

PROGRAM TITLE: Denver DA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs

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FUNDING ENTITY: Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice – VAWA (STOP Violence Against Women Act) funds.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$254,258 **TERM:** January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018

CASH MATCH: \$84,753 from the DA General Fund

This is a renewal which makes the total award amount \$508,516.

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAM: The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Intervention Projects enhance a collaborative system response to domestic violence and sexual assault cases prosecuted by the Denver DA's Office. The intended impact of the project goals and objectives is geared toward increasing the victims' safety and quality of life, their understanding of a sometimes overwhelming and intrusive process, and improving the criminal justice system's ability to hold offenders appropriately accountable.

The grant supports the following staff positions:

Sexual Assault Prosecutor (.50 FTE) to improve the investigation and prosecution of sexual assaults, including collaboration with higher education campuses to ensure the integrity and coordination of concurrent criminal and Title IX investigations. This position works closely with law enforcement, prosecutors and community agencies. The Prosecutor will provide a second review/opinion in all cases initially refused for filing. In the event the case is not filed the prosecutor will provide victim sensitive follow-up to victims who request an explanation.

Domestic Violence Prosecution Specialist (.50 FTE) will provide consultation, training and technical assistance in domestic violence cases and to collaborate with the Rose Anom Center Triage partners. Both prosecutors work closely with DPD detectives on an on-call basis to provide investigation assistance or legal consultation to help strengthen cases.

Program Director for the Domestic Violence Early Intervention Program (1.0 FTE) to supervise advocacy to 550 misdemeanor domestic violence victims, oversee the Triage Review Team, provide risk assessment in over 2,200 cases, and facilitate transition of these services into the Rose Anom Center. This position also supervises the staff of SAIC.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 Continue to strengthen the collaboration between Denver's criminal justice agencies and community-based services to help ensure coordinated, timely interventions to victims and more appropriate sanctions and containment of perpetrators.

GOAL 2 Enhance the expertise and skill level of Denver DA County Court prosecutors and advocates to help ensure the most appropriate intervention in misdemeanor domestic violence cases prosecuted by the Office.

GOAL 3 The Sexual Assault Prosecutor and Domestic Violence Prosecution Specialist will evaluate the quality of sexual assault and domestic violence prosecution to align with national best practices and to train and collaborate with law enforcement and community partners to improve victims services to sexual assault and domestic violence victims in the City and County of the Denver.

PERSONNEL: The grant provides funding for two .50FTE Prosecutors and 1 FTE Program Director.

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