

2021-2023 VOCA CULTURALLY SPECIFIC & CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS

Program	Counties Served	Contact	Purpose Statement Provided by Programs
<p align="center">African Youth and Community Organization</p>	<p align="center">Portland Metro</p>	<p align="center">Jamal Dar Executive Director Portland, OR</p>	<p>The African Youth & Community Organization’s (AYCO) mission is to “settle the past, engage the present, and hope for the future.” This Project will serve victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assaults, and Hate Crimes for our North African Refugee community in Portland Metro as well as in Ontario Oregon.</p> <p>The purpose of our proposed project is to cater to the needs of our underserved population who are subject to or are victims of crime and violence. This project will be inclusive to all members of our community and address the needs of all clients regardless of their ability, race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and background. AYCO is constantly fighting for racial equity through our strengths-based and trauma-informed approaches to eliminate barriers to educational, professional, and personal growth. Our premise is to serve all underserved community members. With VOCA funding we will increase our capacity to work with the intersectional needs of new clients from different backgrounds through training, workshops, and surveys.</p> <p align="right">\$478,824.94</p>
<p align="center">Bradley-Angle</p>	<p align="center">Portland Metro</p>	<p align="center">Bri Condon Executive Director Portland, OR</p>	<p>Bradley Angle serves anyone affected by domestic violence. We value the dignity and personal story of everyone who comes to us for support, and respect that survivors should have control over their own lives. This Project will expand services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Asexual and Two Spirit (+) victims of Domestic Violence in the Portland Metro Area.</p> <p>Providing one-on-one advocacy and support for LGBTQ+ survivors will include services that provide immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety: including crisis intervention, safety planning, and assistance with navigating the criminal justice, healthcare, and housing systems. LGBTQ+ program advocates continuously assess the needs of participants to ensure they have adequate food, clothing, transportation, and housing. This means financially helping survivors with their rent, utilities, cell phone costs, and other emergency expenses. LGBTQ+ program staff are well-informed regarding resources in Portland that are LGBTQ+ specific or LGBTQ+ friendly and can assist survivors with located necessary services that may not be able to be provided by Bradley Angle like mental health counseling and legal assistance.</p> <p align="right">\$245,407.80</p>

<p>Bridges Oregon</p>	<p>Statewide</p>	<p>Chad Ludwig Executive Director Salem, OR</p>	<p>Bridges Oregon realizes equality, inclusiveness and justice for all Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing people in the State of Oregon. This Project will serve victims of victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Hate and Bias, Child Abuse and General Victimization who are Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing, and will serve clients in all 36 Oregon Counties.</p> <p>Bridges Oregon will provide service to individuals who are Deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing, late-deafened, single-sided deaf, and persons with hearing loss who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. Bridges Oregon will work with undeserved and marginalized Deaf populations from the womb to tomb, this includes across the board of intersectionality where many members from the community have more than two identities and have a broad spectrum of walking of life, experience, and identities within the hearing loss community to navigate the barriers in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>The immigration status is not dependent on the eligible victims who seek direct services. Finally, the eligible victims include providing services to incarcerated individuals; however, it shall link to the victimization.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$355,100.00</p>
<p>Center for Hope & Safety</p>	<p>Mid-Willamette Valley</p>	<p>Jayne Downing Executive Director Salem, OR</p>	<p>Center for Hope and Safety offers safe refuge and support to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. This Project will serve Latinx undocumented, immigrants, migrant farm workers, asylum seekers and refugees who are victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking in the Mid-Willamette Valley Region.</p> <p>Under this project, CHS would be poised to greater serve the varying and complex needs of victims and survivors in the Latinx community in Marion and Polk Counties. The Latinx community in our region includes those who are undocumented, farmworkers, asylum seekers and refugees – many of whom suffer from a lack of support and resources. When our agency encounters individuals from these communities, it is most often at the intersection of systemic oppression based on racial and ethnic identity and interpersonal violence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$300,000.00</p>

<p>Disability Rights Oregon</p>	<p>Statewide</p>	<p>Jake Cornett Director of Operations Portland, OR</p>	<p>Disability Rights Oregon envisions a society in which persons with disabilities have equality of opportunity, full participation, and the ability to exercise meaningful choice. This Project will serve victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate & Bias, Stalking, Child Abuse and all other types of criminal victimization, for people with disabilities of all ages in all 36 Oregon Counties.</p> <p>This project will meet the legal and personal advocacy needs of crime victims with disabilities in all seven regions of Oregon. In Oregon, there are 950,000 people with disabilities. People with disabilities are victims of crime at disproportionately high rates. Yet, many service providers and law enforcement officials lack the skills and experience to meet the unique needs of crime victims with disabilities. Too often, this results in crime victims with disabilities being denied justice.</p> <p>Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) is the only statewide nonprofit law firm led by people with disabilities. Since 1977, DRO has addressed the legal needs of people with disabilities. This project will expand DRO's work by establishing a new victim advocacy project.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,292,625.40</p>
<p>Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon/Russian Oregon Social Services</p>	<p>Portland Metro</p>	<p>Anna Stepanova Program Director Portland, OR</p>	<p>EMO/ROSS services include crisis intervention, long-term case management, individualized resource planning/referrals, advocacy, assistance obtaining protective orders and communication with law enforcement, emotional support, mental health counseling, safety planning, assistance accessing low-cost / free legal services, assistance with temporary / transitional housing, short-term financial assistance and support groups. This Project will expand services to our Russian speaking immigrants and refugees who are victims of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault within the Portland Metro Area.</p> <p>EMO/ROSS goal is to build bridges for ROSS clients and healthcare providers to better understand each other and be able to work towards health in a manner that is trauma-informed through a cultural lens. We will identify the most significant barriers clients face regarding healthcare by asking them. We will build instructional tools and work with our partners at the Multnomah County Mid-County Health Center to provide Slavic-tradition cultural competency trainings for their healthcare providers. Lastly, staff will work remotely at this clinic to provide support for Russian-speakers who come into the clinic and are suspected of experiencing domestic violence or sexual abuse as well as working with ROSS clients who require healthcare but have not sought it previously.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$318,517.20</p>

<p>Northwest Family Services</p>	<p>Portland Metro</p>	<p>Rose Fuller Executive Director Portland, OR</p>	<p>Northwest Family Services supports family stability, child well-being, and victims of crime by focusing on the social determinants of health. This Project will serve Latinx victims of Domestic Violence in the Portland Metro Region by supporting Casa Esperanza, NWFS Latinx Domestic Violence Shelter with a day/night shelter advocate and an outreach and education advocate.</p> <p>Casa Esperanza (CE) – House of Hope – Domestic Violence Shelter for Latina Women and Children has been providing: Immediate access to safe and temporary housing/shelter; Short and long-term safety planning and advocacy; Case management; Mental health crisis intervention, information and referral; Therapeutic support groups; Health care coordination and establishing a medical home; Resume and job search coaching and securing employment; and, Transition to stable and affordable housing. The primary goal of Casa Esperanza is to comprehensively prepare these Latinx women to be self-sufficient so that they can raise their children free from further trauma, fear and harm. CE, located in a facility leased from Clackamas County, has 6 bedrooms and can accommodate 7 adult women and up to 16 of their minor children. CE honors referrals from multiple local counties, agencies and community-based organizations as well state-wide referrals, as space allows. The women can stay for 30-90 days according to their needs and circumstances. The average length of stay is 70-80 days; the usual length of stay at other facilities is 30 days. The extended time is needed as the CE Latinx residents typically have multiple barriers to overcome prior to leaving the shelter including often not having even basic English language proficiency skills.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$300,000.00</p>
<p>El Programa Hispano Católico</p>	<p>Portland Metro</p>	<p>Edith Molina Executive Director Gresham, OR</p>	<p>El Programa Hispano is a social service nonprofit that addresses the social determinants of health. Their program UNICA was the first bilingual/bicultural domestic violence/sexual assault prevention and intervention program in Oregon.</p> <p>This Project will expand access to advocacy and mental health care for Latinx and Indigenous victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in Portland Metro Region. The proposed project will work to increase Latinx survivors' access to culturally-specific sexual violence advocacy and mental health care. The program will use a three-pronged approach: engagement using a community health worker (CHW) model, stability services provided via case management support, and culturally-specific mental health services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$542,228.00</p>

<p>Lutheran Community Services Northwest</p>	<p>Portland Metro</p>	<p>Mindy Johnston Crime Victim Program Coordinator Portland, OR</p>	<p>Lutheran Community Services Northwest partners with individuals, families and communities for health, justice and hope. This Project will serve Immigrants and Refugees who are victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Hate and Bias, Child Abuse and General Victimization in the Portland Metro Region.</p> <p>CSNW's CVAP program has been intentionally established to address the barriers refugees, immigrants and other BIPOC people face in the aftermath of victimization. Our services are victim-centered and focused on the needs of the people we are working with. This means the goals and priorities are not driven by system interests and limitations, but by the priorities and needs of those impacted. This helps ensure we respond to the client as a whole person and address intersectional needs. In addition, having staff from within marginalized communities and other long-standing community relationships means accessing and understanding the services available is possible for many more individuals and families.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$287,595.00</p>
<p>Muslimahs United</p>	<p>Portland Metro</p>	<p>China Brotherson President & Director Portland OR</p>	<p>Muslimah's United is an Oregon based group of women working to strengthen their communities through advocacy, inclusion, and education. This Project will serve Muslim women with a focus on Muslim Women of Color who are victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Stalking and General Victimization in the Portland Metro.</p> <p>Within Muslimahs United, the Hidayah Women's Resource & Advocacy Project (HWRAP) is a sub-project aimed at supporting & advocating with & for Muslim women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic, family, or intimate partner violence. As well, the main organization Muslimahs United & HWRAP also address the outcomes of racism & racial violence particularly at the intersection of sexism, including but not limited to homelessness, racial trauma, & post-incarceration re-entry. The overall goal is to offer programs to support women & children who have experienced IPV & any subsequent aftermath of the abuse, such as homelessness, incarceration & impacts of racism. The need addressed by this proposal are the underserved communities of Muslim women, specifically Muslim women at the intersection of marginalized identities including women of color, lower socioeconomic status, & immigrant and refugee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$585,782.50</p>

<p>Oregon Abuse Advocates & Survivors in Service</p>	<p>Portland Metro & Mid-Willamette Valley</p>	<p>Kerry Naughton Co-Director Portland, OR</p>	<p>We believe that we are more powerful to change the realities of child sexual abuse when each of us has deep access to our whole beings, supportive relationships and a sense of belonging to the larger community. This Project will serve Black Adult survivors of Child Sexual Assault within the Portland Metro and Mid-Willamette Valley regions.</p> <p>OAASIS's project is created by Black people who survived child sexual abuse for Black survivors. Most survivors of color OAASIS works with have had their voices consistently silenced when attempting to talk about child sexual abuse. Survivors speak of deep pain, shame, and trauma—not only about the abuse itself, but about the responses they received to disclosing the abuse. OAASIS provides personal advocacy and emotional support to Black adult survivors of child sexual abuse. OAASIS has found that providing survivors a space to talk about their experiences and needs while focusing on art has opened up new avenues for survivors of color to speak out about their abuse, sometimes for the first time.</p> <p>Our goal is to help empower and support Black adult survivors of child sexual abuse to process the interwoven traumas of child sexual abuse and systemic oppression. Co-Director Mel Phillips, a public Black, blind survivor with deep experience providing survivor support and advocating for racial and disability justice, will lead the work at .88% FTE. Mel will be supported by Co-Director Kerry Naughton, at .5 FTE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$215,122.00</p>
<p>Raphael House of Oregon</p>	<p>Portland Metro</p>	<p>Emily Ritter, LCSW Executive Director Portland, OR</p>	<p>For more than 40 years Raphael House of Portland has helped domestic violence survivors and their families find safety, hope, and independence. This Project will serve Latinx survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Child Abuse in Portland Metro Area.</p> <p>Raphael House's Advocacy Center will provide comprehensive services designed specifically to meet the needs of Latinx families. Activities will be conducted in English and Spanish, reducing language barriers for Latinx survivors, and will be offered onsite at our secure facility or at another location in our community that is safe and convenient for the survivor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$203,700.00</p>