

Department: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Victim and Survivor Services (VSS) collaborates with public safety agencies, community partners, and DCJ staff to lead coordinated responses to crime victims and survivors in Multnomah County. VSS provides survivor-centered consultation on policy and procedures and ensures crime victims' rights are upheld and integrated into supervision practices. VSS also educates DCJ staff and community partners around victim rights and best practices in supporting victims/survivors. Finally, it provides culturally responsive advocacy and support to people who have experienced harm.

VSS provides an array of services ranging from notifications required by statute, to restorative justice programming, and advocacy services that respond to the needs of victims/survivors. Needs are defined by the victim/survivors themselves on a case by case basis.

Primary program functions:

- Notifications: Victims receive notice of their rights and the advocacy and restorative services DCJ offers, the time and place of sentencing hearings, and notifications of a client's release from jail or prison.
- Advocacy: Advocates support survivors and victims as they navigate the criminal justice system. DCJ Advocates can support the survivor through the entire system once the connected client is placed under DCJ supervision. Survivors often remain in jeopardy after an individual is sentenced. DCJ Advocates help victims and survivors access community resources, make safety plans, and provide support to their healing process.
- Victim and Survivor Services Fund: This fund helps ease financial burdens survivors often face and provides temporary emergency assistance. This assistance bridges the gap to self-sufficiency or longer term support from other agencies, or is given in response to an immediate safety concern.
- Training and Education: VSS provides training and consultations to DCJ employees and partners including; victim rights, working with survivors, trauma informed care, sex trafficking, and domestic violence.
- Restorative Practices Program (RPP): The RPP utilizes a survivor centered approach to accountability that focuses on promoting healing for those who have been harmed and fostering true internal accountability for those who have caused harm. The RPP is overseen by VSS and is currently only available on juvenile cases based on current resources.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of victims informed about their rights and resources	3,278	2,100	3,400	3,400
Outcome	Victim notifications provided to victims of adult and juvenile crime	1,982	800	2,000	2,000
Output	Total number of victims of adult and juvenile crime served through victim advocacy	1,102	650	1,200	1,200

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,238,193	\$131,116	\$1,267,745	\$62,338
Contractual Services	\$122,906	\$11,052	\$184,891	\$11,052
Materials & Supplies	\$12,940	\$6,908	\$13,200	\$6,908
Internal Services	\$0	\$27,102	\$0	\$13,122
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,374,039	\$176,178	\$1,465,836	\$93,420
Program Total:	\$1,550,217		\$1,559,256	
Program FTE	8.70	0.30	8.70	0.30

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$176,178	\$0	\$93,420
Total Revenue	\$0	\$176,178	\$0	\$93,420

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$13,122 in indirect revenues.

Primary funding is received from the County General Fund.

Additional Direct Federal funding received of \$93,420 which is a portion of the award from US Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). The current award is a 3-year award of \$1M, for the period of 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2024. However, the County was approved for a one year no cost extension to extend the current award to 09/30/25.

The award is allocated between the Department of Community Justice for \$847,594 (85%) and the County District Attorney Office for \$152,406 (15%).

The award funding expands the functionality and usability of Multnomah County's Case Companion portal (<https://casecompanion.multco.us>) which is a public website for victims of crime, but also works to support and reduce barriers for victims and survivors of crime as they navigate the complex criminal legal system. The FY 2026 budget is the remainder one year no cost extension.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 50003A DCJ Victim and Survivor Services