



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

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Resolution reallocating human services Aid to Agencies funding from Rape Victim Advocacy Program to Domestic Violence Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2025, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

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Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.
Staff Recommendation: Approval
Commission Recommendations: N/A
Attachments: [Update 6.28.24 DVIP_RVAP Transition Info for Stakeholders Resolution](#)

Executive Summary:

Both the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) and Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) were awarded FY25 Aid to Agencies funding. Since the awards were made, the University of Iowa has made plans to transfer services for victims of sexual assault to DVIP. The University of Iowa has requested that the \$28,240 FY25 Aid to Agencies funding awarded to RVAP be reallocated to DVIP. Staff have confirmed with DVIP that they will be offering the services detailed in RVAP's Joint Funding application. This resolution reallocates the FY25 RVAP Aid to Agencies funding to DVIP.

Background / Analysis:

The Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) has been housed at the University of Iowa for many years and provides free, confidential, trauma-informed advocacy to people affected by sexual violence. The University of Iowa and the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) determined in Spring of this year that RVAP services would transition from the University to DVIP.

DVIP has had discussions with various funders including state and federal funding administered through the Iowa Attorney General Victim's Assistance Section. The Iowa Attorney's General Office opened a competitive grant for sexual assault services in our area. DVIP was awarded these funds on June 25, 2024. This award makes the transition of services from RVAP to DVIP possible.

Following the typical grant cycles for City funding, both RVAP and DVIP were awarded Aid to Agency funding for FY24 and FY25 based on the FY24 Joint Government Funding applications. Staff have confirmed with DVIP that they will be offering the services detailed in

RVAP's Joint Funding application for support services to those impacted by sexual assault, as well as prevention education to the community. This resolution reallocates the FY25 RVAP Aid to Agencies funding to DVIP.