THE PROBLEM

“Utah’s fastest growing and most serious violent crime is domestic violence”
- The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Collective Funding Request for Domestic Violence Nonprofits

RESPONSE

Utah needs to increase support to the nonprofits addressing this problem.

Utah’s private domestic violence nonprofits are UNITED. United in our efforts to support individuals impacted by domestic violence through a broad range of services and programs. United in working toward ending domestic violence through education, outreach, strategic partnerships, and evidence based programs.

By supporting these funding requests, you are supporting a UNITED statewide response to the devastating issue of domestic violence.
FUNDING PRIORITY #1
CONVERT 2014 ONE TIME FUNDING TO ONGOING

FUNDING REQUEST
In 2014, the legislature awarded $693,500 ($393,500 in one time funding) to support 13 private domestic violence nonprofits across the state to deliver essential lifesaving services to individuals, children, and families impacted by domestic violence. The 13 private nonprofits are requesting to convert last year’s $393,500 one time funding to ongoing funding.

IMPACTS OF NOT CONTINUING FUNDING
FY 2014, Utah domestic violence nonprofits received 6% of their revenue for domestic violence services from the state general funds, which includes one time and ongoing funds.

The $393,500 request is 3% of the overall funding; it is also equivalent to one full time employee at each of the 13 nonprofit domestic violence shelters. Without this funding victim service providers will see a reduction in services of 3% and the equivalent loss of 13 FTE.

LEVERAGING NONPROFITS
For every dollar provided from the state general funds to support the nonprofit domestic violence shelters, Utah leverages:

$1.00 = $15.99

STATEWIDE SERVICES
FY 2014

- Individuals Served: 9,462
- Shelter Nights Provided: 108,502
- Hot line Phone Calls: 44,123
- Children Services Hours: 54,298
- Advocate Hours: 201,480
- Therapy Hours: 4,238
- Case Management Hours: 58,940
- Transitional Housing Nights: 106,569
- Prevention Presentations: 3,004
FUNDING PRIORITY #2
ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

FUNDING REQUEST FOR LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL (LAP)
The 13 private nonprofits are requesting $728,624 in ongoing funding to implement a pilot Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP). The LAP was developed in Maryland and has proven to save lives. From 2006 to 2010, Maryland reduced domestic violence homicides by 30%.

The LAP will increase the demand for shelter and services by directing high-risk domestic violence victims to the Domestic Violence Nonprofits across the state. These funds will assist in partnering with local law enforcement and accommodate the increase in clients.

LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL (LAP)
Based on research by Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell of The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, the LAP is designed to prevent domestic violence homicides, serious injury, and re-assault through partnering with law enforcement and encouraging more victims to utilize the support and shelter services of domestic violence programs.

The LAP features a research based lethality screening tool and an accompanying protocol referral that provides direction for law enforcement, and domestic violence nonprofits personal to initiate appropriate action based on the results of the screening process.

If the victim’s response to the questions indicates an increased risk for homicide, the officer initiates a protocol to address their immediate safety.

MAJOR FACTORS FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF LAP:

- Only 4% of domestic violence murder victims ever participated in domestic violence service programs
- In 50% of domestic violence related homicides, officers had previously responded to the scene
- Re-assault of domestic violence victims in high danger was reduced by 60% if they went into shelter

STATE SUPPORT
The need for domestic violence support is greater than current funding. Statewide, the number of individuals the nonprofits were unable to shelter increased by 78% from 2,809 in 2012 to 5,013 in 2013. These are victims who, because of limited funds, were provided either no or lower services.

The LAP will further increase the demand.

$728,624 in additional ongoing funding will support the costs associated with implementing an evidence-based lethality assessment protocol to address the escalating domestic violence homicides in Utah. This protocol is intended to be piloted in four regions in Utah in SFY 2016 as a partnership between local law enforcement agencies and victim service providers.

LAP will standardize the process of identifying individuals at the greatest risk of lethal domestic abuse and connect those at risk with essential victim services.

MARYLAND DV HOMICIDES

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30% INCREASE in individuals UNABLE to SHELTER due to funding limitations
2012 - 2,809 | 2013 - 5,013

78%
WE ARE UNITED IN THIS REQUEST AND UNITED IN MAKING UTAH THE SAFEST STATE IN THE COUNTRY.

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UTAH STATISTICS

1 in 3
1 in 3 women will experience intimate partner violence in her lifetime. – CDC*

1 in 5
1 in 5 women will experience intimate partner violence this year. – CDC*

42%
42% of all adult homicides are domestic violence related (since 2000). – VIPP*

59%
38 domestic violence related homicides in 2014 (59% of total homicides). –VIPP*

ONE
At least 1 woman is murdered by her intimate partner each month. – VIPP*

80
Approximately 80 children witness their mother murdered, almost killed, or are the first to find her post homicide, every year. –DCFS

*CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
VIPP - Violence & Injury Prevention Program