

Support Funding for Gender-Based Violence & Human Trafficking



The Network
ADVOCATING AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Survivors of gender-based violence need expanded services to meet increased needs exacerbated by the public health pandemic.

Domestic Violence homicides have increased dramatically from 2019 and fewer survivors than ever are trusting law enforcement to effectively meet their needs.

A total of 1,238 survivors were turned away from domestic violence shelters in 2020.

The City of Chicago must invest in community-based services.

The Network —united with member organizations and advocates—call for a \$50 million line item in the budget for critical gender-based violence services in the City of Chicago.

The Network's 2022 Budget Request: Addressing Critical Unmet Needs

Below are key priorities that can be easily actioned by the City Council and Mayor's Office to strengthen the safety net for survivors of gender-based violence and human trafficking currently waiting for services.

- 1** 200 new DV and HT specific housing units for emergency housing and services to meet those turned away
- 2** 3 therapists can serve the waitlist of 100 adult survivors of sexual assault
- 3** 6 attorneys and 3 paralegals to serve the 450 survivors turned away from legal services
- 4** 8 therapists to address 400 children & families waiting for GBV therapy and family support
- 5** \$2 million to increase salaries to recruit and retain GBV and human trafficking advocates to provide critical, 24/7 service to survivors
- 6** 3 full-time counselors can serve 60 individuals who cause harm

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Shifting Resources/ Saving Lives

Cost estimated at per student for 600 schools. Includes educating staff and parents. Total cost of student only education is \$1.975m.

Prevention Education
\$4.975 m

Legal Services
\$5.6m

To address lack of funding for sexual assault and human trafficking legal services and increase attorneys for immigration, domestic relations, and civil procedures for survivors of GBV

This funding includes \$6.44m per year for crisis based community housing and \$3.3m for transitional housing. Costs based on current service provision and are additional to current funding.. \$3m should be allotted to modernize and enlarge 3 current DV shelters

Housing
\$11m

Community Based Advocacy and Outreach
\$13.25m

Based on current costs of \$7500 per client for 1500 clients per year for advocacy . Includes expansion of outreach based on current costs of outreach activities. Includes 24hr, non-police response to GBV at a service center. Includes funding for direct cash assistance for DV/SA/HT survivors.

Funding needed to provide counseling and supervised visitation and safe exchange services. Amount based on current service provision costs and waitlists.

Services for those who cause harm
\$4.5m

Counseling
\$7.5m

This is the increase in funding for counseling services needed to address current waitlists at GBV programs

Investing in a Safety Net

The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence and our membership would suggest allocating **\$2.5m** in the next budget for staffing and strategic planning at DFSS so that service models addressing gender based violence in Chicago can be fully developed.

Framework for Responsive Funding

The City of Chicago must utilize Corporate City Funds and additional funding through the American Rescue Plan to think broadly in supporting gender-based violence (Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking) service providers in increasing the safety net for survivors.. Additional funding in a line item of the budget would enable providers to sustain the shifts in services that benefitted survivors during the pandemic, along with expanding services to address the multiple safety challenges faced by families in Chicago. Survivors across Chicago have been faced with discrimination on the basis of race and immigration status. Funding should be set aside for those working with culturally specific communities. to ensure those most marginalized have access to safe services in their community. Capital investments are needed in housing and community co-located services.

Housing + Services

- Flexible Housing Options
- Capital Expenses for Shelter Renovations
- Emergency Crisis Funding Directly to Survivors

Community Advocacy

- Fund Outreach Services
- Non-Police Based Response
- Invest in new, culturally specific services
- Address waitlists and expand services for all GBV survivors
- Ensure enough attorneys for all survivors
- Advocates with Flexible Roles

Counseling + Legal

Prevention & Those Who Harm

- Prevention Education in Schools
- Expanded Services for those who harm
- Capital Expenses for co-located Community Center

Procurement Process

- Separate pools for current and new grantees
- Set-aside for Culturally Specific Organizations
- Simple, 3-4 page application with budget