

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

Name of Organization: Yolo Adult Day Health Center
Project Title: Yolo Adult Day Health

1. **Would you describe your outreach programs to Davis Caregivers ie: support groups and private social worker support via Davis Senior Center.** YADHC has always reached out to Davis residents via brochure distribution, spot in monthly "Senior Connection" section of the Davis Enterprise and annual Caregiver Workshop at the Senior Center. In January of 2002, the Center implemented the Caregiver Support Program to further enhance outreach to caregivers. The program targets those who may not want or need day services but could benefit from one on one counseling, an additional support group at the Senior Center, assistance with placement options for a loved one and/or support with accessing other support services such as legal, Citizen's Who Care or medical assessments. A YADHC caregiver resource specialist is now available at the Senior Center once a week for three hours for consultations. In addition, the Resource Specialist makes home visits to accommodate families who may have difficulty getting to the Davis Senior Center. Lastly the Center now provides four Davis workshops each year for residents

2. **Now that the remodeling is in place will you be serving more people? Is there a waiting list?** The remodel which was just dedicated March 6th of this year will allow us to serve an additional five people per day which means will be able to increase enrollment by ten (as not all people attend 5 days/week). We currently have a waiting list of 36 individuals of which 12 are from Davis. The transportation only becomes more crucial as we add clients. It means more fuel and more driver time.

3. **CDBG cost/client is \$0.87 each way/client. Why would it not be feasible to charge this amount (\$1.74/day) to clients which would be well under paratransit cost of \$4.00/day?** Currently 36% of the Davis clients are low income and service cost reimbursement is covered by Medi-Cal. For these individuals, we are not able to charge an additional fee. The Medi-Cal rate of (\$68.54) includes transportation; however, the cost of providing service to one client for one day is \$85.58 therefore we are currently in the position to raise \$17.04 per participant day to cover actual costs. Last year, we provided 10,963 participant days which equated to raising an additional \$186,810 to cover costs. Grants, including the Davis CDGB funds, amounted to \$166,400. With the remainder (\$20,410) from private individual and community donations. Of course we did, unfortunately, end last year with a \$9471 deficit. In terms of passing on transportation costs to private pay clients, as the Center is facing a \$60,000 plus cut for this coming fiscal year, effective April 1,2003, we are raising daily rates from \$68/day to \$70/day for full adult day health services and for dementia clients \$35/day to \$48/day. This rate increase is significant and will clearly impact the number of days families will be able to use the program. This rate increase will generate, at most, \$20,000 which falls well short of the needed \$60,000. The Center plans to work with Friends of Adult Day Health Care and other donors to secure subsidy funds to ensure that families who need financial assistance receive an adequate number of respite days. To summarize, we are raising our rates this and passing on

additional costs to the families but if we attempted to pass on all costs, few could afford the program.

4. **Alternatively, why couldn't clients be charged based on a sliding scale so the average payment for all clients would be \$1.74/day?** As addressed in question 3, despite the increase in daily rates for families, given the fiscal shortfall of the coming year, not to mention the increase in fuel costs, we will not be able to cover the costs.
5. **How have recent fuel increases impacted adult day health transportation?** The cost of fuel is directly passed to the Center. On average we pay \$1100 per month for fuel with the price per gallon varying. Last year at this time we paid 1.45 per gallon. In February of this, year the cost/gallon was \$1.99. This represents a 27% increase which translated into an additional \$300 per month in our fuel bill! As the price per gallon increases, so will our direct costs.
6. **How has the recent YADHC facility enhancement impacted the demand for transportation?** The increase in space translates into the ability to serve an additional five people per day which means will be able to increase enrollment by ten (as not all people attend 5 days/week). The transportation only becomes more crucial as we add clients. It means more fuel and more driver time. We plan to accommodate the addition of participants utilizing the same number of vehicle we currently have in operation. The runs will essentially be maximized but we will always ensure at no time is any one individual on the bus for more than 90 minutes.