

2002-2003 CDBG Questions and Responses

Name of Organization: Food Bank of Yolo County

Project Title: Emergency Food Distribution Program

Thank you for the opportunity to further explain the Food Bank of Yolo County's role in Davis. I understand there was confusion on why we serve the National Youth Sports Program at UC Davis. This is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization that serves the needy. 90% of the participants must meet low-income guidelines to participate. The other 10% are allowed to have higher family income. The purpose of the program is to provide low-income youth with sports and education activities for five weeks during the summer. They also educate youth about drugs. More than 450 youth were served last year.

Questions and responses:

1. How is the figure for the total number of Davis residents calculated?

Davis agencies served by the Food Bank submit monthly provider summary reports stating how many Davis residents were served that month, using food provided by the Food Bank. Over a 12-month period, the total numbers reported for 2001 were: 9,836 people (for the ETE program only). Following is a one-month glimpse of Davis agency reports showing 905 people being served. Most of these numbers fluctuate monthly.

Davis Community Meals: 431 people (changes monthly)

Families First: 57 people (changes monthly)

National Youth Sports Program: Not included in total number.

Progress Ranch: 12 people (the number is constant but it's not necessarily the same child each month)

Pine Tree Gardens East: 13 people (the same people each month)

Pine Tree Gardens West: 15 people (the same people each month)

Summer House, Davis: 11 people (the same people each month)

STEAC: 318 people (changes monthly)

Yolo Community Care Continuum: 48 people (the same people most of the time but fluctuates).

The Emergency Food Assistance Program provided food at Davisville Apartments, the Davis Senior Center and the Davis Migrant camp for an additional 8,942 residents or 745 people each month. This number may be inflated because we use a national norm of 3 people in each family. The majority of these families return each month for assistance because they cannot change their situation, i.e. the elderly on social security and unable to work. This number includes the Migrant Camp, which is open 7 months out of the year. In addition to families living at the camp, migrant families who were not fortunate to be placed at the camp also receive help. These would be the same families each month.

As I reviewed my numbers to answer this question, I realized I calculated the migrant numbers for the full 12 months but they are open only 7 months. Subtracting five months of service would bring the total down by about 1000 individuals. This brings the EFAP number to 7,942 individuals for the year or 662 people each month.

This would bring the total beneficiary to 17,778 and show that an average of 1,482 Davis residents seek aid each month. Some of these are duplicative throughout the year but those at emergency food closets would not be duplicative each month. Each agency has a different rule but most refuse to give aid each month, referring them to other resources in an effort to change their situation.

2. You indicated in your CDBG application that 100% of the 18,778 beneficiaries served by CDBG funding are Davis residents – which equates to 1/3 of Davis’ population. I feel that number is over-inflated. According to your application 9,836 Davis residents benefited from your program, making the difference of 8,942 duplicate residents who also qualified for your Emergency Food Assistance Program. Would you agree that is an accurate picture of CDBG beneficiaries?

The 9,836 figure is derived from the Davis agencies’ monthly provider summary report as explained above. The 8,942 figure is from the Emergency Food Assistance Program, also explained (and adjusted to 7,942) above. It is possible that individuals access both programs. However, the majority of the individuals seeking aid through the EFAP program are seniors and most likely they do not seek aid at any of the agencies listed above. The individuals at Families First, Progress Ranch and the homes for the mentally ill would not seek aid outside of those facilities and therefore are not represented in the EFAP numbers.

While these numbers are subject to fluctuation, I do agree that this is an accurate picture of CDBG beneficiaries. With my minor adjustment the cost per beneficiary is .03 cents higher at .67 (17,778 divided by \$12,000).

3. You state the Budget Summary attached to your CDBG application reflects only 12% of your total operating budget utilized by Davis residents. However, the City of Davis CDBG application process requires a completed total operating budget to be attached. Could you provide us with a complete total operating budget summary for further consideration of your CDBG request?

While I have been unable to find within the Program Guidelines and Application Forms submitted to us by the City of Davis a request for our operating budget, I am happy to provide this information. It is attached. You might also note that under Project Narrative, C, the other resources and collaboration lists our income from the 2001 audit showing we had a total income of \$370,322. The attached operating budget shows an anticipated expense of \$405,704.04. \$48,000 – the anticipated cost of providing about 200,000 pounds of food to Davis residents – is 12% of that total expense. We are asking for 25% of this cost from Davis CDBG, or \$12,000. We will locate other sources of funds for the remaining \$36,000 expense.