



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

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Meeting Date: 3/3/11
Agenda Item #: R-5
Est. Start Time: 10:20 am approx
Date Submitted: 2/16/11

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT To apply for Department of Justice-Office on Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Assistance Grant**

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: March 10, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: DCHS **Division:** Domestic Violence
Contact(s): Caren Baumgart
Phone: 503-988-4100 **Ext.** 84100 **I/O Address:** 167/230
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Chiquita Rollins, Domestic Violence Coordinator

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Domestic Violence Coordination Office, Department of County Human Services is requesting approval to submit a continuation grant proposal to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), US Department of Justice. The Department of County Human Services recommends that this request be approved, as housing stability for victims of domestic violence has been determined to be a priority by the Domestic Violence Coordination Office.

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.

Far too many women who are victims of domestic violence face a choice between homelessness and life with an abusive partner (US Conference of Mayors 2000). These choices emerge as they face decisions about whether to stay with or leave an abusive partner, as they face leaving an emergency shelter program and have no where to go and as they search for affordable housing for themselves and their children. Safety planning for battered women and their children must address their basic survival needs, which include economic self-sufficiency and safe, affordable and non-temporary housing. The partner agencies Bradley-Angle House, El Programa Hispano (UNICA), Volunteers of America (Home Free), Raphael House, Salvation Army (West Women' & Children's), and

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (Russian Oregon Social Services) receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide rent assistance to victims of domestic violence. These agencies focus on victims who are Latina, Russian, African American, Asian, or Native American, or those who have other barriers such as large families, disabilities, and criminal histories. These battered women and their children live in scattered-site, market rate housing at all of the programs except for Salvation Army whose participants live in a facility based transitional housing program. They face barriers to maintaining housing after the HUD subsidy ends, such as increased cost of market rate housing in the area, the lack of living wage employment, and language. This OVW grant provides additional funds to provide vocational training or educational opportunities. Additionally it funds a .4 FTE at Russian Oregon Social Services to provide Housing and Domestic Violence advocacy to Russian Speaking survivors, and a .5 FTE at Bradley Angle House to provide system economic life skill classes and advocacy to any survivor living in Transitional Housing.

The OVW Transitional Housing grant project has, in the last three years, supported 73 survivors (accompanied by 110 children) in returning to school, attending GED classes, vocational education classes, or to receive economic life skills and advocacy. This has allowed them to improve their ability to find and maintain living wage employment thus enabling them to maintain safe stable permanent housing. Additionally, it has allowed the HUD program to expand to include services that address the specific cultural barriers of Russian-speaking immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.

If funded, this grant would impact Program Offer 25040A Domestic Violence Victims Services and Coordination .

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

This is a three year grant that will begin October 1, 2011 and end on September 30, 2014. DCHS will be requesting a total of \$250,000 for the entire project with both direct and indirect costs. The continuation of the project for years two and three will depend on the availability of funds, our progress in meeting the projects goals and the timely submission of all required reporting. A .05 FTE Program Development Specialist position is funded through the grant to assure grant compliance (reporting).

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

There are no legal and/or policy issues associated with applying for this grant.

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

Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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

- **Who is the granting agency?**
Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**
No Match is required.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
This is a one-time only continuation request of an existing project. A .05 FTE Program Development Specialist position is funded by the grant.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
The proposal is due on March 17, 2011.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
Since this is a competitive discretionary program there is no guarantee of funding and the project partners (Catholic Charities, ROSS, VOA, Salvation Army, and Raphael House) will be responsible for developing a plan for continuation.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**
Central and department indirect are covered in the budget. A .05 FTE Program Development Specialist position is included in the grant

ATTACHMENT B

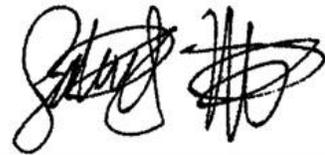
Required Signatures

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



Date: 02/16/11

Budget Analyst:



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