

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

Name of Organization: Yolo Community Care Continuum
Project Title: Haven House/Safe Harbor

Haven House

1. How has the street outreach program impacted the demand for transportation to your program?

YCCC's Street outreach program is focused in West Sacramento. These clients attend the West Sacramento program, called East Yolo House. Although there are more clients to pick up, they are traveling short distance.

2. How has fuel costs impacted your transportation program?

Fuel costs have increased our operations. We have responded by looking at routes and making some changes to make our program more efficient.

3. Although the proposal says the program would meet basic human needs priorities, this service seems to not fall directly within the basic human needs priorities. It supports participation in a mental health services program, which would come within the prevention and other social services needs category. If you disagree, please explain.

My rationale for including the basic human needs designation is that Haven House provides food for individuals who would otherwise go hungry and housing referrals to individuals who would otherwise be homeless. I do agree that this project falls within the prevention and mental health categories as well.

Safe Harbor

1. Will fundraising continue for the project even if the City awards additional funds for the project?

Yes, fundraising will continue. We will be seeking in-kind donations from businesses to upgrade materials. We'll be holding small tile-making fundraisers to ensure that the "wall of inspiration" has many tiles painted by community members, and we'll be asking community members who have not yet contributed to participate in our campaign. We will also hold fundraisers this year to build up our unrestricted fund.

2. How will referrals be made to the project? Will residents be primarily from Yolo County?

Referrals will be made by Yolo County Mental Health, just as they are now. Yolo County currently purchases 6 beds from Safe Harbor. They originally planned to purchase all 14 of the new beds, and Yolo certainly has the need for all fourteen beds. However, given the state of the current County budget, Yolo County Mental Health can not commit to purchasing all 14 beds at this time. Our agreement with Mental Health at this time is that they provide guaranteed payment for 7 beds, and purchase beds as needed for the remaining beds. In order for YCCC to ensure fiscal stability, YCCC will offer to sell beds "as needed" to other counties. YCCC and Yolo County Mental Health plan that Yolo clients will eventually fill all of the beds once funding is more stable.

3. How will Safe Harbor attempt to meet the needs of mentally disabled adults with alcohol and drug addiction.

Currently 60% of the clients we serve have the co-existing disorders of mental illness and substance abuse. We meet this need by providing education and training to staff so that they can counsel clients and develop treatment plans appropriately. We offer groups on substance abuse to clients. We make referrals to other programs that our clients can access after discharge from Safe Harbor. The average length of stay at Safe Harbor is two weeks. This is enough time for a client to sober up, but not enough time for a client to do in depth work on substance abuse issues. Haven House offers on-going substance abuse groups that are open to all YCCC clients.