

CITY OF DAVIS
2003-2004 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS WITH RESPONSES

Name of Organization: Davis Community Meals
Project Title: Davis Community Meals-Meals/Shelter/Resource Center

If 131 unduplicated people stayed at the shelter last year and only 16 beds are available at the time, what was the average duration of the "residence" at the shelter for both transitional and shelter clients?

The average length of stay for individuals in our emergency shelter was 7 days and for individuals in our transitional housing program 84 days. For families in our family transitional housing program, the average length of stay was 209 days.

Is the DCM meal program entirely funded through contributions and grants?

Our meals program is funded entirely through contributions. We receive no grant funding to pay for expenses associated with the program. The program is staffed entirely by volunteers (except for executive director oversight), the majority of the food used in the program is donated from various sources, and St. Martin's donates the use of their church hall and pays any utility expenses incurred through our use of their facility.

How does DCM intend to fund the shelter/resource center if supportive housing program funds are not available after the current grant ends?

We currently have no contingency plans for this occurrence. Our SHP grant is effective for the entire 2003 calendar year. All of our other funding sources are secure for the bulk of the rest of this year. We do anticipate loss of EHAP funding in the amount of \$35,000 and are working to recoup this loss from fundraising and other grant sources. It is our understanding from recent review of the HUD website that the SHP program will exist in 2004 and that the Super NOFA for the Supportive Housing Program will be issued shortly.

What part of the requested CDBG funds will be used to meet the needs of homeless people ineligible for transitional housing or shelter?

Approximately \$2,870 of the requested salaries/wages and fringe benefits will be used to support the staff wages associated with our outreach program to homeless not currently sheltered, most of whom suffer from severe mental illness or substance abuse and would be ineligible for our current program. Many of these same individuals do use the services offered at our resource center and of the requested amount, approximately \$4,000 would pay the salary and benefits of our resource center coordinator and volunteer coordinator who work with these individuals. Of our non-personnel budget, approximately \$1,500 of the requested funding would be used towards resource center operating expenses.



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