



Family Crisis Services

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To:

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From: Lois Galgay Reckitt, Family Crisis Services

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2011 – CDBG PROGRAM – PRE-APPLICATION FORM

DUE – DECEMBER 17, 2010, 4:00PM

*Pre-application may be submitted by e-mail:
Shapiro@cumberlandcounty.org*

Community Contact Information:

Lead Applicant Community _____Town of Cape Elizabeth

Phone 799-7665 E-Mail michael.mcgovern@capeelizabeth.org

Contact Person Michael McGovern, Town Manager

Additional Community Applicants Gorham, Scarborough, Naples and Standish

Applying on Behalf of Sub-Grantee: (for example – a non-profit social service agency)

Sub-grantee Family Crisis Services

Phone 767-4952 ext 102 or 712-2474 E-Mail Lois_R@familycrisis.org

Address PO Box 704, Portland, ME 04104

Contact Person Lois Galgay Reckitt, Executive Director

Project Type:

Housing Public Facility Public Infrastructure

Public Service Economic Development

Estimated Project Cost: \$ 65,052 Estimated CDBG Request: \$ 51,112

CDBG EPIC 2

Expenses

Salary	35,000
Benefits	11250

Rent 6000

Computer 1500

Telephone 960

Mileage 2402 140/wk - 7260 miles/yr @.33

Supervisor 6500 2.5 hours/wk

Accounting 1440 2 hrs/mo

65,052

Income

In Kind

Rent 6000

Supervisor 6500

Accounting 1440

13940

20% of 65052=13010.40

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CDBG GENERAL PROGRAM APPLICATION – 2011

MULTI-COMMUNITY APPLICATION

ENDORSEMENT BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Lead Community Applicant: Cape Elizabeth

Lead Community Authorized Official Michael McGovern

Signature of Authorized Official Jessie H. Sullivan

Additional Community Applicant: Scarborough

Additional Community Authorized Official Tom Hall

Signature of Authorized Official _____

Additional Community Applicant: Yorkham

Additional Community Authorized Official DAVID COLE

Signature of Authorized Official _____

Additional Community Applicant: Standish

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Additional Community Applicant: Naples

Additional Community Authorized Official Derek Goodine

Signature of Authorized Official _____

Since October of 2009, Family Crisis Services (FCS) has been involved in a joint initiative known as the **Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC)** with the police departments of South Portland, Portland, and Westbrook. EPIC, currently supported by federal funding, created a position for an FCS advocate to ride with police officers in the involved towns and visit households where domestic violence incidents have been reported. This is an innovative initiative in the world of domestic violence services. Historically, advocates have not visited the homes of domestic violence victims, out of concern for the safety of both advocates and victims. This unique project has proven successful in reaching victims of domestic violence and policies have been established to ensure the safety of all parties. The initiative has the potential to provide a model for similar initiatives nationwide, including the proposed expansion to additional towns in Cumberland County, tentatively named **EPIC 2**.

Family Crisis Services (FCS), and the towns of Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Gorham, Standish, and Naples. This proposal will create an opportunity for Family Crisis Services to hire another full time dedicated outreach advocate to accompany police officers and sheriff's deputies on follow-up visits within 48 hours to households where domestic violence incidents have been reported. The purpose of the face-to-face visits, as has been for **EPIC**, is for the advocate to inform victims about services offered by FCS, to answer questions, clarify concerns, and to help plan for safety. The police officer/deputy answers questions about law enforcement, the judicial process, and helps the victim to think about security. When appropriate, additional evidence such as witness statements and photographs of injuries or physical damage to the home may be collected at the scene. Together the officer and the advocate promote a message of concern for the safety of citizens and the seriousness of domestic violence as a crime.

The Executive Director of FCS will continue to be intimately involved with this project, including the seeking out and grant writing for continuation of EPIC. This will initially involve attempts, led by South Portland to seek Law Enforcement resources through the STOP grant program when the money offered by federal stimulus money terminates in October of 2011. Overall supervision connection is managed by the Team Leader of Outreach Services. For the last ten years this staff person has initiated and managed the cooperative agreements between police agencies and FCS. To date these have been set up, clarified by statute, crafted in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety – and executed with all departments in Cumberland County, except Windham. Accounting will be handled by FCS' contract consultant CPA. Day to day data will be entered by staff to be hired, assisted by the experienced current FCS EPIC staff and monitored by the Executive Director.

Provide a clear, concise description of the project: The scope of work for the project should be outlined. Depending on the nature of the project/activity include in your response: What will be built, what will be provided, who will be served, where will the project occur?

Since October of 2009, Family Crisis Services (FCS) has been involved in a joint initiative with the Police Departments of South Portland, Portland and Westbrook to ensure that residents who are subjected to domestic violence are served by both the respective departments and FCS as well as possible. To that end, in addition to calling back all of the residents who have called the police for assistance, FCS staff have begun to ride with the appropriate department to do in person follow-up calls with the families affected. (Note: because of the high volume in Portland, FCS and the PPD agree on the particular cases where in person follow-up is indicated).

We propose to expand that service to assist the towns of Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Gorham, Naples and Standish. To that end we have spoken with the Police Chiefs in Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and Gorham as well as the new County Sheriff - and all are on board. It has been our experience that this service has enabled FCS to reach - and assist - many more residents. In addition, we have been able to provide substantive assistance to the police officers engaged in follow-up. Cape Elizabeth, as has South Portland before it, agreed to be the lead town in the proposal. The current 2-year project has been funded by federal monies - and we hope to continue that project into the future with slightly different federal sources.

Identify which National Objective of the CDBG program the project will meet:

Low/moderate income - area-wide benefit

Low/moderate income - direct benefit (primarily housing rehabilitation)

Low/moderate income - limited clientele (primarily public service projects)

Prevention or elimination of slum/blight conditions

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