



**Program #25049B - YFS - Sexual Assault Services Unified Community Based Response** 7/14/2022

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

In the wake of a sexual assault, many support services require a survivor to engage with the criminal justice system. Sexual assault survivors need access to advocacy, regardless of whether they choose to prosecute their offender. This program supports community-based sexual assault advocacy to address the unique needs of survivors. These services are mobile, and available 24/7. All services are provided by contracted, community-based nonprofit agencies.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Oregon has the second-highest lifetime prevalence of sexual assault in the country. Crisis lines in Multnomah County report more than 2,000 calls each year seeking sexual assault services. 75% of survivors choose to avoid working with the criminal justice system. Because of this, they are not eligible for traditional sexual assault victim services. Many never receive specialized trauma or medical services that can help them with their recovery.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Since 2015, the DSVCO and contracted community partners have been advocating for a move to a Unified Community-Based response to sexual assault, which would connect survivors seeking support to a confidential community-based advocate as their initial point of contact. This approach allows survivors to address their experience in a fully confidential manner (protected by advocate privilege). It also expands access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services, which is limited under the current response model.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** In preparation for a move to Unified Community-Based response (and in partnership with the Multnomah County DA's Office), the DSVCO is seeking additional Sexual Assault funding to increase both internal and contracted capacity. These funds would be used to bring 1.00 FTE Sexual Assault Specialist (Program Specialist Senior) onto the DSVCO team to ensure a successful transition to a best practice model that centers culturally and linguistically appropriate service provision.

The funding would also support additional contracted community-based Sexual Assault Advocates (3.00 FTE) at our crisis line programs and culturally-specific agencies, helping to ensure a successful transition to a best practice model that centers culturally and linguistically appropriate service provision. Mobile advocates connect with survivors in a variety of non-traditional settings including hospitals, health clinics, urgent care centers, shelters, and schools. Funded positions include 24/7 crisis response, as well as bilingual/bicultural advocacy. Advocates provide medical and legal advocacy, case management, and flexible client funds for emergency needs. Limited relocation funds are also available.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of sexual assault survivors who receive specialized crisis services	N/A	N/A	N/A	75
Outcome	Percentage of adult survivors who engage in safety planning with an advocate	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2022	2022	2023	2023
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$136,189	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$288,591	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$424,780</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$424,780</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	1.00	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:

This program adds 1.00 FTE Program Specialist Senior.