



## Notice of Funding Availability: Domestic and Sexual Violence (DSV) InReach Services

Issue Date: **November 28, 2022**

Responses Due: **December 20, 2022**

No Later Than: **5:00 PM**

LATE RESPONSES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

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### I. Summary

Thank you for your interest in providing Domestic and Sexual Violence (DSV) InReach Services as part of the Joint Office of Homeless Services's (JOHS) strategy to reduce homelessness in the Tri-County metropolitan region. Please review the scope provided below and submit responses to the questions provided in the NOFA Proposal Outline (attachment) by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022**. Proposals should be sent by email to: [maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us](mailto:maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us) and [kaytee.evans@multco.us](mailto:kaytee.evans@multco.us). Responses will be used to evaluate and prioritize providers for contracted services.

### II. Background

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) set out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. The program aims to increase housing stability and equitable services delivery across the region through inclusive community engagement, investments in programs that advance equity, and tracking indicators that demonstrate success in these areas. For more information on SHS, please review the [Metro SHS Work Plan](#) and [Multnomah County's Local Implementation Plan \(LIP\)](#).



In alignment with priorities outlined in the LIP, the DSV InReach Program will fund new embedded case management and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) and their children/dependents residing in emergency shelters administered by the Adult System of Care, Homeless Family System of Care, and Homeless Youth Continuum.

### **Domestic and Sexual Violence (DSV) InReach Services**

- **Funding Source:** Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS)
- **Budget:** \$440,000.00
- SHS NOFA investment funds the creation of a new DSV InReach Team - up to **2.0 FTE**.
- **Eligible Use of Funds:** Staffing (salary, wages, fringe), direct program costs (material and services), indirect administrative costs, client assistance, and rent assistance.

***Attention - Applicant Eligibility Requirement:*** Organizations applying to this NOFA must be able to demonstrate they are a State-certified Victim Services Provider. Applicants who cannot demonstrate compliance will not be considered for selection. Note: Per [ORS 40.264 Rule 507-1](#), advocates are only considered to be “certified” and have legally privileged status and protections in communications with victims/survivors if they:

1. Have completed at least forty (40) hours of training in advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking that meets the minimum training requirements set out in [OAR 137-085-0080](#); AND
2. Are a current employee or a volunteer with a qualified community-, campus-, or tribal-based advocacy program.

### **III. Program Scope**

The DSV InReach Team will work in collaboration with partnering agencies and systems of care using a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency approach to support survivors residing in emergency shelter programs across the Multnomah County Continuum of Care (CoC). In an effort to improve access to DSV housing resources and support for survivors, DSV InReach services will be co-located and available on-site at identified emergency shelters administered by the Adult System of Care, Homeless Family System of Care, and Homeless Youth Continuum. See *Attachment C* for a glossary of key terms and definitions related to this NOFA.



### **Program Eligibility Criteria & Priorities**

- DSV InReach services are eligible to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence/assault, and stalking, with a priority for survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV)
- DSV InReach services should prioritize individuals from Communities of Color who are overrepresented in sheltered and unsheltered populations
- DSV InReach services will be specifically focused on providing access to DV/SA shelter, housing, and supportive services resources for survivors in emergency shelters administered by the Adult, Family, and Youth Systems of Care
- Program may not deny services to a survivor based on any protected class including race, ethnicity, religion, familial status, disability, marital status, source of income, sexual orientation or gender identity, and age

### **Program Services**

DSV InReach Team staff will provide a variety of survivor-centered services to households residing in emergency shelters, based on their identified and assessed needs. Services may include information/referral, housing case management, and DSV advocacy and technical assistance.

### ***Information and Referral Services***

DSV InReach Team advocates will engage with participants in client advocacy, problem solving, needs assessments, crisis intervention and de-escalation, and system navigation assistance.

More specifically, information and referral services may include, but are not limited to:

- Provision of Domestic and Sexual Violence education and awareness, including education about dynamics of power and control;
- Assessment of households' needs, via the Safety and Stabilization Assessment (SSA) tool *(necessary to determine appropriate service interventions and required for access to DSV Coordinated Access housing resources)*;
- Provision of DV/SA advocacy in emergency shelter settings, including DV/SA Confidential Shelters;
- Safety Planning; and



- Referrals and connections to partner DV/SA Continuum resources, including support groups, economic empowerment resources, LGBTQ resources, rapid re-housing programs, etc.

### ***Housing Placements and Case Management***

DSV InReach Team advocates will have access to limited client and rental assistance to support households in need of short-term (less than 6 months) housing support. DSV InReach advocates will maintain a small caseload, to be permanently placed in safe, stable housing. In addition to delivering many of the supportive services outlined above, DSV InReach advocates will support households with landlord advocacy, as participants transition to permanent housing. Limited client assistance will be available to help further support participants and their housing retention.

Households requiring more than 6-months of assistance will be supported in navigating the DV/SA Continuum and accessing DSV Coordinated Access housing resources, via the Resource Coordination Team (RCT) meeting.

### ***Technical Assistance and DV/SA Advocacy***

In addition to supporting households in need of DV/SA services and housing resources, DSV InReach Team advocates may be asked to support emergency shelter staff with domestic/sexual violence related safety concerns. DSV InReach Team advocates may be asked to provide recommendations around safety planning or access to DV/SA Continuum resources. Furthermore, DSV InReach Team advocates may support shelter staff with relocating participants across shelters to promote survivor safety and wellbeing (referred to by the DV/SA Continuum as a “shelter safety swap”).

### ***Program Design and Structure***

The Joint Office of Homeless Services may choose to contract with multiple organizations to deliver DSV InReach services. Agencies funded to deliver DSV InReach services will be expected to collaborate as a team to coordinate service delivery to emergency shelters. The Team will work with JOHS staff to determine the structure, locations, and schedule by which emergency shelter sites will be supported. Providers will work collaboratively with program partners under an established Memorandum of Understanding and the team will meet periodically with JOHS staff to assess the program’s approach and its outputs and outcomes.



## Program Outputs and Outcomes

*Note: Measures are preliminary and representative of the entire program.*

- *Information and Referral Services:* Connect 60 households to DV/SA supportive services and/or housing resources in a fiscal year, including access to DSV Coordinated Access resources.
- *Case Management Services:* Permanently house 20 households in a fiscal year.
- *DSV Coordinated Access Resource Coordination Team (RCT) Referrals:* Refer 10 households to longer term (6+ months) DSV Coordinated Access housing programs (leveraged community resource).

## Service Delivery Expectations

DSV InReach services are intended to be person-centered, tailored to each individual's specific needs, and delivered in a culturally responsive manner. Providers should center the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and the belief that services are most effective when they are accessible and low-barrier. The organizations submitting a proposal should, at minimum, demonstrate a commitment to the service delivery models identified below:

- Survivor-Centered: Program is expected to adhere to best practices in Assertive Engagement and service delivery including providing trauma-informed, survivor-centered services, with a commitment to participant-driven planning and fully informed participant choice regarding available services. Services are voluntary, individualized, and intended to assist participants to identify options, including connection to community resources and social/family supports. Peer support and programs that allow for participant involvement in ongoing program and site development are encouraged.
- Confidential: Maintain a high level of confidentiality of personally identifying information (PII). Confidentiality standards must meet the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) minimum standards.
- Culturally Responsive/Specific Services: The JOHS strongly encourages the participation of culturally specific service provider organizations, minority-owned, femme-owned, emerging small organizations, and service disabled Veterans, in providing these services. Approaches to this work that deliver culturally-specific and/or culturally-responsive services will be prioritized. Culturally responsive services are those that are respectful of, and relevant to, the beliefs, practices, culture and linguistic needs of diverse populations



and communities. Cultural responsiveness requires knowledge and capacity at different levels of intervention: systemic, organizational, professional, and individual.

- **Commitment to Racial Equity:** Providers should work continuously to reduce and eliminate racial disparities in service access and provision. In accordance with that expectation, providers should engage in ongoing racial equity work in regards to their organizational structure; staff; policies, procedures, and practices; programming; biases; restrictions; and community engagement.
- **Low Barrier:** Low barrier engagement programs should be designed to expedite and not delay a participant’s return to permanent housing. Programs should follow established best practices to deliver low-barrier services. Program components may vary by site, but providers should endeavor to reduce as many barriers as possible.

#### IV. NOFA Proposal Submission

##### Step 1:

If you are interested in the opportunity to provide Domestic and Sexual Violence InReach Services, please reference the attached documents.

- **Attachment A** - Proposal Instructions (required with submission)
- **Attachment B** - JOHS Budget Detail Template (required with submission)
- **Attachment C** - Key Terms and Definitions

##### Step 2:

An optional **NOFA Information Session** will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m.** to provide information and address questions related to the application process and program scope.

To attend this meeting, join at:

Zoom Link	<a href="https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/91654223083?pwd=cjRvSHZTWStrem1nZURsbFAXdlBBUT09">https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/91654223083?pwd=cjRvSHZTWStrem1nZURsbFAXdlBBUT09</a>			
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##### Step 3:



Submit completed PDFs of Attachment A and B by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022**. Submissions should be sent in an email addressed to: [maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us](mailto:maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us) and [kaytee.evans@multco.us](mailto:kaytee.evans@multco.us).

**Step 4:**

A review committee will evaluate and score proposals. Selection emails will be sent out subsequently.

**For Reasonable Accommodations:** Please contact Maria Alvarez-Lugo at [maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us](mailto:maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us)

DSV InReach NOFA Schedule	
NOFA Release Date	Monday, November 28, 2022
Pre-Submission Information Session (Optional)	Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
FAQs Released	Friday, December 9, 2022
<b>Proposal Deadline</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 20, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.</b>