

**CITY OF DAVIS**  
**2002-2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

**Organization Name:** Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center

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**Total Proposal Request:** \$ 10,000

(Check one)  On-going Support  New Project

**CDBG Eligible Category:** Public Services  
(See List A)

**National Objective Compliance/Low and Mod Benefit:** Limited Clientele  
(See List B)

**City Council Identified Critical Needs:** (See List C)

- 1) Homeless Prevention Services: emergency shelter.
- 2) Mental Health Services: crisis-intervention.
- 3) Youth: abuse prevention.

PUBLIC SERVICE

NON-PUBLIC SERVICE

**Beneficiary Information:**

84-96 Total number of beneficiaries in program

84-96 Total number of beneficiaries in program served with CDBG funds

80% Percentage of the CDBG beneficiaries with low/moderate income

\$ 80 Cost per CDBG beneficiary (CDBG Request/CDBG Beneficiaries)

## PROJECT NARRATIVE

### a. Need

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center of Yolo County serves those in need of crisis intervention, emergency shelter, advocacy and counseling as a result of experiencing any form of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. The reported incidences of domestic violence and sexual assault in Yolo County have closely paralleled statewide levels.

In the past, Davis law enforcement officers expressed frustration with domestic violence situations when a batterer is arrested for violent behavior, while the victim and any children in the family are left without support resources or information on how to remedy their situation. The batterer returns to the family when released from jail and the cycle of violence continues, again adding to the frustrations of the law enforcement officers.

For the last two years, the Center received Davis CDBG funding which made it possible to bring a Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) advocate in to work with the Davis Police Department. The DVRT program consists of a domestic violence advocate who works at the police department with police officers. The advocate reviews domestic violence incident and crime reports, follows up with the victims, provides emergency call-out assistance as needed, and educates and informs the police department about domestic violence victim advocacy.

Family violence is cyclical. Intervention on behalf of the victim can be crucial in breaking that violent and repetitive cycle. Law enforcement officers lack the resources necessary to manage both the offender and the victim, which creates a significant gap in the family's successful and safe transition out of the cycle of violence. In the spirit of collaboration, the Center, with the help of the city of Davis, is able to provide immediate assistance, intervention, and the support needed to help the growing number of Davis residents who are victims of domestic violence break out of the cycle.

### b. Benefit

The DVRT works only with victims of domestic violence. According to HUD's national objectives (RFP, pg. 98), battered spouses presumably meet the criteria for low or moderate-income persons. Therefore, the CDBG funds awarded to this program will benefit only those they are ideally intended for.

The estimated cost per beneficiary of DVRT services in Davis is \$ 92 per family served. An estimated 84-96 Davis residents will be served in the year ahead, 80% of whom will have low incomes. Many victims of domestic violence fear the possibility of homelessness if they were to leave their batterer. This program seeks to provide those resources necessary in order for victims to leave successfully and not to experience that reality. In addition, the shelter program includes assistance and support in acquiring more permanent housing.

Until this program began, victims of domestic violence in the city of Davis had to search on their own for resources that could help them both understand and change their situations. Now, having an advocate working closely with the Davis Police Department ensures that victims receive support, counseling, and resources, including emergency shelter if necessary, which assist them in safely breaking the repetitive cycle of family violence, regardless of their ability to pay.

The cycle of violence often leaves the victim in a debilitated state where she may be unable to function well enough to maintain her job, take care of her children, or even seek necessary medical care for herself or her children. Some of the long-term effects of violence in the home manifest in behavioral problems, medical costs from injuries and chemical dependency, emotional crises, and lost work time for employers. All of these symptoms place a heavy demand on social, health, employment, and educational services in Yolo County.

When victims have access to information regarding the cycle of violence and other counseling, legal, and employment resources they begin to learn that there are alternatives to living with family violence. Even if a victim does not immediately leave her batterer, she will begin to take the steps necessary to help herself and her children escape from their seemingly desperate situation. This in turn alleviates many of the demands placed on county services, and effectively will begin to break the pervasive cycles of domestic violence in Yolo County.

### **c. Other Resources and Collaboration**

Center programs are able to provide services free of charge because of additional funding sources secured by the Center. These include the State Department of Health Services, Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, State Office of Criminal Justice Planning, private donations, foundation and charitable corporation donations, and volunteer services. It is this combination of financial resources, together with the Davis CDBG funding, that enables us to reach as many people as cost effectively as we do.

Volunteers also play a vital role in supporting many Center programs. Volunteers perform duties ranging from answering the crisis line or assisting with walk-in crisis clients, to helping with administrative duties at the Center. Each volunteer completes an intensive state-mandated training program prior to having any client contact.

To ensure the effective provision of service for our clients, the Center works closely with other social service, law enforcement, and mental health agencies. The Center maintains operational agreements with over thirty other agencies throughout the county. Agency staff members participate in various local and statewide coalitions such as the Family Violence Prevention Council, the Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Committee, the Mental Health Practitioners Round Table, and the Davis Police Department Community Advisors. The Davis DVRT program has been developed in collaboration with the Davis Police Department and with the West Sacramento and Woodland DVRT programs and is one of only a handful of victim advocacy programs of this type in California.

### **d. Organizational Capacity**

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center is one of Yolo County's well-established non-profit organizations, serving this community for 25 years. The mission of the Center is *to eliminate sexual assault and domestic violence through sensitive prevention, intervention, and treatment*. Originally established in a small apartment in Davis, today the Center has grown to provide extensive services throughout Yolo County.

The Center offers a number of services specific to the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Each service is designed to further the Center's mission and help each individual progress beyond her/his traumatic experience. The core programs of the center are:

**24-hour Crisis Line -**

crisis intervention phone services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence

**Wallace & Vannucci Emergency Shelter -**

emergency shelter and programs for battered women and their children

**CARE (Concerned Advocates Responding to Emergencies) -**

hospital and court accompaniment for victims of sexual assault

**DVRT (Domestic Violence Response Team) -**

advocacy on behalf of victims of domestic violence through a partnership with law enforcement

**Counseling Programs -**

support for adults and children affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault or abuse

**Alternatives to Violence Program -**

52 week anger management program for batterers

**Legal Advocacy Program -**

legal advocacy for battered women in need of obtaining a domestic violence restraining order

**Community Education and Outreach Programs -**

presentations on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and child abuse

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center fills a unique niche in the continuum of public services available to the residents of Yolo County. If the Center did not exist, battered women with their children fleeing from their partners would have to travel to Sacramento, Solano County, or the Bay Area to find safe shelter, counseling, legal assistance, and other support services. In many cases, each of the referenced

service areas is filled to capacity with residents of their own communities and cannot serve out of county clients.

As the sole provider of domestic violence and sexual assault services in Yolo County, the Center employs 30 staff members and more than 20 volunteers who ensure that all who seek help at the Center are assisted in a professional, safe, and caring manner. In the past year, over 3,000 individuals utilized Center services and participated in programs. The volunteer Board of Directors provides fiscal oversight and policy direction to the Executive Director. All members of the Board support the Center financially through annual donations.

[See attachment for list of current Board members.]

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **a. Project Description** (Activity Summary: Describe the activities of the proposed budget)

This project will fund a part-time DVRT advocate who will continue to work in a partnership with the Davis Police Department to provide advocacy to victims of family violence in the Davis community. The advocate will review police domestic violence incident and crime reports and make contact with the victims as part of the follow-up services. The advocate will provide initial crisis intervention, risk assessment, and safety planning, including emergency shelter for the victim and any children in the family. Other services may include peer counseling, advocacy, accompaniments, transportation, referrals, and help with the criminal and/or family court process. Referrals may include food, clothing, medical service, counseling, legal advocacy, CPS, APS, Victim/Witness, or other services as needed. Accompaniment on police emergency domestic violence call-outs will also be provided as necessary. Education and information will be available for officers in the department and for the community at large through presentations and trainings about domestic violence and DVRT services.

The estimated cost per beneficiary of DVRT services in Davis is \$ 92 per family served. An estimated 84-96 Davis residents will be served in the year ahead, 80% of whom will have low incomes. Many victims of domestic violence fear the possibility of homelessness if they were to leave their batterer. This program seeks to provide those resources necessary in order for victims to leave successfully and not to experience that reality. In addition, the shelter program includes assistance and support in acquiring more permanent housing.

Services such as the ones provided by the DVRT are not currently available to the citizens of Davis through any other organization. With the help of CDBG funding, we will be able to continue offering these services in the year to come.

### **b. Target Group**

The Domestic Violence Response Team will serve 84-96 families in Davis in the coming year, an average of 7-8 per month.

All clients potentially meet HUD's national objectives for low- or moderate-income level due to the presumption that battered spouses fit the criteria (RFP, pg 98).

At least 80% of all clients served through the DVRT program will be very low-income persons based on CDBG guidelines.

### **c. Outreach**

Outreach efforts for the Davis DVRT will include:

- Representation on the Family Violence Prevention Council
- Representation on the Yolo County Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Committee
- DVRT trainings for law enforcement agencies
- Newspaper articles in Yolo County
- DVRT presentations to outside agencies and at community events and health fairs

## TIMELINE

### **Work Plan** (Identify activities and completion dates)

<u>List Activity</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
1. Review police reports and contact victims for follow-up  Examples of services available upon contact, depending on need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Crisis intervention</li><li>▪ Risk assessment</li><li>▪ Safety planning</li><li>▪ Emergency housing</li><li>▪ Peer counseling</li><li>▪ Advocacy</li><li>▪ Accompaniment</li><li>▪ Transportation</li><li>▪ Referrals</li></ul> ➤ Average number of clients assisted each month: 7 - 8 clients	On-going
2. Provide assistance to officers on emergency domestic violence call-outs  ➤ Estimated number during grant year (dependent on law enforcement initiation): 6 call-outs	On-going
3. Increase awareness in the Davis community and provide information to law enforcement officers through domestic violence trainings and presentations  ➤ Minimum of 4 trainings and/or presentations during grant year (minimum of one per quarter)	On-going
4. Promote visibility and awareness of the Davis DVRT program through collaborative forums and media <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Family Violence Prevention Council</li><li>▪ Yolo County Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Committee</li><li>▪ Yolo County newspaper articles/press releases</li></ul> ➤ Monthly representation at council and committee meetings ➤ Minimum of 2 articles and/or press releases during the grant year	On-going

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**BUDGET SUMMARY\***

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Proposed Project</b>	<b>Other Sources</b>	<b>Total</b>
A. Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,500	\$ 49,500	\$ 56,000
B. Fringe Benefits @ 20%	\$ 1,300	\$ 9,900	\$ 11,200
C. Consultant/Contract Services			
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>	<b>\$ 59,400</b>	<b>\$ 67,200</b>
D. Office Rent	\$ (Davis Police Dept.)	(Other Police Depts.)	
E. Utilities	\$ (Davis Police Dept.)	(Other Police Depts.)	
F. Telephone and Pager	\$ 500	\$ 924	\$ 1,424
G. Office Supplies	\$ -0-	\$ 150	\$ 150
H. Equipment	\$ (Davis Police Dept.)	(Other Police Depts.)	
I. Printing/Duplication	\$ (Davis Police Dept.)	(Other Police Depts.)	
J. Travel/Conferences (mileage)	\$ 360	\$ 980	\$ 1,340
K. Other (Training)	\$ 600	\$ 400	\$ 1000
<b>TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,460</b>	<b>&gt; \$ 2,054</b>	<b>&gt; \$ 3,514</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 9,260</b>	<b>&gt; \$ 61,454</b>	<b>&gt; \$ 70,714</b>

\* Please note that the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center has a variety of both different programs and different funding sources. This table reflects the costs and funding of only the Domestic Violence Response Team advocacy program.

**Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center**  
**Board of Directors**  
February 2002

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Member Since</u>
<b>Nick Concolino</b> , President	Law Enforcement Consultant	Mar 96
<b>Shannon Gilley</b> , Vice President		Dec 98
<b>Linda Hughes</b> , Secretary	Manager, UC Davis Internship and Career Center	Jul 99
<b>Wendy Rodriguez</b> , Treasurer	Therapist	Aug 96
<b>Jill Dohleman</b>	Intellectual Property Assistant	Jul 01
<b>Shannon Gilley</b>	Quality Enhancement Supervisor	Aug 01
<b>Ray Rodriguez</b>	Professor	Aug 96