

FY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Staff Report

Project: MACV Veterans Housing & Services for the Homeless MN Assistance Council for Veterans			Application Number: 14-PS-07, Page 131 14-ES-03, Page 183			
Consolidated Plan Objective: Objective #27, "Support the operation of transitional housing facilities that help the homeless maintain housing stability."						
FY 2013 Goal: 80 Persons		Amount Requested: \$ 20,000 ESG \$30,000 CDBG		Performance Indicator: Persons		
Previous Awards and Spending Rates (as of 3/31/13 in the 2012 CAPER):						
	Award	Expended	Balance	Goal	Actual	(Verified) %LMI
2012	\$15,000 CDBG	\$15,000 CDBG	0	80	96	100% PB
	\$4,540 ESG	\$4,540 ESG				
2010	\$15,000 CDBG	\$15,000	0	75	111	100% PB
	\$4,540 ESG	\$4,540 ESG				
2009	\$0 CDBG	N/A	0	75	128	100% PB
	\$19,000 ESG	\$19,000 ESG				

Presumed Benefit (PB): Homeless persons are "presumed" low-income under HUD regulations

1. Consolidated Plan Priority

Con Plan Community Development Goals:

- Table 2C, Objective 14: 'Provide transitional housing and services for persons who are homeless to become stabilized.
- The project's 2014 goal of serving 80 veterans is 44% of the annual goal for transitional housing and services.

Priority Community Development Needs:

- Transitional Housing, along with supportive services for the homeless are identified as HIGH priorities under the Consolidated Plan and under the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The information provided in the application about this program is not presented clearly or comprehensively, but this project addresses a need within the community.

2. Project Readiness

- This is an on-going project that has annually started on-time and has completed expenditure of CDBG and ESG funds by the end of the program year.
- Additional Actions Needed: None

3. Project Impact and Delivery

Achievement of Expected Results:

- The application states the need for services for homeless veterans, and provides state and national statistics about veterans but does not provide local or program statistics. However, this project has a significant impact on the target population.
- Homelessness is a high priority under the Consolidated Plan and the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Results are realistic and reasonable.

Target Clientele:

- 100% participants will be low income, homeless veterans.

Outcome Measurements:

- MACV has annually exceeded its goal of serving 75 homeless veterans, and increased their goal to 80 in 2013 to meet the need.
- The applicant is requesting significantly more CDBG and ESG funds but has not increased its service goal to support increased funding.
- The application has included the outcomes provided by the CD office for transitional housing, but does not report on achievement of goals and outcomes from previous years.

Number of Persons/Households to Benefit:

- The 2013 goal of serving 80 homeless veterans results in a Per capita cost of 3,728 per person. The CDBG/ESG (combined) per person cost is \$625 pp.

Business/Operations Plan Approach:

- The application does not adequately address business/operations plan approach, but rather states additional program activities under this section.
- The applicant does not address how CDBG or ESG funds might be used to support the implementation of Coordinated Assessment in Duluth and the St. Louis County Continuum of Care.

4. Financial Considerations

Sufficiency and Leveraging of Resources:

- The budget narrative shows the majority of program funds (84%) are secured (ratio 5:1)

Fiscal Support and Viability:

- No audit findings and applicant appears to have a more than sufficient amount of financial resources necessary to assure the operating viability of this project.

Project Budget Detail/Use of Funds:

- CDBG budget only shows staffing costs and ESG budget only shows operation costs. Both amounts should be combined to more accurately reflect the true program costs
- The applicant is requesting additional ESG funds—from \$4,140 in 2013 to \$10,000 for 2014), and additional CDBG funds--from \$15,000 in 2013 to \$30,000 in 2014, but does not increase service goal to support the increases.
- Application does not show how costs are being reduced by program efficiencies as requested in Resolution 13-C-01.

5. Applicant Attributes

Project /Program Management Ability and Capacity:

- The applicant provides programming statewide and annually demonstrates the necessary competencies, qualifications, experience and capacity to successfully provide on-going transitional housing and support services to homeless veterans.

Past Performance/Experience:

- The applicant has extensive experience with state and federal grant funds, and CDBG and ESG funds allocated to this agency have been well managed.
- The application does not report on outcomes relating to past performance.

Quality of Application:

- The application is adequately written, but program and community statistics and program observations/conclusions about homeless veterans are not included or used to support need.

BONUS POINTS—Collaborative (10 points), Joint or Single Application:

- The CDBG request is a single application and the ESG request is a joint application. The extent of their “collaboration” is to contract with CHUM’s outreach and chaplaincy staff to ask about veteran status when they are conducting outreach activities. They are requesting additional funds for this outreach, but did not increase their goal.
- Outreach activities are limited to the current ‘hold harmless’ amount and cannot be expanded.