

Answers to CDBG questions

Organization: **Yolo Community Care Continuum**

Farmhouse

1. Does the \$24,047 cover the entire cost of the project?

YCCC is putting in \$1,500 of fund-raised monies into this project.

2. What outer sources of funding have been explored for this project?

We've looked at private grants but have not found any match for this type of project.

3. Describe in detail why you are requesting 90% funding from the City of Davis CDBG and 10% from all other sources.

YCCC has not been able to identify another source that will pay for a capital improvement project. Because the funding environment for mental health services has been so dismal for the last five years, YCCC has had to use monies raised from fundraising to keep program operations going. Our maintenance for all of our buildings has been deferred during this time period. CDBG was the only source we could find to complete this much needed project.

4. CDBG funding is required to be used for current CDBG beneficiaries. What is the actual Cost/CDBG Beneficiary for the year (2006-2007)? How can you reduce that cost?

The actual cost per beneficiary for 2006 – 2007 is \$3,005. We could reduce that cost by finding a less expensive roofer. We did receive one bid, after the CDBG deadline for \$18,000. Going with this bid would reduce the cost to \$2,250 per person.

New Dimensions

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

Our proposal differs because YCCC is the only agency which provides services to Davis residents who suffer from a severe mental illness.

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

YCCC's housing program houses individuals who come from Pine Tree Gardens and from Davis Community Meals. This allows these agencies to discharge their clients to a lower level of care (less expensive) and to serve more Davis residents.

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

As described above, YCCC's housing program is a step-down for Pine Tree and DCM. YCCC collaborates with DCM and the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center through work on the homeless coalition, including sharing grant resources, and implementing a county-wide client data base for ease of client referral.

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 CDBG funding toward services would affect all other funding sources for your CDBG project.

First, the position funded through CDBG provides direct service to the CDBG beneficiaries. The support services provided by staff are directly linked to the success of the resident in housing.

YCCC has asked for an increase this year because we will be housing an additional 21 Davis residents this year through the acquisition of the Homestead Co-op. The sad reality is that while there is funding through the state to build or acquire new properties, the funding for support services has decreased. In order to continue to provide the excellent housing service that YCCC is known for, YCCC needs to ask for increases in support from our funding sources. We are also actively looking for new funding sources.

So, the answer to your question is that an increase from CDBG will not impact our other funding sources – we are also asking for increase from them as well.

5. Is the grant request related to the support services coordination required in the Supportive Housing Program funding at Homestead?

Yes, see above. Although, YCCC does count on the annual support we receive from CDBG for our other Davis supported housing sites.

6. Why isn't the funding offered by ADMH adequate to fund the staffing model for NDSH.

ADMH has reduced funds to YCCC and all other mental health contractors due to budget cut-backs at the State level. This has been going on for the last three years. All mental health contractors are scraping by to just keep the core services which we have identified as being critical for our clients. Supportive Housing is one of those core services.