

2010-2011 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization:	CommuniCare Health Centers
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Project Title:	Basic healthcare for uninsured youth and families
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Question	Answer
What happens to the costs that are incurred for unpaid services?	Unpaid (uncompensated) services are of critical concern for our clinic as more of the state and county programs that traditionally provided funding support to cover the cost of providing care for the uninsured have been greatly reduced or eliminated altogether due to state and county budget cuts. CommuniCare does not turn anyone away based on the status of their health coverage or their inability to pay for services. Because of this, we depend on community fundraising, non-government and foundation grants, the City of Davis CDBG, and what little state funding is left in programs to cover care for the uninsured patients we see at Davis Community Clinic. Because CommuniCare is a Federally Qualified Health Center, we qualify for an enhanced rate of reimbursement for Medi-Cal services, which also contributes some funding for covering the cost of uncompensated care.

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Question	Answer
Will the proposal fund part of the entire operation or a specific sub-project? For example, Will the proposed funds flow into the general budget or are they exclusively earmarked for a specific, discreet sub-function?	Our proposal is for funding only the primary medical and dental care we provide for low-income, uninsured residents of Davis. CDBG funds are dedicated in our budget for Davis Community Clinic for this purpose. We keep records to ensure that CDBG funding is allocated on a per visit basis only for patients meeting the CDBG criteria. In our quarterly CDBG reports we report both the total number of qualifying patients and the number of qualifying visits they receive.

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Question	Answer
If the information is available, what is the total projected cost of the project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010?	\$353,010

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Question	Answer
If the request for funding is approved, what will be the total cost of the project in FY 2010-2011?	\$388,615

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Question	Answer
How many individuals are projected to be served by the project in FY 2009-2010?	We reported a total of 607 individuals (users) served and a total of 816 patient visits for the first half of FY 2009-2010. We anticipate the total users and visits for FY 2009-2020 will be more than twice these numbers. On average, each individual has two patient visits per year (the units of service), although this can vary.

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Question	Answer
If the information is available, what is the projected cost of project services per individual served in FY 2009-2010?	Our average cost of providing a primary medical or dental care visit is \$120. Using an average of two visits per individual per year, that would be around \$240.

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Question	Answer
If applicable, what additional measurable criteria are used by the project to evaluate effectiveness? Please limit criteria to three or less. For example, the services might be measured in number of meals served, bed-nights or therapy sessions provided.	As stated in our grant application, our units of service are measured by patient visit. Counting the uninsured is complicated as individuals may change coverage status over the year as they become eligible or are dropped from coverage programs. Also, some services may become ineligible under their type of coverage and so those services are uncompensated – a good example of this is when the state dropped dental benefits for Medi-Cal patients, resulting in an increase in the number of adult dental patients who now have no coverage for dental services. Therefore, we count patient visits as the unit of service for determining uncompensated care, because each visit provided in our clinics have a payor code associated with it, along with the individual patient data. Although our CDBG application targets a particular number of visits as the number of beneficiaries to be served, we report all CDBG-eligible visits and individuals in our grant reports, which is a much greater number than the

	targeted number stated in the application. As stated above, we expect this year to provide uncompensated care for between 1000 to 1500 CDBG-eligible individuals, for an expected 2,000 to 3,000 patient visits. All of these are counted and reported in our CDBG reports.
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Question	Answer
If the information is available, provide the total projected cost per unit of measurable service in FY 2009-2010.	Our average cost of providing a primary medical or dental care visit is \$120.

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Question	Answer
Provide the total projected cost per unit of measurable service in FY 2010-2011.	As stated above and in our grant application, our average cost of providing a primary medical or dental care visit is \$120.

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Question	Answer
With the number of applications and the small amount of funding available for public service grants, the city is having to make difficult funding decisions. What is the minimum grant amount that your organization could use and still maintain the service your grant application describes? Or is there a crucial component of your application that requires this funding and how much is the cost of that component?	We can maintain providing the current level of care at the funding level received last year from CDBG (\$21,000). When funding for uncompensated care decreases, as it has dramatically this past year due to severe cuts in the state and county budgets (as detailed in our grant application), then we must either cover the cost of providing that level of care by finding other funding sources, or decrease the expense by decreasing medical and dental provider hours at the clinic. This last option is the option of last resort, as making any decrease in provider hours negatively impacts the access to care available for our patient population.

Responses are due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 8th**. The responses must be submitted as a Word document using the above format. The responses should include both the questions and answers. Responses must be submitted via e-mail. E-mail should be addressed to dmerschat@cityofdavis.org. Responses should not be mailed.

DEADLINE: MARCH 8, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.