

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Annie Neal  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:** 60076A  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Multnomah County's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) provides intervention for domestic violence cases that have a high risk of ongoing, severe violence or lethality. The DVERT program provides afterhours victim services and crisis intervention to more 400 cases annually, and provides ongoing coordinated, multidisciplinary followup intervention and support to more than 100 cases per year.

**Program Summary**

The Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) provides a Countywide multidisciplinary, intensive, collaborative response to complex domestic violence cases with a high risk of ongoing severe abuse or potentially lethal outcomes. DVERT intervention includes immediate crisis response, ongoing victim support services, criminal justice intervention, and coordination across multiple agencies. DVERT partners funded at least in part with grant funding include Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordination Office, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland Police Bureau, and two domestic violence victim service agencies. In addition, DHS Child Welfare and Self-Sufficiency, the District Attorney's Office, and Department of Community Justice (parole/probation) and other community partners participate in DVERT.

In FY14 Multnomah County added \$136,000 for two contracted, after-hours victim advocates to provide immediate on-scene crisis response, safety planning and victim support following police response to domestic violence crimes. Also in FY14, in recognition of the value of these services, Portland Police Bureau redirected its funds to increase the after-hours response from 4 nights to 7 nights per week and to expand to all Portland Police Bureau precincts. These advocates are based at Portland Police precincts and respond nights and weekends, when most other services are unavailable.

In addition to crisis response, followup support and criminal intervention in individual cases, DVERT works to improve overall system responses through specialized trainings, analysis of system responses, and ongoing reviews of how high-risk domestic violence intersects with other interventions. DVERT participates in a five-county, multi-jurisdictional effort to improve responses to high-risk domestic violence cases across the region and provides training and technical assistance to other community agencies to help them increase identification and effective response to high-risk offenders and victims.

Domestic violence accounts for a significant portion of serious violent crime in Multnomah County, including more than one-third of aggravated assaults and 1 in 4 homicides. DVERT is recognized both locally and nationally for implementing best practices in domestic violence intervention, and an evaluation of the program has shown that it reduces repeat violence.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of victims receiving multi-disciplinary, intensive intervention <sup>1</sup>	115	100	100	75
Outcome	Cases with criminal justice sanctions related to DVERT intervention <sup>2</sup>	50%	50%	-	-
Outcome	% of officers who agree that victims of domestic violence benefit from having advocates respond on scene.	96%	0	90%	90%
Output	Number of victims referred by police to afterhours victim advocates	525	0	500	500

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> Reworded for clarity

<sup>2</sup> This measure is poorly defined and unable to be accurately reported for FY14, so the measure is being discontinued.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$46,259	\$67,677	\$71,065	\$41,554
Contractual Services	\$256,894	\$212,479	\$138,720	\$126,304
Materials & Supplies	\$8,884	\$17,685	\$8,047	\$30,872
Internal Services	\$12,572	\$13,492	\$11,466	\$9,916
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$324,609</b>	<b>\$311,333</b>	<b>\$229,298</b>	<b>\$208,646</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$635,942</b>		<b>\$437,943</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.50

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$7,059	\$0	\$5,266	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$311,333	\$0	\$208,645
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,059</b>	<b>\$311,333</b>	<b>\$5,266</b>	<b>\$208,645</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$208,645 - US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Grants To Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program: Based on grant award  
 \$229,298 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 25047 Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team

Multnomah County is applying to US Department of Justice for a continuation grant to fund the DVERT program from October 1, 2014 to September 2017. However, US Department of Justice has reduced the maximum award amount by \$108,000 per year.

In Fiscal Year 2014, Program Offer 25047 included County General Funds for restraining order assistance and legal representation for domestic violence victims. In FY15, these are moved to Program Offer 25042A-15, Domestic Violence Community Based Services, because these services are not limited to DVERT program participants. In addition, if the DVERT grant funding ends, these County General Fund-supported services would continue to exist.