



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/23/14  
Agenda Item #: R.3  
Est. Start Time: 10:20 am  
Date Submitted: 1/15/14

## Agenda NOTICE OF INTENT To Apply for a US Department of Justice, Office on Title: Violence Against Women, Transitional Housing Assistance Grant

*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: January 23, 2014 Time Needed: 10 minutes  
Department: Dept. of County Human Services Division: Domestic Violence  
Contact(s): Annie Neal  
Phone: 503-988-4113 Ext.          I/O Address: 167/1/230  
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Annie Neal, Program Manager, Domestic Violence Coordination Office

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Domestic Violence Coordination Office (DVCO) requests Board approval to submit an application for a \$300,000, three-year continuation grant from the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, FY14 Transitional Housing Assistance Program.

### 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.

This grant program funds Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordination Office's Family Strengths Program, part of Program Offer 25040A in Fiscal Year 2014. A current grant award ends September 30, 2014. This continuation grant, if funded, will extend services through September 30, 2017.

The Family Strengths Program is a partnership with six local domestic violence victim service agencies. The program's goal is to promote safety, stability and self sufficiency for domestic violence victims by providing educational, vocational and financial education supports for victims/survivors who are also receiving supportive services and transitional

housing/rent assistance.

The six partner agencies for this grant are Raphael House, Bradley Angle, Catholic Charities' El Programa Hispano, Ecumenical Ministries' Russian Oregon Social Services, Salvation Army West Women's & Children's Program, and Volunteers of America Home Free. Grant funds support a 0.4 FTE advocate for Russian-speaking survivors at Russian Oregon Social Services; part of the financial education and self-sufficiency programming offered by Bradley Angle, and 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.

Research demonstrates that housing and economic self-sufficiency are critical needs for domestic violence victims. For example, nearly half of all victims report staying in or returning to an abusive situation because they lack adequate resources to maintain safe housing (Wilder Research Center, 2004). In addition, while women of all income levels experience domestic violence, poor women experience higher rates of violence but have fewer resources with which to seek and maintain safe housing (Rennison & Welchans, 2000). The services and supports provided by this Family Strengths program help victims in transitional housing/rent assistance programs improve their economic life skills and their ability to find and maintain living-wage employment, thus helping them to transition to safe, permanent housing and violence-free lives.

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

This grant will provide \$100,000 per year over three years.

**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.**

N/A

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**Grant Application/Notice of Intent**

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

- **Who is the granting agency?**

US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

No match required. Semi-annual reporting is required. This grant funding also fulfills part of the match requirement for DVCO's HUD grant providing housing assistance and supportive services for domestic violence victims.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a continuation grant application. Since 2005, Multnomah County has received 3 grant awards from the USDOJ Office on Violence Against Women for the Family Strengths Program.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The grant application deadline is February 18, 2014.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
September 1, 2014 to October 30, 2017.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
This is a competitive discretionary grant, with no guarantee of continued funding.  
Contracted services will end unless additional funding is secured.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
Central and Departmental indirect costs are allowed.

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## Required Signatures

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**Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:** Kathy Tinkle for Susan Myers /s/ **Date:** 01/13/14

**Budget Analyst:** Jennifer Unruh /s/ **Date:** 1/15/14

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