violence cases. In 2014, DVERT expanded to include after-hours crisis response and follow-up victim services for high risk domestic violence cases identified by Portland patrol officers. These contracted crisis response advocates provide on-scene immediate support, safety planning and emergency services after regular business hours and connect victims to follow-up information about the criminal justice system and other needed services. Gresham Police have requested crisis services for victims in East County, and will work with Multnomah County and victim services agencies to provide in-kind support such as office space for these positions. This funding will be used for two contracted domestic violence advocates to provide immediate, on-scene victim response for domestic violence crimes in Gresham and East County jurisdictions, four nights per week.

In addition to immediate support and emergency services, the contracted advocates will identify and connect victims in high-risk domestic violence cases to DVERT for followup. Local research has shows that cases assigned to DVERT experience significantly less recidivism (Henning, 2010). In addition, in a recent survey, 96% of Portland patrol officers reported that victims of domestic violence benefit from having an advocate respond on scene. The main request from these officers was for more advocates to be available and to expand the hours of the program.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of victims referred by police to after hours victim advocates	-	-	-	200
Outcome	% of officers who agree that victims of domestic violence benefit from having advocates respond on scene	-	-	-	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2015	2015	2016	2016
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$135,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$135,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: