CITY OF DAVIS

2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

PART ONE:

Organization Name: Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter of Davis (IRWS)

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PART TWO:

Proposed Project Location: At the sanctioned camping site on City land on Road 102 and at various locations

around Davis.

Total Proposal Request: \$25,000 Minimum Request: \$10,000

CDBG Eligible Category: Public Services

National Objective Compliance/Low and Mod Benefit: Low

City Council Identified Critical Needs: (See List C in Application Packet)

- 1) Mental Health Services
- 2) Shelter Services
- 3) Hunger Services

Beneficiary Information:

100 Total number of **unduplicated** beneficiaries in proposed project

100 Number of <u>unduplicated</u> beneficiaries in program to be served with **CDBG** funds

100% Percentage of the CDBG beneficiaries with low/moderate income

\$250 Cost (\$) per CDBG beneficiary (CDBG Request/# of units of service/CDBG Beneficiaries)

Number of individuals connected to behavioral health services Unit of service to determine cost per beneficiary (meal, grocery bag, kit, hour, day/night, week, etc) (Public Services Only)

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PART THREE: Scope of Proposal

a. Need/Target Group (Describe the need for the activity and the group being served)

IRWS serves people experiencing homelessness at several programs throughout Davis and would use these CDBG funds to hire a part-time licensed behavioral health professional to help more difficult to serve clients. According to the 2019 Yolo Point-In-Time Count, there were 190 people experiencing homelessness in Davis, which may be higher today due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Out of these 190 people experiencing homelessness, 38 self-reported post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), 32 a serious mental illness, 29 a substance use disorder, and 12

a developmental disability. It is likely that the actual number of homeless persons who need behavioral health services is higher.

A licensed behavioral professional will help us meet these unmet needs. The rotating winter shelter and DESP have had to remove individuals from these programs due to behavioral health problems. Moreover, DESP has been unable to house several individuals due to insufficient behavioral health support services. A licensed behavioral health professional would allow IRWS to serve a more diverse mix of people experiencing homelessness and better connect those individuals to needed services.

Based on staff experience at the IRWS rotating winter shelter and the Davis Emergency Shelter Program (DESP), behavioral health problems make it more difficult for these individual to obtain shelter, housing, and much needed support services.

b. <u>Project Description/Benefit</u> (Activity Summary: Describe the activities of the proposed budget and benefit)

The 2021-2022 CDBG grant money will be used to pay the wages of a licensed behavioral health professional for up to 500 hours if full amount is awarded. Hours will be prorated depending on the amount of the grant. This licensed clinician will: 1) provide short-term mental health counseling, and referrals as necessary to long-term mental health and substance abuse programs for those at the camping site and other IRWS programs; 2) establish a professional relationship and utilize clinical best practices with participants; 3) provide community outreach to potential participants living unsheltered; 4) provide and/or coordinate follow-up support to participants that have left sanctioned camping and/or other IRWS programs and have secured housing and 5) reach out to participants who have left IRWS programs because of behavioral health issues and use the information gathered to help IRWS continuously improve their programming ensuring that it is accessible to everyone.

c. <u>Outreach</u> (Describe the outreach your organization will provide for the CDBG-funded project, as well as provide a list of the languages currently included in your organizational outreach)

The licensed mental health professional will work with members of the City of Davis Homeless Outreach Services team within the Police department, with CommuniCare Health Centers case managers and street medicine team, and with other homeless service providers to provide outreach to those living in tents elsewhere in Davis but who may be reluctant to move into the sanctioned camping site.

IRWS currently translates outreach materials to Spanish and Russian and has one employee who speaks both Spanish and Russian.

d. <u>Organizational Capacity</u> (Summarize your organizational capacity for the proposed project)

IRWS (Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter) has provided overnight shelter and a warm meal to homeless persons in the Davis community since 2007. The coronavirus pandemic forced all participating congregations to close their facilities this season. For this reason, IRWS partnered with several nonprofits and the City to operate a 25-bed facility receiving an ESG-CV1 grant of \$180,000 and funding from five other government sources. IRWS hired employees to provide program management, case management support to medically vulnerable homeless persons in this 6-month program and built the administrative infrastructure to do so. Its program manager has two graduate degrees – public health and the law – and has been recently named as a Homeless

Poverty and Coalition Board member. In addition, two IRWS Board members volunteer almost fulltime to assist with finance, grant reporting, and interagency coordination.

e. <u>Partnerships and Other Resources</u> (List other agencies you collaborate with and indicate whether or not your proposed project is duplicative of other projects operated by local public or non-profit organizations)

IRWS has partnered with the City of Davis on this project.

This project does not duplicate other projects operated by local public or non-profit organizations. When Project Roomkey and DESP end there will be only four, substance-free, emergency shelter beds in Davis.

f. <u>Impacts of COVID-19 for your 1) clients 2) services 3) agency and how you are addressing it for each.</u> (Describe how COVID-19 is impacting 1-3 above and what you are doing to continue services (or not) in the same way or differently)

Because of COVID, IRWS was forced to set up an entirely new way to shelter those homeless this winter. DESP serves 40 of the most medically vulnerable within Davis. Unfortunately, younger individuals and those without disabilities are unable to be served within the apartment program. Sanctioned camping will be able to accommodate those who are unable to obtain shelter at DESP or the motel program, PRK.

Being homeless is a known risk factor for COVID-19 because of unsanitary living conditions. Homelessness can exacerbate COVID-19 symptoms and individuals who are homeless have a higher risk of death if they have COVID-19. In addition, many homeless service providers are operating at a reduced capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In late 2020, IRWS transitioned from its 13-year history of providing congregate winter shelter to operate a 40-person non-congregate emergency shelter (Davis Emergency Shelter Program). Sanctioned camping will provide additional non-congregate emergency shelter beds in Davis. The addition of a behavioral staff component to sanctioned camping and other IRWS programs through the CDBG grant will allow IRWS staff to better connect individuals experiencing homelessness to resources tailored to the individual's needs.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS AND SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	OUTCOME	COMPLETION DATE			
(What the program does to fulfill its mission)	(The direct products of program activities)	(Benefits that result from the program)	(When the specific task is completed)			
	SERVICE #s					
IRWS hires a licensed behavioral health professional	Licensed behavioral health professional hired		May 1, 2021			
Connection to behavioral health services	Count number of participants who are seen by a licensed mental health professional.		July 31, 2022			
Connection to bridge or permanent housing	Count number of participants who obtain housing		July 31, 2022			

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED PROJECT

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Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter

	CDBG/HOME Portion			Other Funds for Project (Non-CDBG/HOME)					
Budget Category	Salary, Wage & Taxes	Fringe Benefits	Total Salary, Fringe & Taxes	Other Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Private Funds Donations	Other (List Source)	Totals
Salaries/Wages (Specify each position)									
Direct Service Personnel									
1 - Lic Mental Health Clinician	20,000	5,000	25,000						25,000
2 - Other IRWS Staff	0		0	170,517					170,517
Administrative Personnel									
Consultant/Contract Services									
TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET	20,000	5,000	25,000	170,517					195,517
Supplies and Equipment for Service Delivery									
DIRECT SERVICE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT BUDGET									
Rent									
Utilities									
Telephone									
Office Supplies									
Project Supplies (Specify)									
Printing									
Travel									
Training									
Internet									
Postage									
Other - Operations									
TOTAL DIRECT SERVICE BUDGET									
ADMINISTRATIVE COST BUDGET									
All Insurance				10,000					10,000
Fidelity Bond									
Utilities									
Telephone									
Other - Admin Costs				2,000					2,000
TOTAL DIRECT COST BUDGET				12,000					12,000
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	20,000	5,000		182,517					207,517