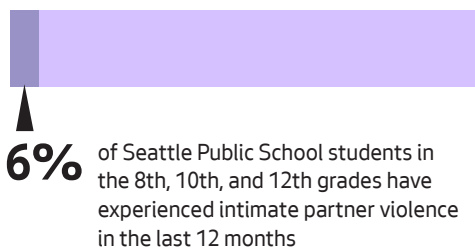


# Responding to Gender-Based Violence

Assisting All People in Seattle to be Free from Gender-Based Violence

## → THE ISSUE

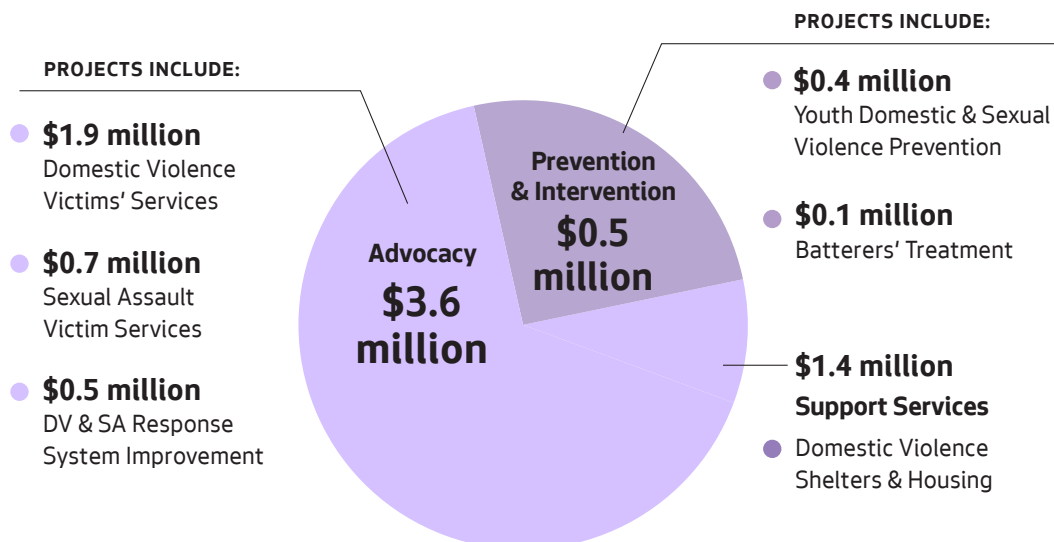
Every nine seconds, a woman in America is assaulted or beaten, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. One-third of women have been a victim of physical brutality by an intimate partner, the group also reports. Programs in the community are needed to provide education on high school and college/university campuses to young women and men before they become victims; assist clients beyond domestic violence to include support for survivors of sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation; enhance the criminal justice and victims' response systems; and increase offender accountability.



Although domestic violence affects people of all backgrounds, women of color are up to 3.5 times more likely to be murdered because of domestic violence than white, non-Hispanic women

## → INVESTMENT TOTAL: \$5.5 million

Investment breakdown:



ON THE WEB

# ➔ IMPACT

## Improving criminal justice response to gender-based violence

In 2016, HSD collaborated with system partners (i.e. Seattle Police Department, Seattle Municipal Court, Seattle City Attorney's Office, and the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office) to identify and implement new and/or enhanced systems to improve victim/survivor identification, victim/survivor support, and to hold offenders accountable. Such projects were made possible through the federal Office on Violence Against Women, and include the King County protection order firearms workgroup effort, B-SAFER assessment tool development and implementation for SPD, and the development of anti-bias training for law enforcement in King County.



**735**

hotline callers assisted with accessing advocacy services for Limited English Proficient domestic violence survivors

## Improving victim service support

Through additional funding support from the Seattle Mayor's Office and Seattle City Council, HSD was able to expand mobile and flexible client assistance and support to serve all victims of gender-based violence. This expanded mobile flexible funding and assistance goes beyond domestic violence to include sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation. Survivors who access City of Seattle-funded programs are able to meet clients where they are at. The additional funding support has been instrumental in maintaining safety and stability for victims/survivors and their families.

**4,176**

survivors received domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or commercial sexual exploitation and survivor services

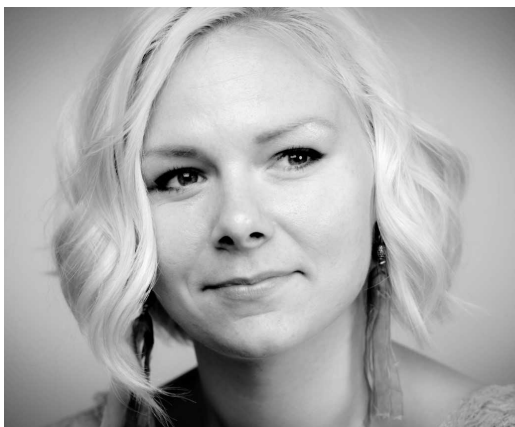
## "Do One Thing"

In 2016, HSD/Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault challenged representatives of City of Seattle departments, King County criminal justice system, and community non-profits to "Do One Thing" to address gender-based violence. Here are some of the projects they undertook: A "Peace in the Home" campaign including a helpline in 14 languages, billboards, and outreach at community fairs and events; enhanced training for Seattle Police and Fire Departments; a planning group to address protection orders and firearms forfeiture; and an anti-violence block party.

**320**

survivor households received in-person legal consultation to improve safety and/or financial status for themselves and their children

## Impact Story



"The Organization for Prostitution Survivors has been instrumental in my emotional, mental, and financial rehabilitation. I was provided with a supportive environment, leadership training, mentorship, and full-time employment. This support has directly resulted in:

- Maintaining long-term recovery (4 years clean).
- Enrolling in post-secondary education.
- Successfully exiting commercial sexual exploitation for 4.5 years.
- Completing trauma therapy.
- Obtaining and maintaining full-time employment.
- Obtaining and maintaining stable housing.
- Finally feeling valued, humanized, supported.

I have broken free of active addiction, homelessness, and domestic violence. I feel empowered and capable today."

– **Kyra Doubek** is a sex trafficking survivor and advocate with the Organization for Prostitution Survivors, a local grassroots non-profit organization founded by survivors to support survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.