

CITY OF DAVIS
2005-2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Organization Name: Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center

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Total Proposal Request: \$ 9,000

(Check one) On-going Support New Project

CDBG Eligible Category: Public Service
(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:

111 Total number of beneficiaries in program
100 Number of beneficiaries in program to be served with **CDBG** funds
85% Percentage of the **CDBG** beneficiaries with low/moderate income
\$90 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 three years, the Center received Davis CDBG funding that 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 \$90 per family served. An estimated 100 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 Emergency Services; 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. Prior to having any client contact, each volunteer completes an intensive state-mandated training program.

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 30 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.

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 \$ 90 per family served. An estimated 100 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 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 100 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

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Work Plan (Identify activities and completion dates)

<u>List Activity</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Review police reports and contact victims for follow-up	On-going
Provide assistance to officers on emergency domestic violence call-outs	On-going
Increase awareness in the Davis community and provide information to law enforcement officers through domestic violence trainings and presentations	On-going
Promote visibility and awareness of the Davis DVRT program through collaborative forums and media	On-going

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

ACTIVITY <small>(What the program does to fulfill its mission)</small>	INDICATOR <small>(The direct products of program activities)</small> Service #s	OUTCOME <small>(Benefits that result from the program)</small>
Review police reports and contact victims for follow-up	a. 10 – 15 Crimes Reports, per month, will be reviewed and followed up on to make contact with the party listed as the “victim”. b. 7 – 10 of those contacted will be provided ongoing direct services after the initial contact.	Persons victimized by domestic violence will receive immediate educational and support assistance to increase their and their children’s immediate safety. They will be provided with an advocate knowledgeable of the criminal justice system to provide support during court appearances requiring their testimony or presence. Persons contacted will also receive immediate assistance in entering SADVC’s emergency shelter program if they are fleeing the abuser.
Provide assistance to officers on emergency domestic violence call-outs	5 – 10 patrol officers will call the advocate to provide immediate assistance to a victim during the reporting process during the grant year. An advocate will respond and provide assistance either in person or over the phone.	Officers will learn first hand the importance of collaborating with a domestic violence advocate in responding to a victim in crisis and at immediate risk of further abuse. The victim will receive support and options immediately and begin the process of establishing a trusting relationship with the advocate.
Increase awareness in the Davis community and provide information to law enforcement officers through domestic violence trainings and presentations	Advocate to provide 4 presentations to community organizations and law enforcement officers during the grant year. Advocate to review materials distributed to update for accuracy; will create new awareness materials when needed.	The community of Davis will be better educated to detect and respond to domestic violence when it is encountered in their workplaces or neighborhoods. Victim safety will increase as more people know about SADVC and options for victims of domestic violence.
Promote visibility and awareness of the Davis DVRT program through collaborative forums and media	The community of Davis will be better educated to detect and respond to domestic violence when it is encountered in their workplaces or neighborhoods. Victim safety will increase as more people know about SADVC and options for victims of domestic violence.	Same as Activity 3.

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BUDGET SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED PROJECT*

Budget Category	Proposed Project “CDBG Portion”	Other Sources	Total
A. Salaries and Wages	\$9,000	\$14,520	\$23,520
B. Fringe Benefits		\$ 5,880	\$ 5,880
C. Consultant/Contract Services			
TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET	\$9,000	\$20,400	\$29,400
D. Office Rent			In-kind
E. Utilities			In-kind
F. Telephone (cell)		\$480	\$480
G. Office Supplies		\$250	\$250
H. Equipment			In-kind
I. Printing/Duplication		\$200	\$200
J. Travel/Conferences		\$500	\$500
K. Other (Specify) Training		\$400	\$400
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET	\$9,000	\$1,830	\$1,830
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$9,000	\$22,230	\$31,230

* Please revise this form and annotate budget items as needed

NEW REQUIREMENTS: All applicants are requested to submit a copy of their organization’s Operating Budget.

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CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY*

Budget Category	Proposed Budget	Other Sources	Total
Project Development Wages and Salaries Fringe Benefits Materials Other Costs			
Land Acquisition			
Design Consulting Fees Materials Other Costs			
Final Development Wages and Salaries Fringe Benefits Materials Soft Costs Carrying Costs Fees Permits Other Costs			
Renovation or Construction Electrical Plumbing Heating Interior Rehabilitation Exterior Rehabilitation Grounds Improvements Framing Rough Finish			
Maintenance Grounds Other Maintenance			
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET			

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