

Office of Family Safety - Urgent/timely and High Impact Requests

OFS High Risk Case Managers

OFS is requesting 4 High Risk Case Managers to meet increased client needs that emerged during the pandemic.

\$270,000

Client needs increased during the pandemic with a 71% increase in client visits, meaning that more clients were accessing services multiple times due to complex needs. Human trafficking case management sessions doubled during the pandemic and resource referrals increased exponentially. COVID-19 will continue to impact victims of abuse economically and increase need for support navigating employment and housing issues. Case management is needed to address these client needs and mitigate increased violence by supporting high-risk clients.

OFS Emergency Funding for Transportation and Emergency Needs

OFS is requesting funding for emergency needs of clients and transportation issues that have increased due to the economic and safety impacts of COVID-19.

\$100,000

OFS clients coming to the court-based Center are often required to appear for their court date and do not have the funding to pay for expensive downtown parking and transportation. Additionally, OFS gives away food bags for clients, but this is often not sufficient to meet urgent needs of individuals who are displaced, homeless or jobless due to the abusive situation. These emergency needs have increased due to the economic and safety impacts of COVID-19.

Total Operating for Department

\$370,000

OFS Family Safety Center Partner Request

Therapy Clinicians for Children & Adults Impacted by Interpersonal Violence

Therapy Clinicians for Children & Adults Impacted by Interpersonal Violence – creation of a fund for Office of Family Safety to distribute to partners

\$1,069,490

OFS is requesting support for non-profit partners who provide therapeutic services as a result of the extremely long waitlists for therapy services that existed pre-pandemic and were exacerbated even more during the pandemic. This need will continue to grow for Nashville residents impacted by interpersonal violence as more individuals increase their access to services with decreased COVID-19 cases. Both the trauma caused by the pandemic and the trauma of being confined with abusive individuals has caused an increase in the need for therapeutic services.

AGAPE Overnight & Afterhours Order of

8 Protection Advocates

AGAPE allows OFS's Family Safety Center to be a 24-hour facility by providing overnight and afterhours advocate staff for urgent Orders of Protections. OFS is requesting two additional overnight and afterhours advocate positions to meet the increased demand for these services.

\$135,000

AGAPE crisis intervention advocates assist petitioners with Orders of Protection at the Family Safety Center overnight and after-hours, making the Center one of the few 24hr Family Justice Center's in the country. During the pandemic they offered this service both in-person and remote at the Family Safety Center. Because there is only one advocate each shift, OP petitioners may have to wait for services and AGAPE advocates are unable to provide more extensive services such as needs assessments and danger assessments. With the increased needs and increased safety risks seen throughout the pandemic, this funding would allow the advocates to assist more victims without a wait for services and provide resources, safety plans and danger assessments.

Total Partner Request

\$1,204,490

Total per year

\$1,574,490

Two year funding request

\$3,148,980