

2006 – 2007 CDBG Applicant Questions and Responses

Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services Application for Homeless Coordination

Note: Responses are based on clarification of the questions provided by city staff.

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

RESPONSE: Upon the request of city staff, this year the proposal separates the two components of the Homeless Coordination Project (previously 100% Administration). Funding for the Cold Weather Shelter component is being requested under Public Services and funding for the Homeless Coordinator is being requested under Administration.

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

RESPONSE: The county Cold Weather Shelter provides a clean and sober environment for individuals and families seeking shelter from winter weather conditions. It is open from mid November to mid March, providing a minimum of 20 beds per night from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 a.m., seven days per week. The shelter is open to all persons, regardless of race, religion, sex, and age, and any denial of access to the shelter must be based upon adopted guest policies related to behavior, intoxication, protection of minors, and/or lack of need criteria.

Based on the number of homeless individuals and families identified in the 2005 Yolo County Homeless Census, the additional cold weather shelter beds provided in Davis will still not meet the need. Additionally, it is our understanding that the Davis shelter does not require that its guests be clean and sober, making the county shelter particularly important for families with children seeking services. Finally, the dates of operation overlap, but are not identical and together would provide more comprehensive coverage of the cold weather months.

In addition to providing funding for the main Cold Weather Shelter, this proposal funds efforts to coordinate the services of homeless and low income providers in Yolo County. The County also uses funds from its own CDBG and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to fill funding gaps for others agencies applying for CDBG funding.

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

RESPONSE: DESS works closely with the Yolo County Homeless Coalition, providing staff support and attending all scheduled meetings. The Department also maintains the contract for Homeless Coordination and monitors progress toward meeting its goals. It is a primary goal of the Coalition and the Department

to provide needed services with little or no duplication in order to maximize both public and private resources.

4. Describe in detail how you offset the proportionate cost to the City of Davis from your CDBG program from programs funded by the City of Davis which the County also utilizes (i.e. Davis Cold Weather Shelter).

RESPONSE: The Homeless Coordination Project is a contractual Agreement between the four cities and the county. Each partner pays a proportion of the cost based on total population estimates from the U.S. Census. It is up to each city to decide how they will fund the Project. Historically, the City of Davis has funded its share of cost with the CDBG. The current Agreement ends in June 2006. The county is in the process of setting up negotiations for another Agreement.

The City's share of cost in the Project is not reduced by the amount it contributes to the new cold weather shelter in Davis. The shelter was established in an effort to help meet the need for beds this year as the Wayfarer Center's new facility was still under construction. As stated above, Project negotiations for PY2006/2007 are pending.

5. Describe why your CDBG RFP fails to include an Operating Budget and a completed the section for Beneficiary Information identifying the number of beneficiaries, percentages of CDBG beneficiaries with low moderate income and Cost/CDBG Beneficiary?

RESPONSE: Until this year, both components of the Homeless Coordination Project application were submitted for consideration under Administration, which does not require that we complete these sections. This year, upon the request of city staff, the application requests funding for the Cold Weather Shelter from Public Service funds and the Homeless Coordinator from Administration funds.

- For PY2005/2006, the Cold Weather Shelter budgeted \$6,000 for Supplies/Operation costs and \$35,520 for Staff.
- For PY2005/2006, the shelter will serve approximately 203 unduplicated individuals (beneficiaries) and provide approximately 1,348 bed nights.
- 100% of the beneficiaries are low income.
- The cost per beneficiary is \$205 (\$41,520/203 beneficiaries).