

CITY OF DAVIS

2009-2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

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Total Proposal Request: \$ 11,898

(Check one) On-going Support New Project

CDBG Eligible Category: Housing/ Special Activities
(See List A)

National Objective Compliance/Low and Mod Benefit: Limited Clientele
(See List B)

City Council Identified Critical Needs: (See List C)

- 1) Supportive Housing for the disabled
- 2) Life skills for low income adults with disabilities
- 3) Removal of architectural barriers for very low income people with disabilities

PUBLIC SERVICE NON-PUBLIC SERVICE

Beneficiary Information:

21 Total number of beneficiaries in program
21 Number of beneficiaries in program to be served with **CDBG** funds
100% Percentage of the **CDBG** beneficiaries with low/moderate income
\$566.57 Cost (\$) per **CDBG** beneficiary (CDBG Request/CDBG Beneficiaries)

PROJECT NARRATIVE

a. Need

Statistics provided by the U.S. Census Bureau in the Census 2000 Summary of Social, Economic and Housing Characteristics support the previously described findings, further refining the definition and focusing specifically on the population to be served.

These statistics indicate that 75.3% (54,837) of the 2000 population in the City of Davis were classified as non-elderly/non-institutionalized and between the ages of 16-64. Of this population, 4% (2,216) reported having a disability (sensory, physical, mental, self-care, go-outside-the-home and/or employment). Within this group, 63% (1,395) reported having two or more types of disability; 14.6% (323) had two or more types of disability, including a self-care disability and 21.5% (477) had an employment disability, combined with a go-outside-the-home disability.

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) would like to build a more direct pathway from the apartment building to retail and transportation. Currently, there is a gate in the back of the property and beyond the gate there are large plants and dirt for about 15 feet. As of now, residents have to take an inconvenient three block radius jaunt from the building to these amenities. This is a chore for mobility impaired adults.

The building has a resident committee. They would like to be able to use the community room in the building for more functions and educational experiences. The furniture in the community room is old and dirty now. In order to teach computer classes, they would like a couple computers and printers.

b. Benefit

The project benefits very low incomes adults with mobility impairments to more easily access retail, transportation and other amenities. New computers will help residents learn how to use technology and allow them to become more self-sufficient when it comes to seeking job opportunities, education, and teach them in general on how to use the technology. New furniture would make the community room a more usable and presentable space for residents to have tenant council meetings and discuss issues that mobility impaired adults face.

For a relatively small grant request, this project fits several of the critical needs listed as priorities in section 7. It improves access to transportation, improves life skills by teaching the residents how to use technology to help themselves, and this would contribute what is all ready an established apartment building designated specifically for very low income adults with mobility impairments.

c. Other Resources and Collaboration

Because of the size of the grant, we are looking to be fully funded by the community development block grant. However, Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) would contribute by teaching the residents how to use the computers to help them find job opportunities or do other things that are necessary to do by the use of a computer. The tenant council meetings are run by the residents, but ASI will lend any support needed to help the residents with their meetings.

All though there may be other programs that teach low-income people how to use technology, there is nothing like having the technology on site for residents to use, especially mobility impaired adults that have a more challenging time getting from point A to point B. Making the community room more appealing will make residents want to utilize it more, which will get residents to interact even more than they all ready do. A new "short-cut" walkway will encourage residents to get out more.

d. Organizational Capacity

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) currently provides accessible, subsidized housing and a broad range of support services to very low-income adults with severe physical disabilities and brain injuries. ASI serves individuals with spinal cord injuries resulting in quadriplegia and paraplegia, traumatic brain injury, amputation, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, congenital deformities, stroke, ataxia, post-polio, muscular dystrophy and other orthopedic, neurological and muscular disorders. ASI serves over 2,284 consumers and provides extended services and referrals to over two thousand two hundred (2,400) individuals and family members. Services are provided in 110 residential homes and apartment settings in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and Greater Minnesota, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming. Additionally, adults with traumatic brain injuries are served in residential/day treatment rehabilitation programs in Las Vegas, Nevada. Please see attached list exhibit three of successful projects by ASI.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

a. Project Description (Activity Summary: Describe the activities of the proposed budget)

The project will involve the construction of a new walkway which will be more accessible and convenient for residents, A couple new computers and printers in the community room to educate residents on how to use technology to become more self-sufficient, and some new furniture in the community room to make it more user-friendly and presentable to residents, visitors and also for the use at tenant council meetings. All these benefits would cost under \$570 per head for the population of which the money would serve.

b. Target Group

The target group will be the 21 very low income residents with physical disabilities that reside at the apartment building.

c. Outreach

The outreach comes in to play when our staff trains residents who want to learn how to use computers.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Work Plan (Identify activities and completion dates)

List Activity

Clear brush and construct a more direct walking path

Purchase new computers and furniture and place in community room

Completion Date

1 month after funding received

2 weeks after funding received

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

ACTIVITY (What the program does to fulfill its mission)	INDICATOR (The direct products of program activities) Service #s	OUTCOME (Benefits that result from the program)
Provide a more accessible and direct walking path for 21 very low income individuals with physical disabilities in Davis	Construct an accessible and direct walking path for 21 very low income, mobility impaired adults in Davis	Improve access to transportation and retail, which improves the quality of residents' lives
Provide computers and printers to very low income people with physical disabilities in Davis	Place purchased computers in community room and train residents how to use the technology	Help residents become more self sufficient by showing them how to use technology
Provide new furniture to very low income people with disabilities in the apartment building community room.	Place purchased furniture in the community room for residents to use in tenant council meetings and for visitors	Improve residents' lives by giving them more pride when guests visit and by making the community room more user friendly for resident council meetings

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*BUDGET SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED PROJECT**

Budget Category	Proposed Project “CDBG Portion”	Other Sources	Total
A. Salaries and Wages	\$1,200 Administrative Fee		
B. Fringe Benefits	NA		
C. Consultant/Contract Services	NA		
<i>TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET</i>			\$0
D. Office Rent			
E. Utilities			
F. Telephone			
G. Office Supplies			
H. Equipment	\$7,000		
I. Printing/Duplication			
J. Travel/Conferences			
K. Other (Sidewalk/ Pathway)	\$3,698		
<i>TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET</i>			
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$11,898		

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

