

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

Name of Organization: Pine Tree Gardens, Inc.

Project Title: Supported Employment Program

1. Are residents of PTG supported work program clients of the State Dept. of Rehabilitation?

The Dept. of Rehabilitation has higher standards for “success” than almost anyone who lives in Board & Care would be able to accomplish.

2. Why is the supported work program not funded (or why could it not be funded), or funded adequately, through the Dept. of Rehabilitation?

The BEST program works mostly with clients living in the co-ops or other more independent settings.

3. How many are in the program?

The majority of clients are in the program.

4. \$686.00 per CDBG beneficiary seems high. Please explain the breakdown.

The \$686 figure is an average. Many clients are working one-on-one with PTG staff to accomplish paid chores. We have many clients that will need board and care indefinitely. PTG’s goal is to get each client to his or her highest level of independence. The Supported Employment Program is a huge incentive.

5. Does PTG receive any funding through the BEST Program?

PTG has supported BEST with a representative. BEST also works with State Dept. of Rehabilitation, which has very high standards for success. The majority of BEST clients live Semi-independently and are thus, higher functioning than the majority of PTG clients. The PTG program is a starting point for these clients.

6. Do all of the PTG residents participate in the program?

The majority of our clients do work in our Supported Employment Program. This entails paid jobs on PTG grounds or working with our gardening crew or our window washing group. Very often, by the time the client is ready to work independently in the community, they are also ready for a lesser level of care.

7. What does PTG estimate is the total earned on the average by each of the 32 program participants? Please respond per week, per month and per year.

The earned amount varies drastically, from \$4 or \$5 a week (folding towels, watering plants) to holding down a 20 hour a week job. If any of the state’s disabled clients earn more than \$499 per month, they are in danger of losing their disability benefits as well as their medical coverage. The City CDBG grant pays only for their supervisors and trainers. PTG pays the clients for all the in-house wages.