

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

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$270,000 to expand victim response for domestic violence crimes in Gresham and East Multnomah County jurisdictions that do not have access to victim advocates to provide on-scene immediate support, safety planning and emergency services after regular business hours. This program offer will extend support to victims of domestic violence crimes in East County jurisdictions seven nights per week by funding four contracted domestic violence advocates to provide immediate, on-scene victim response.

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 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) related to victimization.

The Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) was established in 2004 to provide a multi-disciplinary, intensive follow-up support and investigations in these high-risk domestic violence cases. In 2014, DVERT expanded to include crisis response and follow-up victim services for high risk domestic violence cases identified by Portland patrol officers. 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 four contracted domestic violence advocates to provide immediate, on-scene victim response for domestic violence crimes in Gresham and East County jurisdictions, seven nights per week. 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).

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 follow-up. 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 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$270,000 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$0 | \$270,000 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$270,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: