

2006 – 2007 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization: **Davis Community Meals, Inc.**
Project Title: **Shelter & Resource Center**

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

Our RFP is the only proposal to operate an emergency shelter/transitional housing program for homeless adult individuals, a transitional housing program for families and a day shelter/resource center for homeless and low income individuals and families in the city of Davis.

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

The needs of our target population are many. We provide receive and make referrals to many other Davis CDBG recipients and RFP's. We provide referrals to STEAC for food, clothing, furniture, rental and utility assistance, and motel vouchers. We receive referrals from them for shelter and supportive services. We assist many residents and other clients in completing applications for the affordable housing offered by CHOC and YMHA and help guide them through the process of obtaining housing. Many are referred to Communicare Health Centers for physical and mental health issues. We have collaborated with the Food Bank for food for our meals program and for food and supplies for our shelter and resource center.

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

Davis Community Meals has spent considerable time coordinating services with many CDBG agencies through the Yolo County Homeless Coalition and local coordination meetings. We have strived to coordinate our services to avoid duplication of efforts and promote efficient use of limited funding.

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 personnel costs are our services. Currently, we have 13 employees, 12 of whom provide direct client services to the homeless and low-income individuals and families who use our services. Of our total projected personnel budget, 77% of the salary expenses are dedicated to providing direct services to our clientele.