



## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

### **a. Need**

For the last eight years, SADVC has received Davis CDBG funding, making it possible to bring a Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) advocate in to work with the Davis Police Department (DPD). The DVRT reviews domestic violence incident and crime reports and follows up with the victims, provides emergency callout assistance as needed, and educates and informs the police department about domestic violence victim advocacy. The DVRT's response to victim needs compliments evidence collection by Davis PD, ensuring offender accountability, protecting victims, easing trauma, and helping those whose lives are affected by domestic violence gain access to appropriate services and information.

Officers express frustration when responding to domestic violence call outs. They are often able to arrest the batterer for violent behavior, but upon release from jail, the batterer apology and cycle repeats. The SADVC Advocate assigned to Davis PD will immediately contact the victim, providing life-saving information and support. They will be informed about the safe house; a comprehensive program. During the course of stay, each victim is assigned an advocate to assist in obtaining clothing, food, financial aid, and health care. Every individual has unique circumstances and varying levels of need. Services are provided in a confidential setting, free of judgment. Since language can be an obstacle for many victims of violence, services as well as printed material are provided in English, Spanish and Russian. Therapists trained to work with victims of violence provide individual counseling sessions to women and children housed at the facility. Assistance with restraining orders, custody issues as well as education on the court process, is provided to residents. Our comprehensive program empowers survivors so they may design and develop a life style for themselves and their children free of violence.

The City of Davis CDBG funds allow those residents of Davis that are affected by violence in the home, to break the cycle and provide safety not only for their family, but also for their neighborhood and community. When violence occurs it is everyone's problem.

### **b. Benefit**

The DVRT works only with victims of domestic violence. According to HUD's national objectives (RFP, pg. 82), battered spouses meet the criteria for low or moderate-income persons. Therefore, the CDBG funds awarded to this program will benefit only those they are ideally intended for.

This program provides resources necessary for victims to leave successfully, safely and to know that there is shelter, legal and therapy services that are 100% free. Over 98% of Davis residents assisted by the DVRT in the 2007-2008 Davis CDBG funding cycle were considered very-low or extremely low income. Those families that had needs beyond our scope of service were referred out to agencies that could assist them.

Prior to the implementation of this partnership and program, victims of domestic violence in the City of Davis had to search on their own for resources. Now, having an advocate working closely with the Davis Police Department ensures that victims receive follow-up phone calls, get information about free services, support, counseling, and emergency shelter if necessary. Together with Davis PD officers, we can assist them in safely breaking the repetitive cycle of family violence, giving parents and children a chance for a more healthy and peaceful life.

### **c. Other Resources and Collaboration**

SADVC provides services free of charge due to additional funding sources secured by the Center. These include the State Department of Health Services; Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services; State Office of Emergency Services; private donations; foundation charitable corporation donations; and volunteer services. It is this combination of financial resources, together with the Davis CDBG funding, that enables us to reach as many people as cost effectively as we do.

Volunteers also play a vital role in supporting SADVC. Volunteers perform duties ranging from answering the 24/7 Bi-Lingual Crisis Line; assisting with walk-in crisis clients or helping with administrative duties at the Center.

SADVC works closely with other social service, law enforcement, and mental health agencies. SADVC maintains operational agreements with over 30 agencies throughout Yolo County. Agency staff members participate in various local and statewide coalitions such as the Family Violence Prevention Council, the Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Committee, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and the Davis Police Department Community Advisors. The Davis DVRT program has been developed in collaboration with the Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, Woodland Police Department and Yolo County Sheriff's Department. The DVRT program is one of only a few victim advocacy programs of this type in California.

#### **d. Organizational Capacity**

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center is one of Yolo County's well-established non-profit organizations, serving this community for 33 years. The Center offers a number of services specific to the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Each service is designed to further the Center's mission and help each individual progress beyond her/his traumatic experience.

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center fills a unique niche in the continuum of public services available to the residents of Yolo County. If the Center did not exist, battered women with their children fleeing from their partners would have to travel to Sacramento, Solano County, or the Bay Area to find safe shelter, counseling, legal assistance, and other support services.

As the sole provider of domestic violence services in Yolo County, the Center employs 25 staff members and more than 30 volunteers who ensure that all who seek help at the Center are assisted in a professional, safe, and caring manner. The volunteer Board of Directors meets monthly and provides fiscal oversight and policy direction to the Executive Director.

**Board list attached**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

#### **a. Project Description** (Activity Summary: Describe the activities of the proposed budget)

This project will fund a part-time DVRT advocate who works in partnership with the Davis Police Department to provide advocacy to victims of family violence in the Davis community. The DVRT makes contact and offers advocacy to victims of domestic violence. The provision of advocacy services includes, but is not limited to: crisis intervention counseling, emergency shelter, resource and referral, restraining order assistance and court accompaniment. She also promotes awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, and stalking related crimes through community outreach efforts.

Domestic violence crime reports will be provided by Davis PD to the SADVC DVRT within 2-5 days of the call. The report will be reviewed and the victim contacted by the DVRT. Routinely each victim is provided with a packet of educational and resource materials with sensitivity to their literacy and language needs. The DVRT works with those clients willing to accept services and addresses their immediate safety needs, as well as establishes trust and rapport. The victim may decline services altogether or use them for months, depending on their needs.

Assistance in the form of developing a safety plan, referrals to potential services, crisis intervention and peer counseling will be provided by the DVRT. Referrals may include food, clothing, medical service, counseling, legal advocacy, CPS, APS, Victim/Witness, or other services as needed. Accompaniment on police emergency domestic violence call-outs will also be provided as necessary.

The DVRT will validate the victims' perspective, educate them about the cycle of abuse, create a dialog that will enable the victim to set goals and provide emergency assistance if necessary. By decreasing the victims feeling of isolation, the DVRT can gently guide the victim toward self-autonomy. If the victim expresses an interest in shelter, the DVRT can initiate the SADVC shelter admission process. If the victim wishes legal assistance, the advocate can contact SADVC's legal advocacy program for what she cannot do herself.

On Monday's the domestic violence restraining order clinic is held at the Davis Police Department, facilitated by the DVRT. The victim is provided with a copy of their crime report to use as an attachment on the restraining order application. Court preparation and accompaniment are provided. The DVRT will follow every case as long as possible, providing advocacy and support throughout the justice system or within SADVC's system of services, or as long as the family remains at-risk and in the city. All services are provided in both English and Spanish; victims with physical disabilities are accommodated in accordance with their needs; and persons with literacy or developmental delays are provided individual services to work at their own pace.

The DVRT has the ability to bring law enforcement's attention to a victim's non-traditional needs and provides a bridge for victims to become empowered and be their own advocate within the court system. The advocate gives the Davis Police Department the ability to see each victim as unique with their own merits; to brainstorm unique solutions to the "present" crisis and to work with each victim based on their individual needs instead of becoming frustrated with adverse outcomes. The Davis Police Department and the DVRT Advocate coordinate services on behalf of the victim and her children that address safety first and improvements to the quality of their lives second.

The cost per beneficiary of DVRT services in Davis is \$ 118 per family served. An estimated 102 Davis residents will be served in the year ahead, 96% of who will have low incomes. Many victims of domestic violence fear the possibility of homelessness if they were to leave their batterer. This program seeks to provide those resources necessary for victims to leave successfully and not to experience that reality. Those that are made homeless due to domestic violence, and are eligible, are provided emergency shelter at the Wallace & Vannucci Shelter. In addition, the shelter program includes assistance and support in acquiring more permanent housing.

**b. Target Group**

The Domestic Violence Response Team will serve 102 families in Davis in the coming year, an average of 8-10 per month. At least 96% of all clients served through the DVRT program will be very low-income persons based on CDBG guidelines.

**c. Outreach**

Outreach efforts for the Davis DVRT will include:

- Representation on the Family Violence Prevention Council
- Representation on the Yolo County Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Committee
- DVRT trainings for law enforcement agencies
- DVRT presentations to Yolo County advocacy agencies that provide services to Davis residents
- Presence at fairs and events held in the community of Davis

**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

**Work Plan** (Identify activities and completion dates)

List Activity

Completion Date

- Review police reports and contact victims for follow-up services. On-going
- Provide assistance to victims on emergency domestic violence call-outs. On-going
- Offer a domestic violence restraining order clinic at the Davis police station. On-going

**PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS**

<b>ACTIVITY</b> (What the program does to fulfill its mission)	<b>INDICATOR</b> (The direct products of program activities) Service #s	<b>OUTCOME</b> (Benefits that result from the program)
Review police reports and contact victims for follow-up	Crimes reports will be reviewed every 2-3 days and follow up contact will be made to 8-11 victims monthly.	Persons victimized by domestic violence will receive immediate assistance to increase their and their children's safety.
Provide assistance to victims when requested by law enforcement on emergency domestic violence call-outs.	Patrol officers will call the advocate to provide immediate assistance to a victim. Officers will call the advocate 1-5 times monthly.	The victim will receive support and options immediately. When appropriate victims will receive immediate assistance in entering SADVC's emergency shelter program if they are fleeing the abuser.
Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinics	30 – 44 Restraining Order Clinics will be facilitated by the advocate at the Davis Police Department on Mondays.	Davis residents will not have to commute to Woodland City to request/file a Temporary Restraining Order. Advocate will support victim throughout the legal process until victim is granted a Permanent DVRO.

**CITY OF DAVIS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

***BUDGET SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED PROJECT\****

Budget Category	Proposed Project "CDBG Portion"	Other Sources	Total
A. Salaries and Wages	11,400	22,920	34,320
B. Fringe Benefits		5,834	5834
C. Consultant/Contract Services			
<b><i>TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET</i></b>	11,400	28,754	40,154
D. Office Rent		In-kind	In-kind
E. Utilities		In-kind	In-kind
F. Telephone		480	480
G. Office Supplies		250	250
H. Equipment			
I. Printing/Duplication		200	200
J. Travel/Conferences		500	500
K. Other (Specify)			
<b><i>TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL BUDGET</i></b>		1430	1430
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	11,400	30,184	41,584

\* Please revise this form and annotate budget items as needed

**NEW REQUIREMENTS:** All applicants are requested to submit a copy of their organization's Operating Budget.

**Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center  
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