

2006 – 2007 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization: **Citizens Who Care**
Project Title: **In-Home Respite Program** **\$ 10,000**

1. Describe in detail how your CDBG RFP differs from other CBDG RFP's.

The In-Home Respite Program is unique in Yolo County. Citizens Who Care serves a different population than most of the other agencies in Davis. Our population is the frail elderly who have some form of medical condition or disability that requires constant care. In the case of our In-Home Respite, as well as the Time-Off Program, the client's spouse or other family member usually provides the care.

2. Describe in detail how your CDBG RFP supplements other CBDG RFP's

The In-Home Respite Program can supplement the care provided by Yolo Adult Day Health Center. The YADHC program is different, but we do serve the same population.

3. Describe in detail your efforts to coordinate with other CDBG agencies similar resources

Because our volunteers visit clients for two hours a week and a nurse checks in with the families periodically, we are able to assess their needs and make appropriate referrals. We closely coordinate our efforts with Yolo Adult Day Health Center. We also coordinate services with Yolo Hospice, Elderly Nutrition Program and the Senior Citizens of Davis, Inc.

4. Describe how you can lower the percentage of CDBG funding attributed to personnel and increase funding attributed to services to your CDBG beneficiaries. In your response, describe how increasing the percentage of any CDBG funding toward services would affect all other funding sources for your CDBG project,

Most of our funding goes to providing direct services by the program personnel. In the In-Home Respite Program, the primary paid staff is our Assessment Nurse. She provides a direct service to the clients in assessing their needs and matching them to a volunteer. The home visits are made by our volunteers who receive training, client matching, and support from the Volunteer Coordinator.

5. Describe your efforts to collaborate with other service agencies outside of Davis, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs who could contract with Citizens Who Care to assist families needing respite care.

We welcome contact and collaboration with all outside service agencies. We actively seek families needing in-home respite for caregivers. We leave our literature at all the hospitals and contact their discharge nurses, so that they can inform the discharge patients of our services. We try to get the word out through service organizations, churches, and the Davis Senior Center. And, we accept referrals from any knowledgeable agency in the County. However, as this application is to fund services to Davis citizens, we did not include our services and programs in other parts of the County.

Thank you for your suggestion for contacting the Department of Veteran Affairs. We always welcome and appreciate referral/contact information to be shared with our program directors and nursing staff.

6. What is the relationship between your In-home Respite and the Time-Off Program?

The same assessment nurse serves both programs; she always explains both programs to all prospective participants. In-home respite clients are eligible for Time-off and, when appropriate, the nurse will refer them to the Time-off program. The nurse will also confer with the Time-off program director to ensure that the current staff and volunteers can provide appropriate service. In recent years, the number of such clients may have been a total of 5-8 persons.

7. Are the same clients served by both services?

Some clients participate in both services. Due to medical and/or mobility conditions, the majority of clients in each program participate only in one of the programs.

8. What other sources of funding have been sought out?

We use a variety of sources to supplement the budget, which is 70% funded by community donors. CWC receives significant support from individuals, charitable organizations, and businesses in the Davis community. In addition to the use of CDBG funds, CWC is supported through financial and in-kind donations, program fees (for Time-Off), and a small amount of funds from an Area 4 Agency on Aging grant. Local organizations, including All Things Right and Relevant, Senior Citizens of Davis, Inc., and Soroptimists International have donated funds to CWC. The agency benefited from a one-time \$25,000 grant from Catholic Healthcare West in 2004, and is currently seeking other grants. Past support has come from United Way California Capitol Region, The California Endowment, Sierra Health Foundation, and Sacramento Regional Foundation.

Staff and Board members constantly review philanthropic literature, journals for non-profits, and other available information in search of additional funds. In addition to the City of Davis CDBG funds, we are also applying to three other granting organization.