

Applicant: Anytown Providers **Name:** Homeless Counseling Center **County Activity**

Total Request: \$602,000 **CDBG Request:** \$52,500 **Communities of Consideration:**

The entire Urban County of Wayne

Project Description: Any Town Providers seeks to counsel homeless veterans so that they will be able to become productive citizens capable living independently. Specific activities include emergency food and utility assistance, job training, and identity and transportation assistance. This proposal continues a program begun in 1998, primarily to serve the identified areas. This is a continuing project.

Concerns of Note: This entity has received CDBG funding for a period of 4 years. It has used its funds in accordance with its contract with the County, to the benefit of LMI persons. It recently received United Way funding for the next 3 years, under its Basic Needs criterion. It also obtained considerable Federal financial support for housing counseling and for weatherization assistance. This places the applicant in a good position to succeed in its mission. The applicant has demonstrated considerable administrative capacity and its programs have been recognized for helping assisted families remain in their homes.

Applicant: Dental Care, Inc. **Name:** Hidden Valley Dental Project **Local Activity**

Total Request: \$25,000 **CDBG Request:** \$25,000 **Community of Consideration:** Canton Twp.

Project Description: Dental Care, Inc., a consortium of area dentists which provides pro bono services to low income families, seeks to serve the lowest income areas of the community. The applicant seeks funding to pay for medicines and other dental supplies necessary to operate safely. The funds would not pay salary, mileage or other administrative expenses. The applicant has operated in the community for 15 years and has served over 2,500 low-income persons during that time. Some 110 LI persons are expected to benefit this year. This is a continuing project.

Concerns of Note: There have been no performance issues over the 15 years of CDBG participation, but the applicant has been delinquent in submitting reports and other documentation required as a condition of funding. The most recent audit identified three material weaknesses but these were corrected and are not expected to re-emerge.

Applicant: XYZ Sr. Agency **Name:** Senior Activities Program **County Activity**

Total Request: \$65,000 **CDBG Request:** \$15,000 **Community of Consideration:**

Rochester, Grosse Pointe, Melvindale, Taylor and Auburn Hills

Project Description: The applicant serves the above-listed communities together, thereby allowing senior activities in a cost-effective manner. Activities include: senior aerobics, day trips, bingo, a senior health fair, and other health-related services. XYZ has operated its program in the identified communities since 1975, and serves an average of 575 persons per year. This is a continuing project.

Concerns of Note: The applicant has been able to leverage funds from a number of foundations and other contributors, including the State and Federal governments. All previously allocated funds have been spent and there have been no performance issues over the 23 years of participation by this agency. The communities served have been highly complimentary about the quality of services provided.

Applicant: Save the Theater **Name:** Friends of the Bijou, Inc. **County Activity**

Total Request: \$1,600,000 **CDBG Request:** \$135,000 **Communities :** See below

Belleville, Oakland Twp., Detroit, Westland, Ann Arbor

Project Description: Friends of the Bijou intend to restore the historic Bijou Theater in Ann Arbor to its 1925 grandeur. Necessary improvements include roof and electrical reconstruction, an internal sewer connection upgrade to correct necessary health and safety hazards on the site. All would be implemented through the CDBG funds. The applicant has obtained \$1,250,000 in non-Federal funds for the other restoration work. The Ann Arbor Building Department has certified that the code violations are a threat to public health and safety. The applicant will not need CDBG funds after this year. The CDBG activities will be completed by March 2009, with project completion by June 2010.

Concerns of Note: The applicant has a total of \$215,000 in unspent funds from the 2003, 2004, and 2006 program years. Although it has been slow in expending its previous grants, the 2009 funds, if received, would allow it to complete the project this year. The applicant has not yet submitted its sub-recipient agreement and audit/financial statement for any of the previous grants, and we do not know if there are any material deficiencies identified in the audits.

The applicant has amassed substantial CDBG funds for a project, yet its administrative capacity is unknown since it has done nothing with the CDBG funds received. This is cause for concern and the County will condition 2009 funding, if awarded by the communities, upon the following:

- County receipt of sub-recipient agreements for each of the affected years
- County receipt (and favorable review) of audits/financial statements for each of the affected years,
- Sub-recipient satisfaction of Federal procurement and labor requirements and attaining the aggressive implementation benchmarks contained in the 2009 application.
- Acknowledgement by the sub-recipient that 2009 will be the last increment of CDBG funding.