

2006 – 2007 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization: **Citizens Who Care**
Project Title: **Time-Off For Caregivers** **\$ 9,000**

1. Describe in detail how your CDBG RFP differs from other CBDG RFP's

Citizens Who Care serves a different population than most of the other agencies in Davis. Our population is the frail elderly who have some form of medical condition or disability that requires constant care. Care for participants in the Time-Off Program is usually provided by the client's spouse or other family member. Other agencies that serve the elderly are Yolo Hospice, Yolo Adult Day Health Center, Elderly Nutrition Program, and the Senior Citizens of Davis, Inc. The only program that is similar to ours is Yolo Adult Day Health Center. However, YADHC is more a medical model and open on weekdays, whereas Time-Off is a social model and provides its services on Saturdays.

2. Describe in detail how your CDBG RFP supplements other CBDG RFP's

Primarily, the relationship is in the form of referrals from and to other agencies. At CWC, a nurse conducts a client assessment to determine how the program can meet a client's needs. The nurse, and later if the need arises, the Time-Off Director, may refer the client to other agencies that can supplement the respite care. Such services may include assistance with nutrition issues, meal delivery, and hospice care.

In the case of the Yolo Adult Day Health Center, we do have an agreement which pays CWC the suggested \$35 fee on behalf of YADHC clients that participate in Time Off clients but cannot afford to pay.

3. Describe in detail your efforts to coordinate with other CDBG agencies similar resources.

We are the only social-model respite agency for seniors in Yolo County. However, we do coordinate our efforts with Yolo adult Day Health since they serve the same population that we serve. Our nurse and program coordinators distribute brochures to other agencies in the community and familiarize themselves with services available to seniors and the frail elderly with special needs.

4. Describe how you can lower the percentage of CDBG funding attributed to personnel and increase funding attributed to services to your CDBG beneficiaries. In your response, describe how increasing the percentage of any CDBG funding toward services would affect all other funding sources for your CDBG project,

Our programs are scaled down to the essential core staffing. Most of our funding goes directly to providing the services because program personnel provide those services. For example, the Director of the Time-Off Program devotes all her time to interacting with the clients during the two Saturdays a month. It should be noted that our trained volunteers also play a large role in making the program financially feasible. We have many volunteers each Saturday to assist the clients one-on-one in addition to our 3 staff members.

5. Describe your efforts to collaborate with other service agencies outside of Davis, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs who could contract with Citizens Who Care to assist families needing time off for caregivers.

We welcome contact and collaboration with all outside service agencies. We actively seek families needing respite/time-off for caregivers. We leave our literature at all the hospitals and contact their discharge nurses, so that they can inform the discharge patients of our services. We try to get the word out through service organizations, churches, and the Davis Senior Center. And, we accept referrals from any knowledgeable agency in the County. However, as this application is to fund services to Davis citizens, we did not include our services and programs in other parts of the County.

Thank you for your suggestion for contacting the Department of Veteran Affairs. We always welcome and appreciate referral/contact information to be shared with our program directors and nursing staff.

6. Does CWC have a formal relationship with other service providers and/or care facilities? Share in provision of respite care?

All relationships with other service providers and/or care facilities are on an informal basis. We share in respite care with Yolo Adult Day Health Center, but also on an informal basis.