



**Program #25399C - ARP - Domestic Violence Services** **FY 2024 Department Requested**

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

**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 Description**

**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   | FY22 Actual | FY23 Budgeted | FY23 Estimate | FY24 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Number of individuals receiving culturally/population-specific domestic violence services | 91          | 200           | 200           | 200        |
| Outcome      | Percentage of adult survivors who engage in safety planning with an advocate by exit      | 100%        | 85%           | 85%           | 85%        |
| Outcome      | Number of survivors receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention                  | 114         | 150           | 150           | 150        |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

|                         | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Department<br>Requested<br>General Fund | Department<br>Requested<br>Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Program Expenses</b> | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2023</b>            | <b>2024</b>                             | <b>2024</b>                            |
| Personnel               | \$0                     | \$215,000              | \$0                                     | \$229,351                              |
| Contractual Services    | \$0                     | \$567,000              | \$0                                     | \$584,433                              |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b>  | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>\$782,000</b>       | <b>\$0</b>                              | <b>\$813,784</b>                       |
| <b>Program Total:</b>   | <b>\$782,000</b>        |                        | <b>\$813,784</b>                        |  |
| <b>Program FTE</b>      | 0.00                    | 0.00                   | 0.00                                    | 2.00                                   |

| <b>Program Revenues</b> |            |                  |            |                  |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental       | \$0        | \$782,000        | \$0        | \$813,784        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>    | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$782,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$813,784</b> |

Explanation of Revenues

Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$813,784

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 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.