



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 1/3/13
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am
Date Submitted: 12/20/12

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT** to Apply for a 36-month, \$1 Million Grant from the US Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women.

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: Next Available **Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: County Human Services **Division:** Domestic Violence
Contact(s): Annie Neal
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Annie Neal, Program Manager

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Department of County Human Services' Domestic Violence Coordination Office seeks the Board's approval to apply for a \$1 million grant from the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to be paid equally over the course of 36 months. This funding is available through the *Office on Violence Against Women Fiscal Year 2012 Consolidated Grant and Technical Assistance Program To Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence and Engage Men and Boys as Allies (CFDA 16.888)*.

Due to the short filing timelines for this grant, the department is requesting retroactive approval to apply. In the event that the board does not approve this request, DVCO will withdraw from consideration.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The US Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women has consolidated several smaller, single-purpose grant programs into one "comprehensive services" solicitation to address child and youth exposure to domestic violence, sexual assault or

stalking. This grant program will fund up to 10 communities to address the full spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment and response.

These proposed grant-funded services will include intervention and treatment services focused on children ages 0 to 12 who have witnessed domestic violence. Grant-funded services will include domestic violence intervention services for families connected to Head Start and trauma-focused parent/child mental health services for families rebuilding their lives after escaping domestic violence. In addition, grant funds will support prevention services including outreach and community education targeting teens, and the development and delivery of a holistic violence prevention curriculum for middle-school age boys. Finally, grant funds will support a child/youth focused trauma learning collaborative with Portland State University, which will enhance the skills and knowledge of professionals who come into contact with children, youth and families experiencing violence.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This is a 36 month, \$1 million grant. When grants funds are exhausted, contracted services will return to pre-grant levels.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This proposal adds direct service capacity to address the needs identified through the Multnomah County Defending Childhood Initiative's community needs assessment, completed in May 2011, which identified domestic violence as one of the four most prevalent forms of childhood exposure to violence in Multnomah County. Prevention-focused services, domestic violence intervention services addressing the needs of families involved with Head Start/Early Head Start, and trauma-specific mental health treatment services were identified as needs in this document.

Victim services providers and stakeholders met on September 21, 2012 to discuss the grant objectives and requirements, to determine the most suitable applicant agency, and to review existing strengths, gaps and needs in services for children and youth exposed to domestic violence. Additional input was gathered by email and phone calls from stakeholders who could not attend the meeting. Based on this input, Multnomah County staff developed a proposal for specific grant-funded services, which was endorsed by stakeholders meeting of the Tri-County Domestic & Sexual Violence Intervention Network, a consortium of victim services providers.

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- ## Required Signatures