

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: **Health Department**

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Category of Request

New Grant

Grant Continuation

Change in Previously Approved Grant

Previous Council File No.

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Project/Program Title: Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation & Exchange Program

Grantor Agency: U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)

Grant Application Date: March, 2012

Anticipated Award Date: October 1, 2012

Please provide the following information:

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

The Office of Violence Prevention, through its Commission on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, is partnering with Sojourner Family Peace Center, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin through its Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin and the First Judicial District of Wisconsin to develop and implement the first Supervised Exchange and Visitation Program (SEVP) in Milwaukee for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual abuse and stalking. The Commission will convene and manage a diverse slate of public and private stakeholders to participate in a Consulting Committee charged with producing a needs assessment and designing a secure site for the safe exchange and visitation of children from families with histories of interpersonal violence. The planning process may take up to one year. Upon successful implementation, Sojourner and Children’s Service Society will manage and provide direct services at the site. The City will continue to manage the advisory group and provide additional expertise and support throughout the life of the grant.

2. Relationship to City-wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

The Safe Haven grant and subsequent activity will assist the Commission and its member agencies to fulfill the legislative mandate of the Common Council to “increase safety for victims of domestic violence and their children and victims of sexual assault...” The overarching goal of the site and associated services will be to protect victim safety and confidentiality and protect children from witnessing violence, being abducted, or experiencing abuse or sexual violence during visitation and exchanges.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

The project will develop the first site in Milwaukee for exchange and visitation for families affected by interpersonal violence. Studies have shown that the risk of violence is often greater for victims of domestic violence and their children after separation from an abusive situation. The project will include advocacy, opportunity to access other community services, including an array of family support activities as well as access to batterer programming. The project will develop policies and protocols created by area and national experts and will provide opportunity for education and training for local law enforcement, advocates and social service staff that should reduce incidences of children witnessing violence, provide opportunities for parents to learn and practice appropriate parenting, increase safety for children visiting with the offending parent while at the center, and reduce children’s exposure to violence outside the center.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

A project evaluation plan will be developed and implemented during the project that will measure and report on project outcomes. Mallory O’Brien, PhD, Director, Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, will assist in the development of the plan in collaboration with OVW. Results will be used to solicit additional funding to sustain and expand the project. In addition, objectives and strategies to achieve a successful planning phase were proposed to the Department of Justice – OVW whose reporting requirements and program monitoring regularly assess the progress of the project’s timeline.

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-out Plan:

October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2015

Dept. of Justice – OVW requires and initial planning phase of up to 12 months. Implementation is supported for an additional two year period. By the end of the 1st quarter of year two, a subcommittee of the Consulting Committee will meet to develop a program sustainability plan. The plan will include a review of local, state and national private funding prospects. A prominent local philanthropist, Linda Davis, of the Bob and Linda Davis Family Foundation, will participate in the Committee and has agreed to assist in the development of the plan and to act as a project champion within the local funding community. By the end of the 2nd quarter of year two, a written proposal will be finalized to solicit additional funding to sustain and expand the project. Requests will be submitted prior to the end of year two. In addition to private funding, the project partners will pursue other public funding opportunities as they become available. Funds to support project evaluation will be pursued through the Healthy Wisconsin Partnership Program and/or the Wisconsin Partnership Fund. Both of these funding sources support the development of community-academic partnerships to address health issues including injury and violence prevention.

6. Provide a List of Subgrantees:

- Sojourner Family Peace Center
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – Children's Service Society
- First Judicial District of Wisconsin (un-paid)

7. If Possible, Complete Grant Budget Form and Attach.