

Support Funding for Gender-Based Violence

The Network —united with member organizations and advocates—request a set aside in the Cook County Budget for domestic and sexual violence services.

This includes \$5 million each year for four years for the Courts and \$2 million in ARPA funding each year for four years for critical, supportive gender-based violence services.

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline calls are consistent with 2020 numbers, which were 16% higher than in pre-pandemic 2019. The biggest increase in requests for shelter and services is arising from Cook County, outside of Chicago.

Our County-based providers are seeing increases in survivors needing services as communities of color are pushed out of the city into County municipalities like Cicero, Berwyn, and Skokie. Increased funding is needed to support providers in meeting these needs. Increased funding is also needed to support advocates to expand to 24/7 access to orders of protection for survivors.

Our community would like to support this initiative to benefit survivors but need the resources to hire and expand our critical services.

The City of Chicago has made a commitment to address GBV in the City, we are hoping Cook County will do the same to assist the most vulnerable in our Community.

Budget Priorities Breakdown

\$2 Million Per Year for Gender-Based Violence Services:

Supervised
Visitation and
Safe Exchange
Programs

\$500,000

Expansion of DV
Advocacy to
Support 24 Hour
Access to
Orders of
Protection

\$500,000

\$750,000

Services for Those
Who Cause Harm

\$250,000

DV Outreach
Services to
Immigrant
Survivors



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



IL Domestic Violence Hotline: January 1 , 2021- October 20, 2021

All Contacts

5,378

Calls 5,282

Texts 105

Victim Race*

White 21%

Black 40%

Asian 4%

Middle Eastern 1%

American Indian 1%

Latinx 21%

Multi-Racial 2%

Unknown/Other 0.5%

Top 5 Service Needs

DV Shelter

Information

Legal Advocacy

Administrative

Counseling

Victim Gender*

Female 93%

Male 7%

Transgender 0.2%

*Survivors may not provide demographic information/ may identify with more than one race