

**CITY OF DAVIS**  
**2006-2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

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

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**Total Proposal Request:** \$ 8,500

(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:**

110 Total number of beneficiaries in program  
100 Number of beneficiaries in program to be served with **CDBG** funds  
90% Percentage of the **CDBG** beneficiaries with low/moderate income  
\$90 Cost (\$) per **CDBG** beneficiary (CDBG Request/CDBG Beneficiaries)

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

### **a. Need**

It can be frustrating for law enforcement when dealing with domestic violence situations. Officers express frustration when responding to domestic violence call outs. They are able to arrest the batterer for violent behavior, but 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 law enforcement.

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. Investigations become challenging when a victim doesn't have a supportive resource system (family, friends, advocate) to fall back in and is unaware of potential options for safety and financial independence causing a crisis to intensify.

For the last four years, SADVC has received Davis CDBG funding, making it possible to bring a Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) advocate in to work with the Davis Police Department (DPD). The DVRT reviews domestic violence incident and crime reports and follows up with the victims, provides emergency call-out assistance as needed, and educates and informs the police department about domestic violence victim advocacy. The DVRT's response to victim needs, compliments evidence collection by DPD, ensuring offender accountability, protecting victims, easing trauma, and helping those whose lives are affected by domestic violence gain access to appropriate services and information.

The City of Davis CDBG funds allow those residents of Davis, that are affected by violence in the home, to break the cycle and provide safety not only for their family, but also for their neighborhood and community. When violence occurs it is everyone's problem.

### **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 placement of a DVRT in the DPD has been instrumental in providing safety for those families impacted by the effect of domestic violence. Many victims of domestic violence fear the possibility of homelessness if they were to leave their batterer. This program provides resources necessary for victims to leave successfully and not to experience that reality. Many survivors assisted by the Davis CDBG funded position, who could not stay in their home due to it being unsafe, were provided emergency shelter at the safehouse located in Davis. Over 90% of Davis residents assisted by the DVRT in the 2005-2006 Davis CDBG funding cycle were considered very-low or extremely low income. Those families that had needs beyond our scope of service were referred out to agencies that could assist them.

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 CDBG Program allows the community of Davis to be a little safer for all.

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

SADVC provides services free of charge due to 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 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 SADVC. 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, SADVC works closely with other social service, law enforcement, and mental health agencies. SADVC maintains operational agreements with over 30 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, and the Davis Police Department Community Advisors. The Davis DVRT program has been developed in collaboration with the Davis Police Department and the West Sacramento and Woodland DVRT programs and is one of only a few 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 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.

As the sole provider of domestic violence services in Yolo County, the Center employs 36 staff members and more than 30 volunteers who ensure that all who seek help at the Center are assisted in a professional, safe, and caring manner. The volunteer Board of Directors provides fiscal oversight and policy direction to the Executive Director.

## 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 works in a partnership with the Davis Police Department to provide advocacy to victims of family violence in the Davis community.

The DVRT makes contact and offers advocacy to victims of domestic violence. The provision of advocacy services includes, but is not limited to: crisis intervention counseling, emergency shelter, resource and referral and restraining order assistance. She also promotes awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, and stalking related crimes through community outreach efforts.

Domestic violence crime reports will be provided to the DVRT within 2-5 days of the call. The report will be reviewed and the victim contacted by the DVRT. Routinely each victim is provided with a packet of educational and resource materials with sensitivity to their literacy and language needs. The DVRT works with those clients willing to accept services and addresses their immediate safety needs, as well as establishes trust and rapport. The victim may decline services altogether or use them for months, depending on their needs.

Assistance in the form of developing a safety plan, referrals to potential services, crisis intervention and peer counseling will be provided by the DVRT. 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.

The DVRT will validate the victims' perspective, educate them about the cycle of abuse, create a dialog that will enable the victim to set goals and provide emergency assistance if necessary. By decreasing the victims feeling of isolation, the DVRT can gently guide the victim toward self-autonomy. If the victim expresses an interest in shelter, the DVRT can initiate the SADVC shelter admission process. If the victim wishes legal assistance, the advocate can contact SADVC's legal advocacy program for what she cannot do herself. On Monday's the clinic is held at the DPD station, facilitated by the DVRT. The victim is provided with a copy of their crime report to use as an attachment on the restraining order application. Court prep and accompaniment are provided. The DVRT will follow every case as long as possible, providing advocacy and support, as long as they remain in the justice system or within SADVC's system of services, as long as the family remains at-risk and in the city. All services are provided in both English and Spanish; victims with physical disabilities are accommodated in accordance with their needs; and persons with literacy or developmental delays are provided individual services to work at their own pace.

The DVRT has the ability to bring law enforcements attention to a victim's non-traditional needs. She provides a bridge for victims to become their own advocates with DPD and the court system. The greatest strength the advocate gives the DPD is the ability to see each victim on her own merits, to brainstorm unique solutions to the "present" crisis and to work with each victim based on their individual needs instead of becoming frustrated with adverse outcomes. The DPD and the DVRT coordinate services on behalf of the victim and her children that address safety first and improvements to the quality of their lives second. The 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 who 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. SADVC has a safehouse located in the city of Davis. Those that are made homeless due to domestic violence and are

eligible for the program are provided emergency shelter. In addition, the shelter program includes assistance and support in acquiring more permanent housing.

The DVRT will promote the awareness of domestic violence through its community outreach efforts. 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 DPD and SADVC DVRT will continue to impact vast numbers of domestic violence victims at risk of harm by maintaining the commitment of responding to these cases with a collaborative approach designed to consistently adhere to county-wide response protocols that maximize offender accountability while simultaneously educating the female crime victim on personal safety and community resources.

**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.

At least 90% 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
- DVRT presentations to Yolo County advocacy agencies that provide services to Davis residents
- Presence at fairs and events held in the community of Davis

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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

<u>List Activity</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review police reports and contact victims for follow-up</li> <li>• Provide assistance to officers on emergency domestic violence call-outs</li> <li>• Increase awareness around domestic violence and provide information through on-going trainings for law enforcement officers and conduct presentations to residents of Davis as well as social service agencies whom provide services to residents of Davis</li> </ul>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>

## PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

<b>ACTIVITY</b> <small>(What the program does to fulfill its mission)</small>	<b>INDICATOR</b> <small>(The direct products of program activities) Service #s</small>	<b>OUTCOME</b> <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 assistance to increase their and their children’s safety. The DVRT is knowledgeable of the criminal justice system and will provide support during court appearances. Victims will receive immediate assistance in entering SADVC’s emergency shelter program if they are fleeing the abuser. Improve quality of life for program participants.
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	The community of Davis will be more knowledgeable in detection and response to domestic violence. Victim safety will increase as more people become aware of SADVC and options for victims of domestic violence.

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*BUDGET SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED PROJECT\**

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Proposed Project “CDBG Portion”</b>	<b>Other Sources</b>	<b>Total</b>
A. Salaries and Wages	\$8,500	\$20,165	\$28,665
B. Fringe Benefits		\$ 5,733	\$ 5,733
C. Consultant/Contract Services			
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET</b>	\$8,500	\$25,898	\$34,398
D. Office Rent			In-kind
E. Utilities			In-kind
F. Telephone		\$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
<b>TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET</b>	\$0	\$1,830	\$1,830
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	\$8,500	\$27,728	\$36,228

**\* Please revise this form and annotate budget items as needed**

*NEW REQUIREMENTS:* All applicants are requested to submit a copy of their organizations Operating Budget.

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**CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY\***

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

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