

### Program #50036 - Adult Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs: 50026

Program Characteristics: In Target

## **Executive Summary**

The Domestic Violence unit strives to end the cycle of partner to partner violence by holding justice-involved adults accountable for their actions and giving them the opportunity to make long-term positive changes by engaging in appropriate counseling groups (batterer intervention, mental health, etc.). In addition to working with individuals to address behavior change, parole- probation officers (PPO) in the DV unit work closely with victims and DCJ victim advocates to give them the resources to increase their safety. This program provides services to those with first time offenses.

## **Program Summary**

Related to program offer (50026), this program offer provides two critical service components to the Domestic Violence (DV) unit.

- 1) Individuals with first time offenses of domestic violence are placed in the Deferred Sentencing Program (DSP). DSP provides individuals access to services that help address their violent behavior patterns. If an individual successfully completes all requirements of DSP, he/she is not convicted of the initial offense and the case is dismissed.
- 2) DSP refers DV defendants to intervention services for batterers, which helps prevent their behavior from escalating into further victimization, contacts with law enforcement and subsequent stays in costly jails.

DV PPOs regularly attend court to ensure a collaborative approach is being utilized in victim safety and client accountability. Reducing domestic violence is a priority for Multnomah County. This program increases public safety by holding individuals accountable, promoting victim safety and building strong collaborative efforts with community partners. This program utilizes evidence-based practices including specialized assessment tools and cognitive behavioral intervention programming. Case management strategies provide individuals the opportunity to change by engaging in proven practices aimed to change destructive and violent behaviors which research has shown to reduce criminal behavior (National Institute of Corrections, 2017).

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted operations beginning in March 2020. PPOs have limited in person visits to address immediate public safety concerns and address high risk behaviors. They maintain contact with justice-involved individuals via phone or other virtual options. Regular in person meetings will resume in FY 2022 when it is safe to do so.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer			
Output	Number of adults served annually	76	100	75	100			
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 vear of supervision start date	3%	7%	5%	5%			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure 1: FY 2020 Actual and FY 2021 Estimate have been significantly affected by COVID-19. DCJ anticipates numbers will return to normal in FY 2022, as vaccine rollout completes in Summer 2021 and when court backlogs are resolved.

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$136,683	\$0	\$147,177	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$136,683	\$0	\$147,177	\$0
Program Total:	\$136,683		\$147,177	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues						
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

## **Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund

# **Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 50036 Adult Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing