

Program #25050B - YFS - Domestic Violence Specific Immigration Legal Services at

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Gateway Center

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type:

Innovative/New Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs: 25050A

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Domestic Violence Specific Immigration Legal Services provides legal consultation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence who seek services at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. Immigration Legal Services provides on-site intake services one day each week to consult with survivors. Subsequently, 25 survivors are chosen for ongoing representation to access visas or other immigration relief.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Survivors of domestic and sexual violence who are immigrants often qualify for immigration legal relief based on their status as survivors of crime or domestic violence. However, gaining access to these protections can be complex and many survivors struggle with the process. Access to immigration lawyers helps ensure survivors are able to leave abusive relationships without fear of deportation being used in retaliation for leaving the abuse.

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide Immigration legal Advice and representation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence seeking services at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: Engage legal services partner to provide legal consultation and intake services one day a week at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. An attorney with expertise in immigration law will work at the Gateway Center once a week. Front line advocates ("navigators") will recommend legal consultations for survivors who are concerned about their immigration status. Legal services partner will consider each survivor for ongoing representation. When a survivor qualifies for immigration legal relief based on their status as a domestic violence survivor, a crime victim, or a victim of human trafficking, legal services partner will advocate for relief for these survivors.

Performa	Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer					
Output	# of domestic violence and/or sexual assault survivors seen at intake for legal consultation	N/A	N/A	N/A	40					
Outcome	% of retained cases with immigration relief actions filed by legal service attorneys	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%					

Performance Measures Descriptions

Performance measures reflect six months of services funded by Multnomah County, with the remaining six months contingent upon match funds requested from the City of Portland

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$30,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

In December 2018, the City of Portland and Multnomah County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to centralize the Gateway Center's administration under Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services. Under this agreement, the County will operate and maintain the facility and employ all staff, while the City will continue to support the center's funding. Prior to the 2018 Intergovernmental Agreement, the City of Portland funded DV specific immigration legal services at the Gateway Center. The City funding was one-time-only and was not continued under the 2018 agreement. Accordingly, this program offer provides one-time-only funding to continue supporting current service levels for six months while other funding sources are explored. If sustainable funding is not sourced within this time frame, the program will be discontinued.