



Program #50003A - DCJ Victim and Survivor Services FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Rosa Garcia
Program Offer Type: Support **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Victim and Survivor Services (VSS) collaborates with public safety agencies and community partners as well as DCJ staff to develop a more coordinated system response to crime victims/survivors in Multnomah County. VSS provides survivor-centered consultation on policy and procedures; ensures crime victim's rights are upheld and integrated into supervision practices; educates DCJ staff and community partners around victim rights and best practices for supporting victims/survivors; collaborates with partners to engage in system change that is trauma informed, survivor-led and consistent with best practices; and provides culturally responsive advocacy and support to people who have experienced harm.

Program Description

Services offered by VSS include:

Notifications: Crime victims' legal rights are guaranteed by Oregon law, yet they are often unaware of these rights. Notification is the most important - if a victim is not given notice of the time and place of a sentencing hearing, there is little chance that they will ever have the opportunity to be heard. In cases of domestic violence and stalking, notification of an individual's release is more than a matter of interest, it is sometimes a matter of life and death.

Advocacy: Advocates support survivors through safety planning; crisis response; emotional support; community referrals; system information and navigation; accessing emergency funds; and court accompaniment. Advocates serve as a critical piece of support to survivors as they navigate a confusing and often re-traumatizing criminal justice system that was not built with their needs in mind. DCJ Advocates are unique in that once an individual is on supervision they can support the survivor through the entire system. Survivor safety is often in jeopardy after an individual is sentenced. DCJ Advocates are the only system-based advocates that can help them access community resources, safety plan, and provide support to the healing process.

Victim and Survivor Services Fund: This fund helps ease financial burdens survivors often face due to the victimization they experience and provide temporary emergency assistance that bridge the gap to self-sufficiency or longer term support from other agencies, or are related to an immediate safety concern.

Training and Education: VSS provides a wide variety of trainings and consultations to partners including: victim rights, working with survivors, trauma informed care, sex trafficking, and domestic violence.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of initial contacts with victims of probation cases	2,022	2,000	2,000	2,000
Outcome	Monthly average victims served through victim advocacy	187	70	150	150
Outcome	Number of crime victims registering for ongoing notifications	1,014	500	600	600

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$950,692	\$47,179	\$1,078,085	\$92,302
Contractual Services	\$16,500	\$9,147	\$16,500	\$22,647
Materials & Supplies	\$8,360	\$342	\$10,860	\$342
Internal Services	\$325	\$7,252	\$0	\$16,919
Total GF/non-GF	\$975,877	\$63,920	\$1,105,445	\$132,210
Program Total:	\$1,039,797		\$1,237,655	
Program FTE	7.70	0.30	7.70	0.30

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$63,920	\$0	\$132,210
Total Revenue	\$0	\$63,920	\$0	\$132,210

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$16,919 in indirect revenues.

County General Fund plus \$132,210 a portion of the award from US Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). County is awarded a total 3-year award of \$1M, award period 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2024 from OVC. Award is allocated between County Dept. of Community Justice (\$895,122) and the County District Attorney Office (\$104,878). The award funding supports expanding the functionality and usability of Multnomah County's Case Companion public website reducing barriers for victims and survivors of crime as they navigate the complex criminal legal system. FY 2024 budget is a portion of the grantor approved budget of federal year 2 (10/01/2022-09/30/2023) and federal year 3 (10/01/2023-09/30/2024).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 50003 DCJ Victim and Survivor Services