

I. Purpose of the Project

a. The challenge or need faced by the community and how the proposal will meet that need

Deschutes County conducted Praxis International's Best Practice Assessment (BPA) over a two-year period, 2012-2014. Community partners including local law enforcement, the District Attorney's (DA's) Office, the system-based victim advocacy program, and the community-based victim advocacy program met together for approximately one half-day each month to review 20 randomly selected, completed domestic violence cases. The 911 recordings, police investigation reports, and prosecution charging decisions were thoroughly reviewed and produced consistent findings: evidence collection, follow-up photographs of injuries, and reporting of victim/witness interviews were all priorities identified needing attention. Strangulation was also noted as a crime that was consistently under-investigated. Non-fatal strangulation as a lethality factor presents a six-fold increase of the odds of a perpetrator committing attempted homicide, and a seven-fold increase of committing homicide.¹

The BPA group presented its findings to the Deschutes County Domestic Violence Council as well as local Police, the Sheriff's Office and the DA's Office. There was consensus that hiring a DV investigator who could prioritize DV cases and provide timely follow-up investigation is needed; however, funding is currently limited.

The Best Practice Assessment also yielded information regarding the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) protocol, which has been instituted since 2011. Findings showed that some LAP screens had not been completed for DV crimes that called for the LAP protocol, and some LAP calls to the domestic violence program were not placed subsequent to victims

¹ Glass, Nancy et al., *Non-fatal Strangulation is an Important Risk Factor for Homicide of Women*, Journal of Emergency Medicine, Oct. 2008; 35(3): pp. 329-335.

screening in as high danger. Partners recognize that ongoing training in the LAP protocol is critical as senior patrol officers cycle off and new officers are sworn in. Without consistent screening and referral, high danger victims will go unnoticed and unserved.

Since obtaining OVW grant funding for this project in 2018, a DV investigator was hired, a DV High Risk Team (DVHRT) was formed, and LAP efforts have continued. The current collaborations between law enforcement, the DA's Office and victim service programs, combined with a concerted effort to improve evidence collection and investigation of DV crimes, have given Deschutes County some traction by enhancing collaboration. As efforts evolve over time, there are further initiatives that the County would benefit from including.

Current grant partners have identified a need to include an additional agency partner, Deschutes County Parole and Probation, to provide insight and add offender accountability with DVHRT cases, as many of these cases include offenders currently on parole or probation. Following the training provided by Casey Gwinn in August of 2020, there is a commitment to improving response to Strangulation cases by prioritizing all strangulation crimes on the High Risk Team and providing continuing education for law enforcement officers via the project's DV investigator. Law enforcement partners are motivated to include additional training to enhance investigations and continually improve LAP response.

While much progress has been made towards creating the foundations of this project, a continuation of the project will enable partners to enhance coordination, particularly on cases that involve high risk offenders and high danger victims.

b. How the needs of the community connect to the proposed purpose areas

Deschutes County has seen a significant number of strangulation cases. A high-profile homicide in the past year, where a suspect had been arrested on a strangulation crime and went on to kill his partner (and himself) underscored the complex nature of strangulation cases. Enhancement of the multidisciplinary High Risk Team with Parole & Probation and prioritization of strangulation cases will provide more capacity for ‘real time’ action taken to maintain offender accountability and victim safety as cases are adjudicated – particularly when cases take months to reach closure.

The increasing population in the County, with law enforcement call-outs continuously increasing begs for added support in the investigation of DV crimes. The DV investigator enhances investigations by providing follow up with evidence collection, photographs and documentation.

c. The service area, including the geographic location, size, demographics

The project will take place in Deschutes County (County), a region covering 3,055 square miles in Central Oregon. The County is comprised of two urban clusters (Bend and Redmond) and many outlying rural areas. Deschutes is the seventh largest County by population in the state of Oregon². The County (population 197,692 as of 2019) is Oregon’s fastest growing county. The population grew 25.3% from 2010-2019³ and grew 2.1% from 2019-2020⁴. This rapid expansion has presented challenges for law enforcement and the criminal justice system to maintain the level of services commensurate with population growth.

² https://www.oregon-demographics.com/counties_by_population

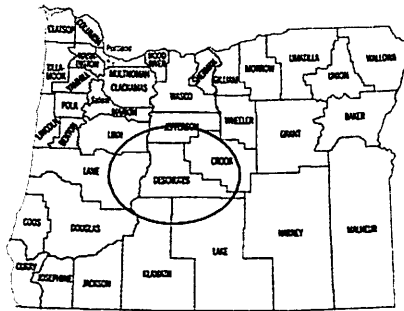
³ <https://ktvz.com/news/deschutes-county/2020/03/26/deschutes-countys-growth-tops-oregon-over-the-past-decade-crook-county-2nd/>

⁴ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dV4pkuX1IY9mT5BAZuL_nbnqPQ5P2Na6/view (Portland State University Population Research Center)

Approximately 9.2% of the County’s population lives in poverty. As of December 2020, the unemployment rate in Deschutes County was the second highest in the state, at 7.6% compared to 6.0% statewide⁵.

The racial/ethnic makeup of the County continues to become more diverse: 86.8% white, 1.1% Native American/Alaska Native, 1.1% Asian, .6% Black/African American, 8.3% Hispanic or Latino, .2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 2.8% two or more races⁶.

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d. Gaps in service that the project will complement

The project’s High Risk Team complements the adjudication process of DV cases which can take months to resolve. The team provides for strict monitoring of offenders as they await trial or when cases get delayed. The team also coordinates services to victims by enhancing communication and resources for victims who have both material and emotional needs to be met during this timeframe.

As mentioned previously, law enforcement’s ever increasing call-outs affect patrol’s capacity to collect evidence and gather information from victims or witnesses. Law enforcement

⁵ <https://www.qualityinfo.org/documents/10182/73818/Labor+Force+and+Unemployment+by+Area>

⁶ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/deschutescountyyoregon/BZA110218#BZA110218>

welcomes the addition of a DV investigator to enhance evidence collection and communicate with prosecutors on cases. In fact, Deschutes County law enforcement agencies provide a limited amount of funding to help support the DV investigator position, as they recognize the way this role complements their own response.

e. The impact of current or prior efforts to prevent and reduce DV, highlighting prior OVW support

Praxis International's Best Practice Assessment, completed in 2014 with OVW funding, provided insights that paved the way for future efforts. The findings mentioned above, including the need to improve evidence collection, follow-up photographs of injuries, and reporting of victim/witness interviews, as well as prioritizing strangulation case, have led to the development of the High Risk DV Team which includes all strangulation cases as high risk, as well as implementation of the DV investigator position to enhance investigations.

The Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) was implemented in 2011 to address victims at highest risk of serious injury or lethality with support from OVW. As noted previously, the vast majority of victims at highest levels of danger had not been connected with domestic violence program services at Saving Grace. Since the program's inception, more than 2,500 LAP screens have been initiated by law enforcement, resulting in approximately 1,100 LAP calls connecting high danger victims to Saving Grace, of which nearly 550 individuals received in-person services ranging from emergency shelter, safety planning, protection order assistance, crisis counseling and therapeutic services, and support throughout the criminal prosecution process and beyond. Law enforcement now relies on Saving Grace not only for high-risk cases referred through the LAP, but also for incidental purposes related to enhancing victim safety. The LAP screen and protocol continues to be seen as a benefit on many fronts: it informs the work of the High Risk Team, it connects high danger victims immediately with services provided by the LAP advocate,

and it provides grant partners with a common language and clear protocol on when to ‘elevate’ cases to high risk status.

The High Risk Team adds value to victim safety. It has increased coordination between system-based and community-based victim services programs to address needs ranging from collaborative safety planning, providing shelter and housing to survivors, and supporting survivors with civil legal needs including protection orders, divorce, custody or immigration matters. The team has also enhanced offender accountability by continuously monitoring offenders’ status and providing swift sanctions to offenders who violate terms of release.

II. What will be Done

a. The approach to addressing the need and (n.)activity description to meet the priority area :reduce violent crime against women and promote victim safety through investing in law enforcement and increasing prosecution

This project aims to meet the priority area of reducing violence crime against women and promoting victim safety through investing in law enforcement and increasing prosecution.

Utilizing a Domestic Violence Investigator, centrally located in the DA’s Office to work on cases from each law enforcement agency, to follow up on gaps in investigations at the direction of prosecutors, this project seeks to ensure more cases are fully investigated and prosecuted.

Additionally, domestic violence victims at highest risk of lethality will be assessed via the LAP protocol. Law enforcement will connect high danger victims with Saving Grace services at the time of DV arrests. High danger victims will receive immediate and follow-up services to support a range of safety and resource needs. Ongoing in-service education will be provided for law enforcement agencies to maintain and further institutionalize the LAP. A DV investigator will prioritize and provide investigations for DV arrests in Deschutes County, with an emphasis on high-risk crimes. A High Risk DV team will convene twice per month to review current DV

criminal cases to provide seamless follow-through addressing offender risk and victim safety. The evidence-based LAP protocol will assist in assessing danger in DV cases.

b. How progress will be measured

The primary **goals** for this project are to: 1) Enhance victim safety, with a focus on victims that are in high risk situations; 2) Hold DV offenders accountable, with a focus on high risk offenders; and 3) Provide ongoing education and training related to DV response, with a focus on high risk cases, emphasizing strangulation cases.

Specific **objectives** for the proposed project include:

- 1) Promote coordinated interagency responses that account for victim safety by implementation of the evidence-based LAP protocols.
- 2) Provide immediate access to victim services for victims at high risk of lethality.
- 3) Provide culturally appropriate services to Spanish speaking/Latino victims.
- 4) Incorporate a DV investigator to provide enhanced DV investigations.
- 5) Create a high-risk DV team to address DV cases with increased potential for lethality.
- 6) Emphasize investigation and prosecution response to strangulation and other high risk cases.
- 7) Support ongoing initiatives that promote a collaborative response to high danger victims.

The activities, outputs and outcomes of the LAP response will be measured by maintaining quarterly reports that measure the number of LAP screens initiated, the number of high danger victims, the number of LAP referral calls placed by law enforcement to Saving Grace, and the number of services provided to survivors by Saving Grace. Saving Grace provides survivors with anonymous, confidential surveys to measure outcomes including but not limited to: the effect on the survivor's overall safety, the increased/beneficial resources provided to the survivor, and whether the support provided helped the survivor make informed choices

about their situation. Surveys are compiled, with the goal being that a minimum of 90% of those surveyed experienced greater safety, resources, and information about choices.

The activities of the High Risk Team will be measured by the number of meetings, the number of cases identified and staffed, the number of victim or offender contacts made as a result of staffings, and the number of cases resolved. The time period for cases to come to resolution will also be measured, with the intent to ensure the added investigations and support result in swifter offender accountability.

The DV investigator will track the number of follow-up investigatory actions taken, the time period they work on cases, the final disposition of their cases, and the number of educational or training contacts with law enforcement. Continuing education and training that is provided to law enforcement will include surveys/measures of increase in knowledge and resources.

Finally, all grant partners named in the MOU will meet quarterly to assess LAP response and investigations to address overall trends, and suggest and implement improvements. A continuous feedback loop with leadership from all agencies will ensure the implementation, and any needed improvements, are consistent throughout the County.

c. Sustainability

With continued support during this grant period, it is expected that the community will continue to support convening a DV High Risk Team to focus efforts on improved responses to high risk cases. Additionally, it is expected that law enforcement will continue to implement the LAP in collaboration with Saving Grace. As Saving Grace continues to promote the value of the

LAP advocate response, the expectation is to garner not only continued grant funding but also support of its donor base.

With the DV investigator role still being fairly new in the coordinated community response, the current grant period will enable project partners to demonstrate the value to all law enforcement agencies and the County DA's Office. The future intention is to have the position funded by continued shared contributions from the DA's Office and law enforcement agencies.

d. Description of the overall strategy and specific tasks with detailed timeline

TASK #1: Continue implementation and enhance LAP protocol with Deschutes County law enforcement agencies. Activities include:

- 1) Train new Officers and Advocates on LAP protocols. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 2) Continue with LAP screens and LAP referral protocols. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 3) Connect high danger victims to Saving Grace LAP hotline. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 4) Conduct bi-annual in-service training for law enforcement agencies, enhancing knowledge of LAP protocol and high-risk DV cases. (Every spring and fall, Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)

OUTCOMES: Victims at highest risk for lethality receive immediate access to domestic violence program services; LAP protocol is enhanced through ongoing education.

TASK #2: Provide immediate, confidential victim services to high danger victims referred by LAP. Activities include:

- 1) Provide follow up calls and in-person advocacy to LAP-referred victims. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 2) Provide culturally appropriate service to Spanish speakers on LAP hotline. Provide Bilingual Advocates for LAP-referred Latina clients. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)

- 3) Provide emergency shelter, safety planning, protection order support, legal advocacy, therapy and other DV program services to LAP-referred victims. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 4) LAP Advocate to attend twice monthly high-risk DV team meetings to educate about high danger victim safety and provide victim follow-up as needed. (Twice monthly Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)

OUTCOME: High danger victims receive immediate access to DV program services.

TASK #3: Hire, train and supervise Deschutes County DV investigator, with focus on high-risk DV crimes. Activities include:

- 1) Solicit applications for DV investigator position. (Oct. 2021)
 - a. [Note: We currently have an officer from a partner agency in the position as a special assignment for the remainder of our current grant. We plan to advertise to hire a new investigator that can be in the position for the entirety of this project.]
- 2) Interview and hire DV investigator. (Nov. 2021)
- 3) New DV investigator training. (Nov. 2021-Dec. 2021)
- 4) Conduct DV investigations with focus on high-risk cases. (Dec. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 5) DV investigator to attend and play an active role in following up on tasks identified in twice monthly high-risk DV team. (Nov. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 6) DV investigator to identify gaps in high risk cases with an emphasis on strangulation investigations in order to provide training to law enforcement and development of a checklist (Nov. 2021-Sept. 2024)

OUTCOMES: DV offenders are held accountable commensurate with crimes committed; DV investigations are enhanced by greater capacity to gather evidence and provide follow up investigation. Strangulation and other high risk cases are given priority.

TASK #4: Continue and enhance High-Risk DV team response. Activities include:

- 1) Continue twice monthly meetings between current DV High Risk Team members, including members from the DA's Office, Saving Grace, and the DV investigator. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 2) Expand the team to include Deschutes County Parole and Probation. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 3) Enhance DVHRT's focus on strangulation cases by placing all strangulation cases on high risk caseload. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 4) Follow through with tasks assigned at DV team meeting; report back at subsequent meetings. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2024)
- 5) Participate in community DV trainings; attend out-of-state conferences as available. (Nov. 2018-Sept. 2021)

OUTCOME: Coordinated community response to high-risk DV cases provides greater offender accountability and victim safety. Enhance focus on strangulation and other high risk cases.

TASK #5: Identify gaps in Strangulation case investigations, develop training to address them, and provide checklist for strangulation case investigations. Activities include:

- 1) Using DV investigator request forms and based on training provided by Casey Gwinn in August of 2020, review for gaps in strangulation case investigations (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022)
- 2) Develop Checklist to provide to law enforcement based on gaps found in strangulation cases (Oct 2022-Jan 2023).
- 3) Develop Training Module to provide to law enforcement along with checklist developed. (Feb 2023-June 2023).
- 4) Contact and conduct training with law enforcement agencies (July 2023-Sept 2024).

OUTCOME: Participants gain enhanced understanding of Strangulation and high risk cases; new investigative methods enhance current investigations on strangulation cases.

b. How Funding Will Address Identified Needs/Enhance Existing Projects:

The Best Practice Assessment completed in 2014 identified the need for a DV investigator. Due to population growth not keeping up with growth in the police force, officers have limited time to conduct investigations before attending to additional calls for service. A DV investigator can fill this gap by gathering more information around prior history, taking follow up photos, collecting evidence necessary for a complete investigation, and providing more capacity for victim/witness interviews. Adding a DV investigator steeped in best practices will:

- a) ensure as many appropriate charges are made commensurate with the crime/s;
- b) provide clear evidence to facilitate swift prosecution;
- c) enhance information for the high-risk DV team;
- d) remove burden from victims being the primary or sole source of evidence for crimes, and
- e) enhance victim safety by providing more accurate assessment of the offender's level of risk.

The current practices of the CCR meeting every other month at DV Council meetings, and the LAP partners meeting quarterly have certainly provided helpful guidance regarding trends, gaps in services and collaboration. However, a missing element is the capacity to review specific cases at the time crimes occur to develop positive outcomes for prosecution of cases. The addition of a High Risk DV team will allow victim-based and offender-based providers to provide insights and act on tasks that will immediately improve responses in real-time. Continual progress on DV cases coupled with the DV Council's overall guidance will provide a well-rounded approach to DV community response.

Based upon Best Practice Assessment findings regarding a need for continued training on

the LAP, Arrest (now IFCJ) grant partners have sought support from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (founders of LAP). The Maryland Network has developed training modules to serve as LAP refresher courses and provide ongoing education related to high-risk DV cases. The two-hour modules will provide relevant education at law enforcement in-service trainings.

e. How Purpose Areas will be addressed including priority areas

The project will address purpose areas 3 and 22, including the centralization and coordination of police enforcement and prosecution, and implementation of a multi-disciplinary high-risk team. The statutory priority area of demonstrating a commitment to strong enforcement of laws and prosecution of cases will be addressed by:

- Ensuring offenders do not exploit any gaps between arrest and final disposition via the High Risk Team's coordination, monitoring, and actions taken to hold offenders accountable and keep victims safe;
- Vigorously investigating cases via the DV investigator to provide for swift and thorough case resolution, resulting in greater offender accountability;
- Enhancing law enforcement's capacity to provide immediate referral and support to high danger victims via the LAP protocol;
- Providing LAP-referred victims with specialized assistance via the LAP advocate and the advocate's coordination with the High Risk DV team.
- Continually monitoring project progress, sharing successes and challenges with project partners quarterly, and promoting ongoing collaboration with the shared vision to reduce violent crime, promote victim safety, and hold offenders accountable.

f. Why the project will be successful and how to determine project goals are accomplished

Deschutes County has a long history of collaboration between affiliated partners in DV response with its DV Council. The DV Council originated the initial implementation of the LAP, which has conferred not only benefits to high dangers survivors, but also enhanced trust between law enforcement and Saving Grace and a means of identifying high risk cases which require closer monitoring and support. The identification of high risk cases has evolved into development of the High Risk Team and DV investigator position, producing more scrutiny of cases that indicate high lethality. Deschutes County and its DV Council take pride in the development of these programs and support the ongoing enhancement to further reduce crime, lethality and recidivism, and enhance victim safety.

The project goals noted previously under how the project will measure progress toward goals include the tracking of cases addressed (offenders investigated and monitored, victims served), the final disposition of cases (outcomes), victims' perceptions of safety, resources and information gained, and law enforcement's change in knowledge with ongoing education/training. The continuous monitoring of the project, with project partners' commitment, will ensure the project achieves meaningful outcomes and accomplishments.

g. Tangible products to be created

Based on the training provided by Casey Gwinn in August of 2020, project partners have identified the need for an enhanced response to strangulation cases given their high risk nature. Using DV investigator follow up request forms and case reviews, the team will identify gaps in strangulation cases in order to develop a tangible and transferable checklist for improved strangulation case investigations for current and future use. In addition, the team will develop a

training module for law enforcement and provide training on the benefits and use of the strangulation checklist.

h. How the proposal will be accessible to individuals with disabilities

When language poses a barrier to services, the DA's Office uses utilizes the Language Line and professional interpreters. The DA's Office acquired a TTY phone to assist with investigations and victim services for those who are deaf or hard of hearing and utilizes video relay services.

Victim services for individuals with intellectual/developmental or physical disabilities are provided support and guidance from county, state, and community-based agencies serving people with disabilities. All Saving Grace offices and its shelter are fully accessible. People with disabilities may bring caregivers or service dogs into shelter with them. Saving Grace contracts with ASL interpreters to provide services for deaf/hard of hearing individuals. Oregon Relay is a phone communication service that is utilized for deaf/hard of hearing individuals to access Saving Grace through its hotline. Saving Grace is committed to providing informed, compassionate services for marginalized communities and provides staff training quarterly on topics related to marginalized communities.

i. How the project will reach each population in the service area

The service area's composition includes a population of 8.3% people who identify as Hispanic or Latino. To serve Latinos in their native language, each law enforcement agency has bilingual patrol officers, and the LAP screen is available in Spanish as well. Approximately 20% of Saving Grace's advocates are bilingual, giving the agency capacity to serve Latino individuals. The DV investigator will be hired as bilingual strongly preferred so that investigations can continue in Spanish as needed.

With a relatively diverse population containing many living in rural, outlying areas (with many living in poverty and lacking resources), law enforcement and Saving Grace have offices or outposts in the far reaches to ensure response is provided in a timely and responsive manner.

Deschutes County has an array of nonprofits specialized in serving elders, people with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals, which facilitates project partners' capacity to engage experts in these areas of specialization to provide added support for victims or offenders.

i. How the project will address victimization rates

The project will remain focused on high risk offenders and high danger victims. Enhanced services to high danger victims will provide immediate recourse for victims to flee from abusive relationships, as well as ongoing emotional and resource support to help victims rebuild their lives without concern for needing to return to a relationship simply due to lack of resources or unresolved trauma. Saving Grace has a therapy program to support families affected by abuse and a supervised visitation and exchange center. These long term supports provide an ongoing safety net for victims to ultimately identify as survivors.

Added support to investigate and monitor offenders will ensure there are fewer opportunities for offenders to exploit gaps in the criminal justice system, providing the message particularly to serial offenders that acts of domestic violence will result in consequences.

(See above section with tasks and activities for detailed timeline.)

l. How the applicant will ensure progress towards implementing CCR activities

By tracking the numbers and activities provided to LAP-referred victims and the numbers of high risk cases investigated by the DV investigator and staffed by the High Risk Team, the project partners will produce measurables which will be shared with the DV Council. Outcome

surveys for victims will ensure safety is enhanced. Both the commitment of partners within the project, and the support of allied agencies on the DV Council, will ensure the community will remain steadfast in its goals of reducing domestic violence crimes.

m. Funding sources and plans for sustaining the project beyond OVW funding

As referenced above in the sustainability section, the intent is to further demonstrate the effectiveness of the DV investigator position in order to grow the current funding amounts that law enforcement and the DA's Office currently support in the position. The LAP protocol will be promoted within the community, highlighting the program's collaborative nature and effectiveness. This program one that Saving Grace believes would garner local business and donor support to sustain.

III. Who will Implement the Project

The applicant, Deschutes County, will work with the following primary partners to implement the grant: The Deschutes County District Attorney's Office; The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Deschutes County Parole and Probation; City of Bend and Redmond Police Departments; Sunriver Police Department; Black Butte Police Department; and Saving Grace. The County has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the above-listed partners and one other key agency: the Deschutes County Circuit Court. The roles of the primary partners are described briefly below. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and each partner listed above has been appended to this application. Community law enforcement agencies have committed to providing additional funding to ensure the full funding of a 1.0 FTE DV investigator in the amounts described in the MOU.

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Deschutes County

Board of County Commissioners Chair Anthony DeBone and Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp provide oversight of grant related activities. Supplemental services that may be provided by County departments include grant administration, legal counsel, administrative support, financial management, risk management and technological system assistance.

Deschutes County District Attorney's Office

Deputy District Attorney Stacy Neil will provide leadership for grant related activities and serve as Co-Project Director with a focus on facilitating and coordinating the High Risk DV Team and support to the DV investigator position. DDA Neil has been a prosecutor in Oregon since 2002 and currently serves as the Team Lead for the Person Crime Team. She has specialized in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking related crimes for most of her career. DDA Neil has been a member and served as Co-Chair on the Deschutes County Domestic Violence Council. She has attended various national trainings on domestic violence and has provided trainings across the State on domestic violence investigations, strangulation investigations, interviewing child witnesses to domestic violence and training professionals on testifying as an expert witness.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

Captain Deron McMaster is responsible for implementation of the LAP. He will serve as the lead LAP, high-risk DV team and DV Council representative. He or his designee will attend every other month DV Council meetings. He will be part of the team that supports coordination with the DV investigator.

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Deschutes County Parole and Probation

Supervisor Justin Bendele will be part of the DV High Risk Team and attend twice monthly meetings as part of that team. He has worked in law enforcement for 19 years, the last seven with Deschutes County Parole & Probation. Mr. Bendele has experience supervising caseloads of high risk domestic violence and sex offense clients. I currently am the supervisor for the Domestic Violence and Sex Offense Supervision teams within the department.

City of Bend Police Department

Lt. Adam Juhnke is responsible for implementation of the LAP. He will serve as the lead LAP, high-risk DV team and DV Council representative. He or his designee will attend every other month DV Council meetings. He will be part of the team that supports coordination with the DV investigator. Lt. Juhnke has been in law enforcement for 18 years and has served with Bend PD for 18 years. He holds many roles related to coordinated community response in various areas of service, including domestic violence response.

City of Redmond Police Department

Lt. Curtis Chambers is responsible for implementation of the LAP. He will serve as the lead LAP, high-risk DV team and DV Council representative and will attend every other month LAP and DV Council meetings. He will be part of the team that supports coordination of the work with the DV investigator. Lt. Chambers has been employed in law enforcement and with the Redmond Police Department since 2003. Chambers currently holds the position of Patrol Lieutenant. He is passionate about serving the community needs of Redmond through proactive, collaborative, and data-driven decision-making.

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Black Butte Police Department

Chief Denney Kelley is responsible for implementation of the LAP. He will serve as the lead LAP, high-risk DV team and DV Council representative and will attend every other month LAP and DV Council meetings. He will be part of the team that supports coordination of the work with the DV investigator.

Sunriver Police Department

Chief Cory Darling of the Sunriver Police Department is responsible for implementation of the LAP. He, or his designee, will serve as the lead LAP, high-risk DV team and DV Council representative and attend every other month LAP and DV Council meetings. He will be part of the team that supports coordination of the work with the DV investigator.

Saving Grace

Saving Grace's Assistant Executive Director, Trish Meyer, will serve as Co-Project Director with a focus on LAP services. She will provide leadership for the LAP protocols, continuing LAP education for law enforcement and co-project direction with DDA Neil. She has worked in the non-profit management field for 24 years and has been with Saving Grace for the past 18 ½ years. She serves on the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence's national LAP Advisory Council and on Oregon Attorney General's Office's statewide domestic violence fatality review team. Ms. Meyer has provided DV training for over 4,000 professionals and community members. Saving Grace's LAP Advocate will provide follow up services to LAP-referred victims. S/he will be a member of the high-risk DV team, meeting twice monthly. The LAP Advocate will be trained and certified on the LAP and Danger Assessment tools.