



City and County of San Francisco

Department on the Status of Women

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OVW Recovery Act Transitional Housing Assistance Grants
for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program

San Francisco Survivor Stabilization Project Project Summary

Lead Agency: San Francisco Department on the Status of Women
Program Partners: Gum Moon Residence Hall, Jewish Family and Children's Services, St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco, and Women's Initiative
Project Budget: \$492,882

The San Francisco Survivor Stabilization Project is a 3-year initiative enhancing the collaborative efforts of Department on the Status of Women (lead agency), three of the Department's current transitional housing grantees, **Gum Moon Residence Hall, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco**, and a long-time ally and City partner in the promotion of women's economic self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship, **Women's Initiative**. Through this partnership, the Project will:

1. Stabilize victims of domestic violence through housing, support services, financial skills training, and employment skills development;
2. Transition survivors of violence and their families into permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency; and
3. Promote economic growth in San Francisco through the entrepreneurship of women survivors of violence.

The current financial crisis has created unprecedented need in the community, and has conversely reduced the amount of resources available to support the most vulnerable victims of domestic violence. The transitional housing providers funded by the Department in FY07-08 turned 26 women away due to lack of space or safety concerns. In just the first 6 months of FY08-09, transitional housing providers have already turned away 199 women and children. The need for skilled staff to provide intensive supportive services to efficiently transition women and their children into stable housing and employment is critical. **With the infusion of \$492,825, the Project partners will provide 3,000 hours of supportive services to 83 unduplicated individuals.** Agencies will:

- Offer comprehensive and intensive **case management** services to clients.
- Offer individual and group **counseling** to clients on a weekly basis.
- Offer quarterly **financial literacy** workshops and ongoing individual financial literacy counseling for each client.
- Provide **financial assistance** to current residents with no or little income.
- Provide **move-in subsidies** for program graduates.

- Offer **continuing case management** for a minimum of 3 months for graduates of the program.
- Provide unique **entrepreneurship training**, ongoing business-development support, and micro-loans to stimulate the San Francisco economy, and create personal self-sufficiency for survivors of domestic violence.

3-Year Budget Summary

A. Personnel (DOSW)	\$24,020
B. Fringe Benefits (DOSW)	\$4,916
C. Travel (DOSW and Contractors)	\$15,478
D. Supplies (DOSW)	\$1,800
E. Contracts:	\$446,611
1. Gum Moon Residence Hall	\$131,709
2. Jewish Family and Children's Services	\$129,909
3. St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$134,993
4. Women's Initiative	\$50,000

3-YEAR BUDGET REQUEST: \$492,825

In addition to operating expenses, financial assistance, and move-in subsidies, which will be used in the San Francisco market, this funding will support approximately 3.00 FTE of staff positions for 3 years. These are staff positions that may otherwise have been reduced or cut entirely, or they are much-needed new positions in agencies operating at maximum capacity. Funding these positions benefits the San Francisco economy through income taxes and through the food and other basic goods purchased with these salaries, and with the subsidies provided to graduates. Funding will also support the creation of new businesses that will employ San Francisco residents and stimulate economic growth.

Proposal Information:

The proposal was submitted April 7, 2009. If the Department is selected to receive Recovery Act Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program funding, the grant period will start June 1, 2009. For more information about this proposal, please contact Administrative Analyst Laura Marshall at (415) 252-2578 or laura.marshall@sfgov.org.