

In October 2010, Multnomah County was selected as one of 8 communities to participate in a national initiative to pilot ways to improve responses to children exposed to violence. Preventing and addressing violence as early as possible is imperative to reducing crime, and addressing violence exposure also improves long-term outcomes for children and families in all aspects including health, mental health, academic success, healthy relationships.

In our first year, we convened a broad advisory group and conducted a comprehensive local needs assessment to understand the types and prevalence of violence locally, which parts of our community, are most impacted, and the strengths and weaknesses of our current responses.

Our needs assessment found that violence exposure in our community is widespread and mirrored national trends: many kids are exposed to violence (40% direct violence and 60% indirect exposure by the time they are 17), that exposure to one form of violence is a risk marker for exposure to others, and that kids and families exposed to multiple types of violence have worse outcomes across their lifespan.

Our needs assessment identified four primary ways that children & youth are exposed to violence locally: domestic violence, child maltreatment (physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect); teen dating and sexual violence; and bullying. We also noted that gang violence has a significant adverse impact on specific communities.

Finally, we found that expertise and awareness of violence issues and associated risk factors tends to be siloed by discipline: people see what they are trained to respond to – and interventions tend to be based on what the program has to offer, not necessarily everything the child or family needs.

Based on this needs assessment, we developed strategic plan that emphasized training and capacity building, with the goal of strengthening the skills and knowledge of the programs and staff that are already serving children and families in our community, and were awarded an additional \$500,000 to implement this over three years. Our current efforts are department-wide, including the SUN system and Mental Health and Addiction Services, as well as the Health Department's Community Capacitation Center.

In our planning, we also identified some of the places where we'd like to add capacity to serve children, youth and families at highest risk of violence, both in terms of service needs and location, and that is the primary focus of this new Phase 3 grant proposal.

This new grant - \$1 million over three years - will extend the initiative's timeline and for one additional year, through September 30, 2015. This includes 1.00 FTE for the project coordinator for the final year, and 1.00 FTE research & evaluation analyst within DCHS for 3 years to help us evaluate the impact of our efforts, and 3.00 FTE in community based organizations providing direct services to families.

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

The Fiscal Year 2013 budget for Federal/State fund in program offer #25040 A - Domestic Violence Victims Services and Coordination will increase by a total of \$138,755. This is the first phase of this one-time only funding. The remainder of the one million dollars will be utilized through the next 2 ¼ fiscal years ending September 30, 2015. Once the funding

has been fully utilized these services will end and return to current service levels.

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

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

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

N/A

Budget Modification

If the request is a **Budget Modification**, please answer **all** of the following in detail:

- **What revenue is being changed and why? If the revenue is from a federal source, please list the Catalog of Federal Assistance Number (CFDA).**

Program Offer #25040A – Domestic Violence Victims Services and Coordination
Federal/State fund will increase by a total of \$138,755. CFDA# 16.730.

- **What budgets are increased/decreased?**

Program Offer #25040 A – The Domestic Violence Coordination Office FY13 budget will be increased by \$138,755. Personnel expenses will increase by \$43,200; Pass-through expenses will increase by \$86,250; Supply expenses will increase by \$90; Travel and Training expenses will increase by \$200; Local travel expenses will increase by \$99; Telephone charges will increase by \$923; Motor Pool expenses will increase by \$796; Central indirect charges will increase by \$3,013 and Departmental indirect charges will increase by \$4,184.

- **What do the changes accomplish?**

This grant will enhance and expand capacity into the community by providing contracted mental health consultants, a domestic violence child/family advocate, and a 1.00 FTE Limited Duration Research Evaluation Analyst 2 position.

- **Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification? Explain.**

Yes, a 1.00 FTE Limited Duration Research Evaluation Analyst 2 position will be added to the Domestic Violence Coordination Office.

- **If a grant, is 100% of the central and department indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

Yes, both Central and Departmental Indirect charges are recovered by this grant.

- **Is the revenue one-time-only in nature? Will the function be ongoing? What plans are in place to identify a sufficient ongoing funding stream?**

The funding is One-time only. On-going funding will continue to be pursued but if funding is not established, the program enhancements will end and return to previous service levels.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover? When the grant expires, what are funding plans? Are there any particular stipulations required by the grant (i.e. cash match, in kind match, reporting requirements etc)?**

The DVCO from Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for the Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) grant covers the period October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2015. When the grant expires, services will return to previous levels. There are no stipulations required by the grant.

NOTE: If a Budget Modification or a Contingency Request attach a Budget Modification Expense & Revenues Worksheet and/or a Budget Modification Personnel Worksheet.

Required Signature

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