

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 25050A  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

Immigrants and refugees experiencing domestic and sexual violence need specialized support to navigate the legal system. Domestic Violence Immigration Legal Services provides legal consultation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence who seek services at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. Immigration Legal Services provides on-site intake services one day each week to consult with survivors. Subsequently, 25 survivors are chosen for ongoing representation to access visas or other immigration relief.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Survivors of domestic and sexual violence who are immigrants often qualify for immigration legal relief based on their status as survivors of crime or domestic violence. However, gaining access to these protections can be complex and many survivors struggle with the process. Access to immigration lawyers helps ensure survivors are able to leave abusive relationships without fear of deportation being used in retaliation for leaving the abuse.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Provide Immigration legal Advice and representation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence seeking services at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:** Engage legal services partner to provide legal consultation and intake services one day a week at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. An attorney with expertise in immigration law will work at the Gateway Center once a week. Front line advocates (“navigators”) will recommend legal consultations for survivors who are concerned about their immigration status. Legal services partner will consider each survivor for ongoing representation. When a survivor qualifies for immigration legal relief based on their status as a domestic violence survivor, a crime victim, or a victim of human trafficking, legal services partner will advocate for relief for these survivors.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of domestic violence and/or sexual assault survivors seen at intake for legal consultation	N/A	40	40	40
Outcome	Percent of retained cases with immigration relief actions filed by legal service attorneys	N/A	80%	80%	80%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$30,000</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:** FY 2020: 25050B-20 YFS - Domestic Violence Specific Immigration Legal Services at

For FY 2021 we are requesting that funding move from one-time-only to ongoing. There are no program operation changes as described in this Program Offer. Immigrants and refugees experiencing domestic and sexual violence need specialized support to navigate the legal system. Immigration Legal Services provides on-site intake services one day each week to consult with survivors. The funding level for this Program Offer in FY 2020 was \$30,000. This Program is funded as one-time-only in FY 2021.