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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic violence is a multifaceted issue, with both individual and community-level effects. Because domestic violence does not present uniformly across racial/ethnic and other intersectional demographics, individuals seeking safety from domestic violence need access to client-centered and culturally-relevant services when the time is right for them. Funding culturally-specific services helps to ensure that survivors of color and LGBTQ+ survivors have equitable access to services in Multnomah County. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance, and contract monitoring.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Domestic violence manifests itself differently depending on the community. Cultural considerations are an important factor in effective service delivery. Survivors report an increased level of comfort when they are able to access services from within their own community.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of this offer is to prevent and address domestic violence by providing access to culturally-specific and population-specific services, increasing the efficacy of domestic violence services in underserved communities.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This offer funds programs that provide specialized domestic violence services for the following populations: African American, Latina, Native American, Slavic/Russian immigrants, African immigrants, LGBTQ, older adults and people with disabilities.

These services are contracted through a variety of culturally-specific service providers. Services that are developed and delivered by specific communities are more accessible to, and a better match for, the needs and values of the survivors they are intended to serve. This program provides specialized, population-specific domestic and sexual violence services, including trauma informed care, ongoing risk assessment, safety planning, intensive support, advocacy, case management, and help accessing other community resources. Services include assistance with legal issues, access to government benefits, housing, financial education, assistance accessing benefits, access to mental and physical healthcare services, employment, immigration, and disability services. This offer also includes the LGBTQ Economic Empowerment program located at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence. This program helps survivors who identify as LGBTQ to clear up and separate credit reports, develop a plan to seek employment, access job coaching and training, and apply for and obtain employment.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of individuals receiving culturally/population-specific domestic violence services ¹	575	500	400	400
Outcome	Percentage of adult survivors who engage in safety planning with an advocate by exit	89%	85%	85%	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹Output targets lowered to better reflect program activities. Culturally-specific providers are serving a smaller number of people for longer periods of time with a high intensity of service

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$718,435	\$0	\$732,083	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$718,435	\$0	\$732,083	\$0
Program Total:	\$718,435		\$732,083	
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: FY 2021: 25048 YFS - Culturally Specific and Underserved Domestic & Sexual Violence