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Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Victim and Survivor Services (VSS) collaborates with public safety agencies, community partners, and DCJ staff to increase coordinated responses to crime victims and 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

Data demonstrates that victims/survivors of crime are predominantly young, low income, and people of color. 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 as defined by them. Primary program functions:

- Notifications: Every victim connected to DCJ gets notice of their rights and the advocacy and restorative services we offer (Output 1). 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 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 training and consultations to partners including: DCJ employees, victim rights, working with survivors, trauma informed care, sex trafficking, and domestic violence.
- Restorative Practices Program (RPP): Juvenile program utilizing 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.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of victims informed about their rights and resources	2,995	2,000	2,100	2,100
Outcome	Victim notifications provided to victims of adult and juvenile crime	1,420	585	800	800
Output	Total number of victims of adult and juvenile crime served through victim advocacy	928	N/A	815	650

Performance Measures Descriptions

- Output 1 - Anticipated workload reductions because of reduced staffing in the program. Crime victims have constitutional rights in the State of Oregon, this measure reflects a statutory obligation.
- Output 2 - Once victims are informed of their rights and resources (Output 1), they can opt in to receiving future notifications about their case. Crime victims have constitutional rights in the State of Oregon, this measure reflects a statutory obligation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$1,186,362	\$92,302	\$1,115,756	\$131,116
Contractual Services	\$70,358	\$22,647	\$72,906	\$11,052
Materials & Supplies	\$10,860	\$342	\$12,940	\$6,908
Internal Services	\$0	\$16,919	\$0	\$27,102
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,267,580	\$132,210	\$1,201,602	\$176,178
Program Total:	\$1,399,790		\$1,377,780	
Program FTE	8.70	0.30	7.70	0.30

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$132,210	\$0	\$176,178
Total Revenue	\$0	\$132,210	\$0	\$176,178

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$27,102 in indirect revenues. This is part of the County General Fund plus direct Federal funding of \$176,178 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 has a positive response from the grantor of 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 2025 budget is a portion of the estimated one year no cost extension.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 50003A DCJ Victim and Survivor Services