



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
NOTICE OF INTENT**

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Meeting Date: 2/16/17
 Agenda Item #: C.2
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
 Date Submitted: 2/2/17

**Agenda NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for a US Department of Justice, Office on
 Title: Violence Against Women Grant to Improve Criminal Justice Responses.**

Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: February 16, 2017 **Time Needed:** Consent Agenda
Department: Nondepartmental **Division:** Joint Office of Homeless Services
Contact(s): Sally Erickson and Christian Elkin
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Sally Erickson, Program Manager, Joint Office of Homeless Services

A Notice of Intent is required to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a competitive grant proposal is in alignment with the County's mission; to receive an indication from the Board of its willingness to commit the necessary County resources to support the grant. A Budget Modification is required to appropriate funds received from a successful grant proposal.

Notice of Intent Specific Information

Department recommendation for consent agenda placement (*must meet all criteria*):

- Proposal is under \$500,000/ year.
 - Proposal does not require cash match as part of the budget.
 - Proposal does not commit County to on-going programming following award.
 - Proposal adheres to the County's indirect guidelines.
 - Proposal is within the Department's strategic direction.
 - Proposal does not have policy and/or legal implications that warrant a public dialog.
- To the best of my knowledge, this proposal adheres to all of the above criteria and may be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. I understand the proposal can be moved to the regular Board Agenda for any reason by Commissioners or their staff.*
- To the best of my knowledge, this proposal does not meet criteria for placement on the Consent Agenda and should be placed on the Regular Agenda.*

Please complete for any NOI:

Granting Agency	Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Proposal due date	February 16, 2017
Grant period	Oct 1 st 2017 – December 31 st 2020
Approximate level of funding by year	\$116,000 (per year) \$350,000 total
Program Offer(s) potentially impacted	TBD
How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)
Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %	No match required

1. Brief overview of grant’s purpose and/or impact.

The Office of Violence against Women grant program funds the Joint Office of Homeless Services’ Family Strengths Program. The current grant award (2014-WX-AX-0056) ends March 31, 2017. This continuation grant, if awarded, will provide continued funding to the Family Strengths Program through December 31st, 2020.

The Family Strengths Program is a partnership with eight local domestic violence victim service agencies. The program’s goal is to promote safety, stability, and self sufficiency for domestic violence survivors by providing educational, vocational, and financial education supports for victims/ survivors who are also receiving supportive transitional housing services. The Family Strengths Program has received federal grant awards to support this program since 2005.

Grant funds support a our Nonprofit providers in hiring a 0.40 FTE Housing Advocate for Russian-speaking survivors at Russian Oregon Social Services and 0.50 FTE for Bradley Angle’ s Economic Advocacy Coordinator which provides financial education and self-sufficiency programming. Additionally, grant funds support direct client assistance such as tuition, transportation, and childcare that is necessary for victims/survivors to pursue educational and vocational opportunities that will increase their self-sufficiency and their ability to attain and maintain safe and stable housing.

Note: *Both the Department of County Human Services and the Joint Office of Homeless Services is applying for separate funding from OVW with two separate grant applications. The DCHS grant is for DVERT, the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team. The federal funds pay for 2 domestic violence advocates who go out with police on calls to help victims do safety planning and access services. The JOHS grant supports transitional housing efforts for domestic violence survivors.*

2. Brief overview of how proposal is aligned with Department’s strategic direction.

The Joint Office of Homeless Services’ A Home for Everyone states: “No one should be homeless; everyone needs a safe, stable place to call home.” AHFE prioritizes the most vulnerable, promotes racial and ethnic justice, engages and involves the community, strengthen system capacity, and increases leveraging opportunities by focusing on housing, income and benefits, health, emergency services, access to services, and systems coordination in order to prevent and end homelessness.

The mission of the Joint Office of Homeless Services' Family Strengths Program is to promote financial empowerment and economic independence for domestic violence survivors and their children engaging in domestic violence supportive transitional housing programs within Multnomah County. The program offers literacy education, job training, mentoring, childcare, direct client assistance, and culturally specific advocacy services. The goal of the program is to support survivors participating in transitional housing with increasing their income by securing and maintaining employment, as well as attaining and maintaining safe and stable permanent housing upon exiting their housing program. This grant will allow us to continue to achieve the goals of the Family Strengths Program which are very much aligned with the larger JOHS's A Home for Everyone mission of promoting equitable opportunities for survivors experiencing homelessness as a result of violence to thrive.

3. Describe any community and/or government input considered in planning for this grant.

In every application for Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) grant funds since 2005, the nonprofit domestic violence service organizations have been actively involved in developing the program scope and the grant application. In 2010, The Transitional Housing Network (Advisory Board) for the Family Strengths Program was created. This board includes representatives from the following victim services nonprofit agencies: Raphael House, Bradley Angle, El Programa Hispano Catolico's El Programa Hispano, Ecumenical Ministries' Russian Oregon Social Services, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization's Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening Program, Native American Youth & Family Center's Healing Circle, Salvation Army West Women's & Children's Program, and Volunteers of America Home Free. This Advisory Board meets on a quarterly basis to discuss and strategize on program goals, progress and development. Planning meetings were held in order to allow partner agencies to offer input and guidance into the creation of the grant proposal.

4. What partners may be included in program activities?

The eight partner agencies included in program activities are: Raphael House, Bradley Angle, El Programa Hispano Catolico's El Programa Hispano, Ecumenical Ministries' Russian Oregon Social Services, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization's Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening Program, Native American Youth & Family Center's Healing Circle Salvation Army West Women's & Children's Program, and Volunteers of America Home Free.

5. Generally, what are the grant's reporting requirements?

Financial Status Reports are required on a quarterly basis and Progress Reports are required semi-annually.

Please complete for NOIs on the Regular Board Agenda ONLY:

6. When the grant expires, will your Department continue to fund the program? If so, how?

We anticipate there will be an opportunity to renew the grant again in three years.

7. Are 100% of the central and departmental indirect costs recovered? If not, please explain.

Yes, the grant does not have any funding restrictions.

8. If the proposal is not aligned with your Department's strategic direction, explain why you are pursuing it at this time.

N/A

9. If the grant requires a cash match, how will you meet that requirement?

N/A

10. Are there policy issues and/or legal implications related to this proposal that may warrant a public dialog? If so, please explain. N/A

Required Signatures

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**

_____ Marc Jolin _____ /s/ _____ **Date:** Feb. 1, 2017

Budget Analyst:

_____ Adam Brown _____ /s/ _____ **Date:** 2/2/17

Note: Please submit electronically. We are no longer using actual signatures. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/. Please insert date approved