

Program #50036 - Adult Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing

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

Related Programs: 50026

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Domestic Violence (DV) 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 survivors 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 had limited in-person visits to address immediate public safety concerns and address high risk behaviors. Field visits resumed in February 2021 and office visits resumed in October 2021, with staff taking the necessary safety precautions. PPOs are meeting clients face-to-face on a regular basis and have resumed all case management practices.

| Performance Measures | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY21 Actual | FY22 Budgeted | FY22 Estimate | FY23 Offer | | | |
| Output | Number of adults served annually | 55 | 100 | 50 | 50 | | | |
| Outcome | Percent of adults convicted of a misdemeanor or felony within 1 year of supervision start date | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% | | | |

Performance Measures Descriptions

The DV unit is examining the Deferred Sentencing Program with the intention of increasing enrollment.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Program Expenses | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 | |
| Personnel | \$147,177 | \$0 | \$156,638 | \$0 | |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$25 | \$0 | |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$147,177 | \$0 | \$156,663 | \$0 | |
| Program Total: | \$147 | \$147,177 | | \$156,663 | |
| 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 2022: 50036 Adult Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing