

2008 – 2009 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization: **Pine Tree Gardens**
Project Title: Recreation

1. Whose salary is paid for with CDBG Funds?

The Resident Recreational Aide's salary is paid with CDBG funds. This position is 15 hours/week at \$8/hr. It should be noted that the Resident Recreational Aide is a consumer of mental health services.

2. What are the job duties?

Job duties of the RRA include: working with residents and community organizations to plan activities, creating fitness goals with residents, transporting residents to activities, facilitation/supervision of activities with residents, and evaluation of activity program.

3. In the absence of CDBG funds for client activities & memberships, how will residents participate in recreational activities?

Currently, PTG residents can only participate in a limited number of activities per year due to the program's financial constraints. Some residents are able to pay for their own recreational activities individually, but their participation is severely restricted by their limited financial means.

4. How has that been done up until now for Pine Tree residents?

Previously, PTG has provided limited funding for activities and residents have paid for their own activities with limited financial means. Residents have been able to take 1 overnight group trip per year and approximately 5 in-town group activities per year. CDBG funds would allow residents to participate in more group activities and residents can begin to participate in individual activities with financial support from PTG.

5. How will your programs be affected if only one of these 2 proposals is funded?

Which is most critical? Note: This question is also on Pine Tree Gardens – Jobs Application.

If only one of PTG's proposals is funded, some residents will lose the opportunity to participate in activities that improve their overall health and self-esteem. Not all residents are interested in participating in paid work and recreational activities, but all residents are interested in at least one of these activities. The funding of both grants will improve the lives of all PTG residents. While both grants are important for PTG residents, the recreation proposal will have the broadest impact and is most critical for PTG's program. Recreational activities have a broader appeal for residents than career exploration, while career exploration makes a greater impact in individual lives for those participating residents. The approval of both grants ensures that all PTG residents will benefit from the CDBG funds.

6. Will Pine Tree pay for all activities? Not charge the Clients?

While Pine Tree currently pays for all group activities for our residents, we are financially unable to pay for individual normalized activities such as art or other recreation classes or weight-loss programs. We do, however, currently offer transportation for these activities. With the CDBG grant funds, we can pay for both group and individual activities that promote the wellness of our residents.