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Program Title: Whatcom County Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program

Background: Between 10% and 16% of all criminal justice interventions in Whatcom County are domestic violence related. Offenders who are prosecuted are routinely ordered to domestic violence offender treatment. However, options for professional, certified treatment are severely limited.

To address this problem, DVSAS has partnered with researchers at WWU to convene a Steering Committee to research and develop a cutting edge, outcome driven treatment program that will measurably reduce repeat domestic violence crimes.

Program Description: Whatcom County's Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program will be overseen by a Steering Committee comprised of a wide range of professionals who interact with domestic violence offenders and victims. The program will be scaled to serve 100-150 individuals and will be based on the most up-to date research and promising practices. The program will be certified as a treatment provider and will comply with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Treatment is between 6 months and 1 year and consists of weekly group sessions and individual sessions as indicated. Participants costs will be offered on a sliding scale to \$0.

In addition to domestic violence offender treatment the program will offer a weekly drop in "Healthy Masculinity" group and Parenting groups for domestic violence offenders with children.

Goals and Objectives: The goal of the program is to stop domestic violence offenders from perpetrating future acts of domestic violence, thereby increasing victim and community safety and decreasing the negative impacts on society. Measurable outcomes include: increased health and safety of victims, a reduction in domestic violence-related jail bookings, decreased overall criminal recidivism, decrease in law enforcement contacts, and an increase in positive social behaviors. Outcomes be researched and validated by WWU.

Yearly Budget

Expenses

Salaries/benefits for 3 staff	
Program Director/ Provider	\$85,000
1FTE Treatment Provider	70,000
1 FTE Assistant Provider/ Advocate	55,000
Travel/Meetings	2,000
Equipment	8,000
Supplies	4,000
Facility	15,000
Professional Fees	5,000
Other	1,000
Indirect expenses 15%	36,750
Total Expenses	\$281,750

Income

Participant Fees (\$300 X100)	\$30,000
CPS Contract	\$30,000
Total Income	60,000

Request **\$221,750**

Program Details

- Program will be housed off-site from the DVSAS Support Center and will be branded separately.
- Assessments and treatment will be offered in the same program and at times by the same practitioner but there is no financial benefit to practitioners for recommending treatment.
- Treatment assessments will determine the appropriateness of domestic violence offender treatment as well as recommend the level of treatment
- Programs are divided into levels:
 - Level One Program is a minimum of 6 months once a week.
 - Level one participants are minimum risk, no previous dv offences, little or no other criminogenic risks, but has engaged in abuse and control.
 - Level Two Program is a minimum of 9 months once a week.
 - Level Two participants are medium risk, has an established pattern of abuse and control, little or no criminogenic needs.
 - Level Three Program is a minimum of 12 months once a week.
 - Level Three participants are high risk, identified antisocial traits, and criminogenic needs that can be addressed.
 - Level Four is a minimum of 18 months and will likely not be accepted into this program.
 - Level Four participants are high risk and reliably measured psychopathy.
- Treatment is individualized. It will include weekly group therapy at a minimum and may include individual sessions and concurrent treatment of mental health issues or substance use disorders.

Whatcom County Treatment Needs

- 1,270 individuals booked into jail on domestic violence charges in 2015
- 14-20% of all jail bookings are domestic violence related
- 32% for order violations