

**CDBG YEAR 38
PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

APPLICANT: MANNA FOOD CENTER

PROJECT: SMART SACKS STUDENT NUTRITION EDUCATION

AMOUNT: \$3,000

TYPE: NEW NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR ROCKVILLE CHILDREN

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As part of its new Client Nutrition Education program, Manna will provide brochures and other nutrition education elements into the Smart Sacks program which directly benefits 194 students at five (5) Rockville elementary schools. Manna already provides a backpack full of kid-friendly, nutritious food each Friday to students identified by school counselors at Twinbrook, Maryvale, Beall and College Gardens elementary schools. This funding will be used for printing, supplies and related operating costs for various tools to educate students about smart nutritional choices and then the nutritionist will develop and track survey results to evaluate program success.

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APPLICANT: STEPPING STONES SHELTER
PROJECT: \$15,000
AMOUNT: EVENING CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
TYPE: SALARY FOR PROFESSIONAL EVENING CASE MANAGER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Stepping Stones Shelter, located in the City of Rockville, provides homeless families with food, clothing, shelter, support services, and educational programming while they are at the shelter. Comprehensive services, with a focus on housing, employment and financial literacy, are provided to any homeless family with children.

Stepping Stones is requesting CDBG funding to help cover the rising costs of salaries attribute to a new operating model implemented by Montgomery County in 2009. Many shelters changed their programs to become “Housing First” assessment shelters which shortened stays from 90 days to 30 days and require the staff to move the case management and family education forward in a much shorter timeframe. As a result, Stepping Stones went from one part-time manager to needing one full-time and one part-time case manager. The part-time case manager works with the primary case manager to provide continuity of assistance during the evening hours which is essential to the successful completion of the family’s income and housing goals.

They have requested \$15,000 toward the salary for this part-time position which is \$17,680 per year (\$17/hour for 20 hours/week).

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APPLICANT: KOREAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC.

PROJECT: ROCKVILLE OUTREACH AND SERVICES

AMOUNT: \$9,000

TYPE: SALARIES AND OPERATING COSTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Rockville Outreach and Services project assists low-income Asian families with limited English proficiency, especially Korean, to become self-sufficient by providing various social, wellness and legal services. Specifically, these funds will be used toward social worker salaries and operating costs for case management, referring clients to other service providers, housing assistance, links to affordable health care and citizenship preparation.

According to the most recent Census, the Asian population is the fastest growing group in Rockville. The agency estimates that 55 people will directly benefit from this program, almost all of whom are elderly. The CDBG request is for \$9,000 of a total program budget of \$15,000.

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APPLICANT: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

PROJECT: ASIAN IMMIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

AMOUNT: \$10,000

TYPE: SALARIES AND OPERATING COSTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) provides free legal services to the low and moderate income Asian immigrants with limited English proficiency. Asian Americans make up the fastest growing segment of Rockville's population and comprise approximately 20% of the city's total residents. The agency estimates that 30-60 Rockville residents will be assisted in various project components. This project will focus on the legal needs of the four most insular and economically disadvantaged segments of the Asian community: Vietnamese Americans, Japanese Americans, Korean Americans and the general Asian elderly population.

APALRC will adopt a three-prong approach to outreach to the target group: outreach and legal education, a multi-lingual intake system and direct legal aid. CDBG funding will pay for a percentage of the salaries of the staff attorneys assigned to implement this project as well as a portion of the operating costs. They have requested \$10,000 of a total project cost of \$41,675.

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PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

APPLICANT: ROCKVILLE HOUSING ENTERPRISES

PROJECT: PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

AMOUNT: \$91,670

TYPE: KITCHEN/BATH RENOVATIONS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) owns and operates David Scull Courts, a 76-unit public housing community as well as approximately 29 units at scattered site throughout the city. CDBG funds will be used to renovate kitchens and baths in 10 units, including installation of new energy-efficient appliances and water-saving plumbing fixtures. This project will not only reduce ever-increasing energy bills for those who can least afford them, it will ensure that deterioration due to the age of the units (average 40+ years) will not be deferred.

Of the 105 public housing unites owned and operated by RHE, 48 were upgraded in 2009-2010 with various Federal funds including four upgraded via CDBG funds. This year (Program Year 37), 27 additional units will be renovated using CDBG and public housing capital funds and this application for Year 38 funds are intended to continue the effort until all units are updated in 2014. This project will renovate 10 units at a cost of \$9,167 per unit.

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PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

APPLICANT: CITY OF ROCKVILLE
PROJECT: SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
AMOUNT: \$97,730
TYPE: HOUSING REHABILITATION AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Community Planning and Development Services administers the City’s Single Family Rehabilitation Program which helps low/moderate income families maintain their homes. This program assists an average of 11 homeowners per year for emergency repairs, maintenance and modernization, handicap adaptability and energy efficiency. At any given time there is a waiting list of 15 homeowners while there are currently 10 active projects in various stages of approval, bid or construction.

For households meeting the income guidelines from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (less than \$64,400 for a family of four) the program provides home improvement forgiveness loans up to \$60,000. Typical needs are for new furnaces, roofs, broken or inefficient appliances and plumbing fixtures, dangerous tree removal, or repairs resulting from water damage or the age of the home. Almost half of the recipients are elderly who cannot physically or financially maintain their homes as a safe environment.

In doing so, the program first addresses critical code deficiencies and lead paint abatement, followed by incipient code deficiencies and then general improvements. A five-year lien is imposed on the property and the lien is forgiven at a rate of 20% per year. Should a property be sold or refinanced within the five year period, the unforgiven balance must be returned to the city prior to release of the lien. The paid off balance is then placed in the rehabilitation program.

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APPLICANT: CITY OF ROCKVILLE
PROJECT: SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
AMOUNT: \$33,600
TYPE: PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The CDBG grant covers a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for the employee who administers the City's Single Family Rehabilitation Program. The other portion (\$50,400) is paid from the General Fund. The proportion is changed from previous years so that additional grant funds can be allocated to directly benefit low and moderate income families who benefit from the stated programs.