



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 10/27/14)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 02/19/15  
Agenda Item #: R.6  
Est. Start Time: 10:10 am  
Date Submitted: 02/09/15

**NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for a US Department of Justice, Office on  
Agenda Violence Against Women, Training and Services to End Violence  
Title: Against Women with Disabilities 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:** Feb 19, 2015 **Time Needed:** 5 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  
Wendy Hillman, Program Manager, ADVSD Adult Protective Services  
Mary Carroll, Policy Advisor, Chair's 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 \$450,000, three-year grant from the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant (Disability Grant 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.

The goal of the Disability Grant Program is to create sustainable change within and between organizations resulting in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. This funding opportunity would support the formation of a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) within the county to develop strategies to effectively domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking survivors ages 18 to 64 who have physical and physical/mental health disabilities. If funded, the grant would establish and strengthen multidisciplinary

collaborative relationships; increase organizations capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities who are victims of violence and abuse; and identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area, and develop a plan to address those needs to sustain future work.

Within Department of County Human Services, the Aging, Disability & Veterans Services Division, Adult Protective Services Unit and Domestic Violence Coordination Office will jointly lead this effort. As required by the grant, the MDT must include at least one victim services provider serving victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking; and at least one nonprofit organization serving individuals with disabilities. Once established, the MDT will provide training, technical assistance and model programs for victim service organizations, governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention and the nature of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking for disabled individuals.

The 4 community partner agencies for this grant include: Disability Awareness Response Team (DART) provides disability and culturally specific domestic violence services to crime survivors with disabilities in the county, bringing many resources and skills to the collaborative; Independent Living Resources (ILR) provides individual and system-level advocacy, information/referral, peer counseling and other support for people with disabilities; Raphael House of Portland is a domestic violence victim service agency providing shelter, housing and supportive services; and Native American Youth & Family Association (NAYA), a large, culturally-specific multi-service agency providing a wide range of services for youth, families and elders. domestic violence/sexual assault program will be the

Research demonstrates that up to 50% of women with physical disabilities (WPD) experience clinically significant depressive symptoms. Because WPD have poorer health than non-disabled women, they have fewer reserves to compensate for depressive symptoms.<sup>1</sup> Studies estimate that 80% of women with disabilities have been sexually assaulted. Women with disabilities are three times more likely to be sexually assaulted than women without disabilities. Virtually all women with disabilities who were sexually assaulted also reported social, emotional, and behavioral harm. The proposed grant opportunity will provide a necessary collaborative base to effectively serve women with disabilities who are victims of violence and abuse.

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

This grant will provide \$150,000 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.**

The first year of grant-funded activities will include a community needs assessment to better understand the existing needs, gaps and services addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking against people with disabilities. Community members and community partners will be included in focus groups, surveys and stakeholder meetings as part of this needs assessment.

Staff from the Multnomah County Chair's Office will participate as a member of the grant's planning group.

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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 required.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
This is a one-time funding grant term. However, the intention of the grant is to fund systems and policy change and to enhance the capacity of service providers across Multnomah County. As such, adopted organizational and infrastructure changes will inherently exist beyond the grant term.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The grant application deadline is February 19, 2015
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
October 2015 through September 2018.
- **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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/06/2015

Budget Analyst: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/9/2015

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

<sup>1</sup> National Institute of Mental Health, "What causes depression in women?" 2009.