

**MILWAUKEE COMMISSION ON
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2002**

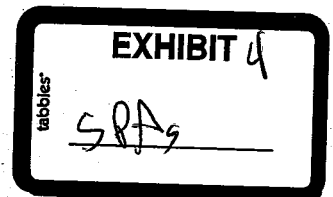
The Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is graciously granted a budget from the City of Milwaukee each year. That money is spent in ways that enable the Commission to promote strong, sensitive, culturally competent services to victims; as well as ensure both perpetrator accountability AND secondary prevention efforts in the form of services to perpetrators. We concentrate strongly on education, awareness and outreach not only to victims and offenders, but to those working in the criminal and civil justice systems, the health care profession, schools (grade school to graduate students), community based organizations and legislation and public policy. This is accomplished through speaking engagements, conferences and workshops, public rallies and vigils, public service announcements and the thousands of brochures we produce and distribute each year.

Since 1998, the Commission has taken on the progressive task of facilitating a Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR), comprised of over 130 members. These individuals from various agencies and entities address domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse in subcommittees that specialize in: best practices and education, cultural competency and underserved populations, victim/survivor issues, civil and criminal justice, sexual assault service collaboration, Asian American culturally specific issues, and American Indian culturally specific issues and LGBT specific issues. The CCR has allowed the many agencies who work to eradicate these problems to do so collaboratively. This process is vastly improving the way systems work together to serve victims, work appropriately with perpetrators and strive to educate all age groups on prevention. The CCR recently lost \$30,000 in funding due to cuts to the Violence Against Women Act. We are attempting to do the same quality and amount work regardless of this funding loss, however, some delays to our progress have been inevitable.

Staffing issues in early 2002 due to illness and staff vacancy also hindered some of the work that we hoped to achieve this year, although we are striving to make up for the time lost.

The following is a list of budgetary items that we either have completed or hope to complete by the end of 2002:

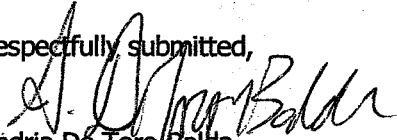
Television DV PSA Campaign in October and during holidays :	\$4,000
Sexual Assault PSA Campaign during holidays:	1,000
Production of child abuse/abduction PSA:	3,000
Production of DV PSA in Spanish	2,000
Conference on Animal Abuse/Domestic Violence	1,020
Consultation Fees for Commission Retreat facilitator	600
Consultation to facilitate DV/SA Prevention Education (in MPS)	500



Conference on Issues Specific to Asian Americans	\$ 200
Resource guide on DV/SA educators and speakers	1,000
Creation of brochure for judges/probation on offender services	2,000
Reprint of existing brochures	2,000-3,000
Media training (on handling DV/SA issues)	2,000
Sexual Assault Case Staffing	200
Additional training on Animal Abuse as related to DV	500

This list is ambitious, but we are full staffed and working hard to continue facilitating the great work done by the Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault each year.

Respectfully submitted,



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