



**City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission**

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**District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Unit Funding Request for City Administration and City Council FY2025 Budget**

**Background:**

Second Judicial District Attorney Sam Bregman’s Office is receiving a total of \$460,000 in grant funding (covers 6-months) for the creation of a Domestic Violence Unit, which will improve outcomes for DV survivors in court cases. Funds will provide support to prosecutors in DV cases by emphasizing strategic use of restraining orders in court cases, include use of lethality risk assessments, and add two attorneys and one support staff. The DA’s office has already received half of the grant amount, totaling \$220,000, with the remaining funds to be disbursed later.

**Project Overview:**

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission proposes allocating \$500,000 of funding to the Domestic Violence Unit to sustain services over a 12-month period, after use of the 6-month startup grant funds. The Commission will also seek additional funding from the State.

**Objectives:**

Funding recommendation should be included in the City Administrations final budget request for City Council approval for Fiscal Year 2025. The requested funds will be allocated as follows:

| <b>Dollar Amount</b> | <b>Initiative Being Supported</b> | <b>Rationale</b>                                    |
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| \$500,000            | Domestic Violence Unit            | To address sustained services for a 12-month period |
| Total Ask:           |                                   | \$500,000   |

**Benefits:**

- A commitment to fostering continued collaboration with various systems to bridge civil and criminal cases is underscored.
- The proposed initiative emphasizes the strategic use of restraining orders in court cases.

- 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.
- Training initiatives collaborating with the District Attorney's office involving law enforcement and commission member organizations to further support the DV Unit.
- Priority for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission