



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised 12/31/09)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA # R-1 DATE 02/11/2010
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Meeting Date: 02/11/2010
Agenda Item #: R-1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM
Date Submitted: 02/01/2010

Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for Funds to Continue the Current Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) Project from the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Community-Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women Program

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: February 11, 2010 Amount of Time Needed: 5 minutes
Department: County Human Services Division: Domestic Violence
Contact(s): Chiquita Rollins
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Presenter(s): Chiquita Rollins

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services (DCHS) is requesting approval to apply for a Continuation of the Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women: Community-Defined Solutions to Violence against Women Program (formerly the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection) to support the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT).

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 County currently receives \$375,000 annually from OVW to fund the very successful DVERT project, which provides an intensive collaborative response to high risk/high lethality domestic violence cases. The Community Defined Solutions discretionary grant program is designed to encourage State, local, and Tribal governments and State, local, and Tribal courts to treat domestic

violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. This program challenges the entire community to listen, communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

The DVERT project has been in existence since 2004, when it was originally funded by a United Way grant. It uses evidence-based assessment tools to identify cases with a high risk of dangerous recidivism and/or lethality and to provide a collaborative and coordinated response by the criminal justice system, civil legal system (Child Welfare, restraining orders), and the victim services system. It has been highly successful in intervening with very dangerous, persistent perpetrators and in helping those victims at high risk to obtain needed services and to be safer.

This grant submission will support the continuation of the DVERT project, which includes existing partnerships with the Portland Police Bureau, Department of Community Justice, District Attorney's Office, Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare, non-profit victim services, and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

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

The Community-Defined Solutions grant will provide \$750,000 for two years. This will be the second continuation grant we have applied for, and it is unclear if future grants would be funded.

This two-year grant will begin August 1, 2008 and end July 30, 2010. Total funding allowable for the two year period is \$750,000, which includes both direct and indirect costs. The continuation of the project for the second year of this grant cycle will depend on the availability of funds, our progress in meeting the project's goals and objectives and the timely submission of all required data and progress reports.

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

There are no significant legal or policy issues.

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

Two community-based victim services agencies (Raphael House of Oregon and Volunteers of America), Oregon Department of Human Services, Gresham Police Department and the Portland Police Department have participated in the project and in the development of the grant proposal.

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?**

US Department of Justice Office of Violence against Women

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

This grant submission will support the continuation of the DVERT project, which includes existing partnerships with the Portland Police Bureau, Department of Community Justice, District Attorney's Office, Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare, non-profit victim services and the United Way. DVERT addresses high recidivism/high lethality cases through a collaborative intensive response that includes support for the victims, and law enforcement, prosecution, and offender supervision. It also provides a part-time Sheriff's Deputy assigned to investigate and follow-up on cases in all non-Portland law enforcement jurisdictions in the County.

Requirements: no match required; quarterly fiscal and program reporting required; \$15,000 in DOJ funds required to be expended on trainings authorized by DOJ.

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

This funding provides a maximum of \$750,000 for a 2-year period (\$375,000 annually) to provide all services, including coordination. This grant renewal submission will fund the existing DVERT project, including .9 FTE Program Development Specialist, contracts with Portland Police for a .50 FTE Sergeant, MCSO for a .5 FTE MCSO Deputy, Volunteers of America and Raphael for three community-based victim advocates. In addition, the Portland Police assigns 2.0 FTE Officers to work with DVERT, funded with city of Portland General Funds.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

Grant proposal is due on February 17, 2010.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

It is a two-year grant. The grant solicitation is unclear about the starting date of the grants, either July 1 or October 1, 2010. Because we currently have a grant that will continue until 12/31/10, it may begin January 1, 2011.

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

Future funding plans involve a combination of Federal, City, County, State and private funding. For example, funding for the Sergeant could be picked up by the City of Portland.

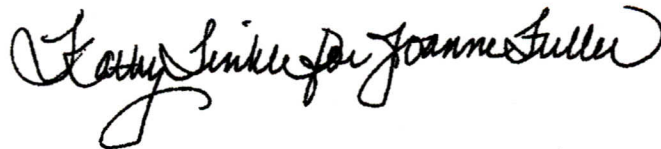
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

All indirect is covered by the grant.

ATTACHMENT B

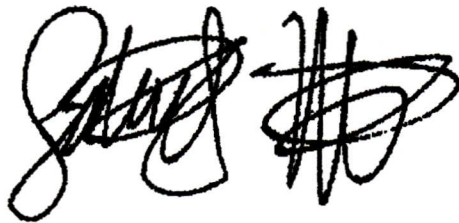
Required Signatures

Elected Official
or Department/
Agency
Director:



Date: 02/03/2010

Budget Analyst:



Date: 02/04/2010