

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM

OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: Health

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Category of Request

- New Grant
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Project/Program Title: Coordinated Community Response

Grantor Agency: U.S. Dept. of Justice through the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance

Grant Application Date: N/A Continuing Grant

Anticipated Award Date: July, 2003

Please provide the following information:

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

The goal of this project is to enhance/expand the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) coordinated by the City of Milwaukee's Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The Milwaukee Commission coordinates service, community and justice system efforts to protect and assist women victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as promote justice system interventions.

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

The purpose of the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is to increase safety for victims of domestic violence and their children and for victims of sexual assault, and to hold abusers accountable for their violent behavior. The Commission is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the community's response to domestic violence and sexual assault by promoting communication and collaboration among members of law enforcement, victims advocates, court staff, school personnel, health care providers, abusers programs, corrections officials, policy makers, children's service providers and prosecutors. This project is in line with the overall purpose of the Commission.

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

The Commission coordinates the flow of information and training, review relevant policies and procedures of public and private agencies, monitors legislation, and works with providers to develop new programming to meet the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims in the City of Milwaukee. Over the past five years, the number of victims coming forward has grown tremendously in Milwaukee. As a response to this growth, the coordinated response of service providers and criminal justice system agencies has become increasingly harder. Many organizations are working on specific agendas with little notification or coordination with other organizations. In addition, services for victims have been split between domestic violence and organizations and are not integrated well. In 1997, domestic violence and sexual assault agencies and the criminal justice system agreed that the Commission is the "coordinated community response" needed to address domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. The Commission is staffed by one full time position. The elements of the CCR have been identified, and the Commission continues to need additional time to examine the current structure, activities and focus of volunteer members and staff. This grant will provide the resources necessary to continue to support the collaborative effort already underway.

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

1. To continue to create new structures, and build on the existing CCR model specifically for Milwaukee with the primary purpose of coordinating systems to respond to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault.
2. Develop a "safety zone" and procedures for sharing information with each other and the community to enhance awareness, accessibility and knowledge of systems and resources for assist victims and hold perpetrators accountable.
3. Balance the focus of Milwaukee's coordinated community response so that workgroups address the needs of victims of sexual assault equally with the needs of victims of domestic violence.

Since the inception of the grant five subcommittees and 2 ad hoc committees have been formed that work on: education and training, civil and criminal justice, the Asian American Task Force, the American Indian Task Force, Victim Advisory Committee, the CCR Committee on Sexual Assault and LGIST Committee.

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

The grant period is July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.