



Funding for Domestic Violence Programs

PROPOSAL

Increase state funding by \$2 million for domestic violence programs funded by the Council for Women / Domestic Violence Commission so that local programs can stabilize their funding base and meet the increased demand to provide lifesaving services to victims.

Talking Points

- Approximately 90 domestic violence programs in the state provide crisis intervention services for all 100 counties, including shelter, crisis counseling, court advocacy and support groups.
- At least **402** women, children, and men have been murdered as a result of domestic violence in NC from January 2002 - April 2007, according to information collected by NCCADV.
- Over 48,000 victims received services from local domestic violence programs in FY 2005, an increase of 40% since 1997. Local programs also responded to over 115,000 crisis line calls in FY 2005, an increase of 11% from the year before, according to the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission.
- Currently, domestic violence programs receive \$49,338 from the General Fund allocation plus a percentage of marriage license fees, which was approximately \$13,000 in 2005.
- Programs are suffering cuts from local funding sources at a time when the demand for services is continuing to increase, AND reduced funding for other community based services such as mental health and substance abuse has meant that victims rely more heavily on services provided by domestic violence programs.

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