

# Seattle Human Services Department Gender-Based Violence Investments

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# SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

- April marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**
  - The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent sexual assault, harassment, and abuse
- Sexual assault takes place every 68 seconds in the United States
  - Despite these high rates of sexual victimization, sexual assault is extremely underreported
- Disproportionately impacts BIPOC and marginalized populations
- Tomorrow, April 27 is **Seattle Denim Day**



# AGENDA

1. Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Overview
2. Impacts of COVID-19 on Addressing GBV
- 3. 2022 Survivor Services RFP**
4. Additional Funding Opportunity
5. Questions



# OVERVIEW: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

- "Gender-based violence" is an umbrella term which includes:
  - Domestic/intimate partner violence
  - Sexual assault
  - Commercial sexual exploitation
- Human Services Department (HSD) invests more than \$12M annually to address GBV
- MODVSA manages 55 GBV contracts with 40+ community-based organizations and agencies
- Community-based partners provide support and services to approximately 10,000 clients per year



# ADDRESSING COVID-19 & SOCIAL DISTANCING IMPACTS

ISSUE	ACTION
<p><b>1. Impact on survivors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase in # of reported calls/cases and in intensity and violence</li><li>• Decrease in access to services due to increased isolation</li><li>• Increase in all areas of needs (e.g., housing, legal, mental health support, SUD treatment)</li></ul>	<p>\$1.5M in mobile advocacy with flexible client assistance for victim/survivor services grantees.</p>
<p><b>2. Impact on providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High stress and turnover of direct service staffing</li><li>• Increased expenses (e.g., staff, technology, and flexible financial assistance for survivors)</li><li>• Loss of certain core funding (e.g., donations, cancelled fund-raisers, shift in donor priorities)</li></ul>	<p>\$600K for mobile advocacy with flexible client assistance, and capacity building for providers serving marginalized populations.</p>
<p><b>3. Impact on systems providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Backlog in cases due to increased in calls and limited staffing</li><li>• Temporary closures of Courts and systems</li><li>• Services maintained remotely and in-person.</li></ul>	<p>Coordination meetings to share updates, data, and strategize cross systems response &amp; partnerships</p>



# 2022 SURVIVOR SERVICES RFP

- HSD is releasing approximately \$10.9M for GBV Survivor Services
- Our strategy includes a **"no wrong door"** approach
- Focus Populations:
  - BIPOC (*American Indian/ Alaska Native, Black/ African American, Hispanic, Latin X, Asian, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander*)
  - Immigrants/refugees
  - LGBTQIA+
  - People living with disability
- Request for Proposal (RFP) will include the following strategies:
  - Mobile Flexible Advocacy with Flexible Client Assistance
  - Shelter/Housing
  - Therapeutic Services
  - Civil Legal Aid
  - Specialized Services for Marginalized Populations



# 2022 SURVIVOR SERVICES RFP TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Funding Opportunity Released	Friday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Information Session Recording is available for those unable to attend.	Friday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022 Time: 11:30 am –1:30pm PST Address: WebEx only
Last Day to Submit Questions	Friday, June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, by 4 p.m. PST
Application Deadline	Friday, June 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, by 4:00 p.m. PST
Planned Award Notification	Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Contract Start Date	Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023



# FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) Services RFQ
  - Fund 1 to 1.5 FTE batterer intervention therapist
  - Provide assessment and implement therapeutic intervention
  - Participate in DVIP meetings (monthly Planning, Multi-Disciplinary Team, etc.).
- Funding Available: \$147,229
- Timeline
  - Funding Process Release Date: May 20, 2022
  - Contracts Start: January 2023





# QUESTIONS?