



City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

DVSA District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit Recommendation

Key details of the proposal are as follows:

- I. Financial Request:
 - a. District Attorney Bregman is seeking a total of \$460,000 in funding for the creation of the DV Unit.
 - b. This funding is in the form of a grant, covering a period of 6 months.
 - c. The office has already received half of the grant amount, totaling \$220,000, with the remaining funds to be disbursed later.
- II. Staffing:
 - a. In alignment with the unit's establishment, two attorneys and one support staff member are currently in the process of being hired.
- III. Lethality Risk Assessments:
 - a. The inclusion of lethality risk assessments is proposed to enhance the support provided by prosecutors to law enforcement, specifically in cases where risk assessments can be effectively utilized.
- IV. Legal Strategies and Collaboration:
 - a. The proposed initiative emphasizes the strategic use of restraining orders in court cases.
 - b. A commitment to fostering continued collaboration with various systems to bridge civil and criminal cases is underscored.
- V. Commission's Recommendation:
 - a. The commission is recommending full support for the creation of the DV District Attorney Unit.
 - b. Collaborative efforts are encouraged, working alongside the District Attorney to request additional funding from both the City Council and the State for the purpose of hiring additional legal staff.
 - c. Funding requests for training initiatives involving commission member organizations are also proposed. The training Subcommittee will work alongside the District Attorneys to distinguish Training needs and funding request from City Council.
 - d. The commission and the Policy/Funding Subcommittee will work alongside the District Attorney's office for the upcoming legislative session

- e. An additional funding request of \$500,000 is suggested to ensure sustained services for a period of 12 months.
- f. The DVSA Commission will work on any outward communication for the support of the DA DV Unit if the commission sees fit.