

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 25047, 25048  
**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. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an increase in both the incidence and severity of domestic violence. This funding expands capacity in multiple areas of the domestic violence service continuum in an effort to meet the unique needs of survivors with both community-based and criminal justice responses.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** COVID-19 has caused an increase in both incidence and severity. A spectrum of community-based and systems-based responses are required to address this increase and ensure that survivors have access to the supports and services they need.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Culturally-specific community-based advocacy services and system-based advocacy embedded with law enforcement are both vital components of the response to domestic violence in Multnomah County. The goal of this program is to prevent and address domestic violence by investing in these approaches to increase the overall capacity of the domestic violence services continuum.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This program funds two distinct programs activities--

1. Increased capacity for culturally-specific domestic violence service providers: 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.
2. Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT): DVERT is a multi-disciplinary approach to address high-lethality, complex domestic violence cases. Co-located with Portland Police Bureau, DVERT staff provide long-term case management, client assistance and advocacy. Case staffing with the multi-disciplinary team helps to ensure that survivors in these complex cases receive the services and support they need as they navigate multiple systems.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of individuals receiving culturally/population-specific domestic violence services	N/A	200	200	200
Outcome	Percentage of adult survivors who engage in safety planning with an advocate by exit	N/A	85%	87%	85%
Output	Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention	N/A	150	170	150

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$215,000	\$0	\$215,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$540,000	\$0	\$540,000
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$755,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$755,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$755,000</b>		<b>\$755,000</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$755,000	\$0	\$755,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$755,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$755,000</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$755,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25399C ARP - Domestic Violence Services

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. These services add staff capacity - in County programs and in the community - for domestic violence survivors seeking safety from abuse.