

2010-2011 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization:	Yolo County Children Alliance, Inc.
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Project Title:	Children Without Family Support
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Question	Answer
What portion of the proposed consultant's time will be dedicated to providing direct services to program participants vs. program & fund development or other functions?	The Consultant Program Coordinator will be employed 1,042 hours in the grant year. Of this, 75% of the time will be dedicated to direct services for program participants and 25% will be relationship-building activities with individuals who will be recruited either as volunteers or as donors to the program.

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Question	Answer
In reviewing the performance schedule, it is not clear how the current youth are being served. Are they? How? (during the proposed program year)	<p>Yes, former foster youth are currently being served by the County THP-Plus program, which is likely to be shut down in June of 2010. THP-Plus serves these foster youth by providing affordable housing at a communal housing facility in Davis and by providing supportive services for up to 24 months after they emancipate. The goal of the supportive services is to help these youth, ages 18 to 24, make a successful transition from out-of-home placements to independent living. During the proposed program year, THP-Plus will likely close.</p> <p>During the proposed program year, Yolo County Children's Alliance staff will take over the delivery of supportive services to these youth from the Yolo County staff by hiring a part time consultant Program Coordinator. The consultant Program Coordinator will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Assist the young people in finding alternative housing situations or accessing alternative housing funds as THP-Plus funding for their existing housing will be closed down. 2) Act as a case manager for the young people, assisting them in locating and connecting with community services, such as medical care, food, education, transportation, and much more. 3) Meet with other community agencies staff who are or could deliver services to former foster youth to facilitate the delivery of services for the youth. 4) Help the young people establish their eligibility and gain entrance into needed community services, such as housing assistance, food stamps, earned income tax credit, job training, and other services, including assistance with the preparation and

submission of needed documentation.

3.

Question	Answer
Please clarify. Is the proposed Program a <u>New</u> program being developed or continuation of the existing program? If new, how will it differ from the existing one?	The proposed program is a continuation of an existing program. However, the proposed program services will now be delivered by a community-based organization, the Children's Alliance, rather than Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services. Individual youth will receive less intense program support reflecting the reduction in funds from \$175,000/year. However, the program will also bring value-added to the existing program in that it will develop a mentor and host family component and hopefully also a sustainable funding stream so that even if THP-Plus funds were to be reinstated, the youth clients would have access to caring and competent mentors and host families, an important component of success.

4. Question:

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What percentage of the program participants are Davis residents?	100% as the THP+ participants are living in Pacifico Co-op which is in Davis. Prior to being a THP+ participant these youth did not have a permanent residence

5. Question:

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The proposal says THP+ will likely end on 7/1/10. That's on the Gov's proposal <u>if</u> the state doesn't receive \$6.9 billion in federal stimulus funds. The Legislature has not adopted the proposal. Is the funding request premature?	It is highly unlikely that the federal stimulus funds will save the THP-Plus Program. Moreover, the danger of waiting until the Legislature acts means that the young people, who are currently served by the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services, lives will be thrown into crisis. If Yolo County staff and the Children's Alliance were not looking for alternatives for these young people now, we would be acting irresponsibly towards them. Because the proposed project will provide direct service as well as new value-added services, the youth will be supported in a more intense way than they have been previously, even if THP-Plus funding remains. If it state-county match funding is terminated, the foster youth will not lose their supportive services and will potentially gain support in the form of mentors and host families. Further, a non-profit organization which has lower costs than the County is the best and most efficient way to coordinate supportive services and create successful outcomes for our youth.

6. Question:

Question	Answer
Is the county going to terminate THP+ regardless of what happens with the state	This question will not be answered until the Yolo County Board of Supervisors finalizes the County budget for Fiscal Year

budget proposal?	2010/11.
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7. Question:

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Has Yolo County Children Alliance, Inc, approached Davis Community Meals, the housing provider for the current program, about other options for sustaining the transitional program for foster youth?	According to the State, Yolo County Department of Social Services is the housing provider. DESS contracts with the City of Davis for the housing, then the City of Davis then subcontracts with Davis Community Meals for housing.

8. Question:

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Of the 75-90 young people who have transitioned out of foster care, how many are interested in housing through the county or another private or public entity?	Most of the foster youth in Davis and Yolo County are interested in affordable housing opportunities through the County or through other private or public entities. Approximately 15 youth emancipate out of the foster care program each year in Yolo County. The THP+ program is currently in its second year. The demand for housing support is much greater than the supply of beds. The first year there were 6 beds total and the second year 2 more beds were added for a total of 8. Each participant can stay in the program for 24 months or 2 years. This program has been limited to assisting no more than 8 emancipated foster youth every 24 months. This leaves a total of 22 emancipated foster youth who have not been afforded this opportunity for transitional housing. There are potentially an additional 45-60 eligible emancipated foster youth under age 24 in Yolo County who were not afforded this opportunity due to the number of beds funded.

9. Question:

Question	Answer
The funding being requested is for future project planning, correct? Will any direct serves to Foster Youth or emancipated youth be provided with CDBG funding?	The proposed project is both for direct services provided to young people, ages 18 to 24 and for sustainability planning for the program. The requested grant of \$25,000 will support only a very bare bones version of the previous THP-Plus Program. The consultant Program Coordinator, who we will use the \$25,000 to hire, will dedicate 75% of his/her time toward direct service and 25% of his/her time toward program sustainability.

10.

Question	Answer
Will the proposal fund part of the entire	None of the \$25,000 in grant funds would be allocated to the

<p>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?</p>	<p>Children’s Alliance general budget for general operating costs. Quite the opposite, we will allocate \$5,200 in Yolo County Children’s Alliance funds, both cash and in-kind, to the administration of the proposed project.</p> <p>The CDBG funds of \$25,000 will support only the hourly rate of the Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator’s duties will be dedicated 100% to carrying out the work of the proposed project (the specific sub-project) described in the Performance Schedule.</p>
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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?	\$195,000

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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?	Cost will depend on the number of beds funded and the services provided. 8 beds cost \$100,000—this is for one years rent and \$250 stipend and membership fees. It costs \$5,000 to move in each participant. So when one moves out you move another in.

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Question	Answer
How many individuals are projected to be served by the project in FY 2009-2010?	Limited by the current funding support, only 8 young people will be served by the housing component of THP-Plus.

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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?	Approximately \$25,000

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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.	<p>Self-sufficiency of former foster youth at the end of the program</p> <p>Reduced homelessness of emancipated foster youth</p> <p>Reduced incarceration of emancipated foster youth.</p>

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Question	Answer
If the information is available, provide the	n/a

total projected cost per unit of measurable service in FY 2009-2010.	
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Question	Answer
Provide the total projected cost per unit of measurable service in FY 2010-2011.	n/a

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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 have requested funds to underwrite the cost of a Program Coordinator working 1,042 hours in the grant year. This breaks down to 20 hours per week. The Yolo County Children's Alliance can not continue the THP-Plus Program with less staffing time.

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.