

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Violence against women is an issue that impacts our entire community. According to the National Crime Information Center, there were 5,712 instances where American Indian Alaskan Native (AI/NA) women went missing in 2016. Only 116 of those cases were logged into the US Department of Justice's federal missing persons database. Native American women and girls face the highest rates of violence per capita out of any other race and are often unprotected by the American legal system as tribes hold a unique, sovereign status.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is a national movement that launched in response to the growing concern around American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) women and girls going missing or being murdered. AI/AN women and girls are often misidentified when coming into contact with law enforcement or other programs and services overseen by governmental entities. There are many contributing factors around why these individuals are unaccounted for in our current data - AI/AN women are often not captured in either Tribal data nor law enforcement data systems.

PROGRAM GOAL: This one-time offer raises awareness and provides training to County staff working in public safety, law enforcement, community justice, mental health and human services on the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women. Training will include basic understanding of Tribal sovereignty, understanding the impact of data inequity and identification, and an overview of current national and local statistics. The effort will build awareness of this issue and how data inequity and County services intersect with this topic through culturally specific training for County staff who work with women and girls who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, been sex trafficked, and/or come into contact with the justice system.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: The Department of County Human Services in partnership with the Chair's office will coordinate events that bring experts together to educate county staff on this topic and discuss implications for practice. The effort will be centered on the voices and perspectives of the Native Community, who will shape the content and approaches. We anticipate there will be a keynote speaker on the national concern over Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; a panel of experts on domestic violence, sexual violence and sex trafficking among Indigenous women and girls; a discussion on gaps in identification and service delivery

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	# events held to build awareness & increase skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
Outcome	% participants to report an increase in knowledge of the MMIW issue and its relevance to their work	N/A	N/A	N/A	95%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$50,000	
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: