

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 25047A
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. Domestic violence in the older adult population is often at the hands of family members who are not intimate partners. 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 or potentially lethal outcomes require an immediate multidisciplinary, collaborative response in order to de-escalate violence and prevent domestic violence-related deaths in our community. Currently, older adults who are victims of violence from family members who are not intimate partners, such as adult children, grandchildren, and siblings, do not have access to domestic violence services in the existing service system.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of DVERT interventions is to reduce repeated violence and prevent deaths for older adults who experience violence in their homes at the hands of family members.

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. The older adult advocate will work closely with County Adult Protective Services and the Elder Crimes Unit of Portland Police, both of whom have staff who are co-located with the DVERT team.

DVERT provides immediate crisis response, ongoing victim support services, client financial assistance, criminal justice intervention, and coordination across multiple agencies. In addition to crisis response, follow-up support and criminal intervention in individual cases, DVERT works to improve overall system responses through specialized training, analysis of system responses, and ongoing service improvements at the intersection of high-risk domestic violence and other interventions. Advocates are available seven nights per week throughout the county.

This offer adds an advocate who will specialize in working with older victims of violence, including violence perpetrated by other household members who are not intimate partners. The advocate will work to provide resources to help older victims with safety planning and other services to reduce the risk of injury and death from abuse. The advocate will also work with partners to increase knowledge and competency in the domestic violence system on responses to non-intimate partners involving older adults, and work with Aging Services partners to increase domestic violence competency.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of victims receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention.	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
Outcome	% of police officers who agree that domestic violence victims benefit from having advocates respond on scene.	N/A	N/A	N/A	50

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$150,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: