

FY 2016 Bridgton CDBG Public Service Program

The CDBG Public Service program provides funding to local public service agencies that provide a direct benefit to the residents of Bridgton.

Proposals submitted to the program must be consistent with the Goals and National Objectives of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program. Any applications submitted that do not meet these Goals and National Objectives will be excluded from review.

Eligible Use of Funds - The Public Service program can fund operating expenses, equipment, and program materials for public service programs or projects that benefit low-to-moderate income Bridgton residents.

Timetable & Requirements

- Applications are due no later than **3 PM on Monday, January 11, 2016** to the Bridgton Municipal Office, 3 Chase Street, Bridgton 04009 c/o Anne Krieg
- Applicants are required to attend one MANDATORY “workshop” with Community Development staff to review requirements and project eligibility. There will be two opportunities with 2 different time slots to attend a workshop:
 - Tuesday November 24, 2015 at 10 AM or 2 pm
 - Thursday December 10, 2015 at 10 AM or 2 PM
- Applicants are invited to present their application on **January 20, 2016 at 8 am** to the Community Development Committee, which will be reviewing applications and recommending funding to the Select Board. The Select Board will receive the applications and recommendations at their regular meeting February 9, 2016. The Select Board must make their decision for Cumberland County review before April 1, 2016. Funds will be available for disbursement after July 1, 2016.

Rules & Record Keeping Requirements

Funded applicants will be required to sign a contract with the Town of Bridgton that will state all the requirements placed on the applicant, which include but are not limited to:

- You will be required to provide monthly or quarterly reports stating the total number of persons served. These figures are required to be reported to HUD.
- You will be required to obtain written proof of income and ethnic origin for each person or household whom you assist, unless your clients are a Presumed Group or your activity qualifies as Area Benefit. These figures are required to be reported to HUD.
- Grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. Written records justifying all expenditures must be maintained for a period no less than four years after the full grant is expended. These records will be subject to review by the Town, Cumberland County, and HUD.

I certify that I have read and understand the above rules and record keeping requirements of the Bridgton CDBG program:

Signature of Authorized Official  Date 12/23/15

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM APPLICATION

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION: Family Crisis Services

CONTACT PERSON: Jen LaChance Sibley

ADDRESS: Physical Address: 230 Main Street, Bridgton, ME 04009

Mailing Address: PO Box 704 Portland, Maine 04104

E-MAIL: jen_s@familycrisis.org

PROJECT TITLE: Domestic Violence Outreach Services

Select one CDBG "NATIONAL OBJECTIVE":

LOW/MODERATE INCOME:

Area Benefit (services are available to and benefit all people in a specific geographic area that is low/moderate income)

Service Area _____

Limited Clientele (serves individual clients/households, the majority of whom are low/moderate income)

Presumed Group – select one (services benefit a group that HUD presumes to be low/moderate income)

Elderly

Homeless Persons

Disabled Adults

Battered Spouses

Abused Children

Illiterate Adults

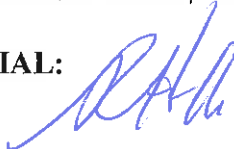
Persons with AIDS

Migrant Farm Workers

AMOUNT OF CDBG FUNDS REQUESTED: \$2,500

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: Rebecca Hobbs, Executive Director

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:



For additional information and assistance with this application please contact Anne Krieg at the Town of Bridgton Planning, Economic and Community Planning and Development Office at Bridgton Town Office at 207.647.8786 or by email krieg@bridgtonmaine.org

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY FY 2015 CDBG
APPLICATION NARRATIVE QUESTIONS**

NAME OF PROJECT/APPLICANT: **Domestic Violence Outreach Services**

1). DESCRIBE THE PROGRAM/PROJECT – Please describe and quantify specifically the services or products to be provided as a result of the expenditure of CDBG funds. Who will you serve? What activities will you undertake?: (30 Points)

Family Crisis Services (FCS) is the local domestic violence resource center serving Cumberland County since 1977. FCS provides free and confidential services to domestic violence victims. We currently offer a 24-hour hotline, a 16 bed shelter for women and their children, outreach advocacy programs (court advocacy) in three offices: Bridgton, Portland, and Brunswick, case management for sex trafficked victims, prevention education and youth advocacy, elder abuse advocacy, a liaison for the Department of Health and Human Services, incarcerated women advocacy as well as the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) through local law enforcement agencies. **In 2015, FCS received 6,536 hotline calls, provided 2,558 individuals with advocacy and an additional 570 individuals with court advocacy.**

Family Crisis Services (FCS) is requesting \$2,500 for staff support for the direct services and advocacy provided to domestic violence victims residing in Bridgton. The advocate based in this office provides a multitude of services including safety planning, assistance filing protection orders, navigating the criminal and civil court system, support groups and referrals to other community services providers.

Family Crisis Services proposes to provide ongoing direct services and support for individuals residing in Bridgton. This includes but not limited to: access to 24-hr. hotline, shelter services, court advocacy and individual advocacy. The advocate assists victims in filing protection orders, providing legal referrals, safety planning and supporting individuals through protection from abuse hearings at the Bridgton District Court. Support groups are also offered in Bridgton throughout the year for victims of domestic violence.

The advocate also receive domestic violence related police reports from the Bridgton Police Department and provides follow-ups services to victims from these cases. From 2011-2013, FCS employed an Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) advocate to work with specific police departments (including Bridgton) to provide training and to partner with officers in 48-hour follow-up services to victims in domestic violence criminal cases. Unfortunately, funding cuts resulted in the loss of the advocate in the Bridgton Police Department. Through CDBG funding, we would continue to provide follow-up services to victims after Bridgton Police Department have become involved. These follow-ups will be either in person with a law enforcement officer, or through phone contact or scheduled meetings. The purpose of these follow-

ups are to provide information about FCS services, safety planning, and community referrals for additional services and support.

2). IDENTIFY THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED: (30 Points)

Domestic violence is prevalent in every community. It does not discriminate. It is threaded throughout the fabric of our schools, churches, neighborhoods and businesses. Victims are often isolated in their relationship and feel that there are no alternatives but to stay in abusive relationship. The power and control that is exerted in these relationships make it dangerous for people to leave a relationship.

Family Crisis Services believes it is important to maintain an office in Bridgton to allow easy access for victims seeking support and safety. There are limited social service programs in the Lake Region area in comparison to larger communities. Family Crisis Services is committed to maintaining support services for victims and their families experiencing domestic violence.

Last year, FCS provided services to **49 individuals** from Bridgton. **45** of these individuals received direct service advocacy including hotline, individual advocacy and court advocacy. The Bridgton Police Department received over **166 domestic violence/disturbance calls** this past year.

3). CONVEY YOUR ORGANIZATION'S READINESS TO PROCEED – Is this a new program/project? How will the project be managed and staffed? What is your agency's experience providing these services and reaching your target population?: (20 Points)

Family Crisis Services has provided domestic violence advocacy services in Cumberland County since 1977. We have maintained office space in Bridgton for nearly three decades. This will not be a new program for Family Crisis Services. This will be the continuation of the work that we are currently doing with victims residing in the community.

The Outreach Services Director would oversee all of the direct service programs that are provided to Bridgton residents. The director has supervised the outreach team since 2005. The advocate assigned to the Lake Region office will be the primary advocate for this program and has worked for FCS for three years. The Outreach Services Director will be responsible for providing the necessary support and supervision to the Lake Region advocate.

Family Crisis Services has received national recognition for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) initiative. EPIC program focuses on the follow-up services with law enforcement departments after a domestic violence incident. FCS, under the auspice of the Outreach Services Director, built an EPIC program that works

with every law enforcement department in Cumberland County. This is one program that is offered to Bridgton residents and has had tremendous success making connections with victims and partnering with law enforcement agencies.

4). **IDENTIFY THE MEASURABLE IMPACTS OF THE ACTIVITY:** (10 Points)

Each month, FCS advocates collect data on how many people we have worked with from each community. Data is broken down to where and how people accessed our services. We measure our success by the number of victims we served and if we were able to provide each one with a safety plan. FCS anticipates that we will provide advocacy and support services to 45-65 individuals residing in Bridgton.

We will also keep track of the number of police reports we receive from Bridgton Police Department and the number of successful follow-ups contacts we have made. These numbers will show the collaborative efforts made between the two systems and services offered to victims.

The success of this project is measured by individual safety and is characterized as much as by what does not happen as what does. This is identified when families are able to live safely in their homes, or are able to leave an abusive situation without further abuse and violence.

5). **DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS:** (10 Points)

Family Crisis Services seeks multiple funding sources for direct service advocacy programs. We continually look for ways to broaden our services to meet the increasing needs victims face. The Lake Region Outreach Office consistently has provided services to 45-80 individuals each year from the town of Bridgton since opening an office in the community and this funding would ensure that this important work continue. Family Crisis Services has heard from the community that our local services are essential to families here. Your support would show there is no place for domestic violence in Bridgton.

6). PROGRAM BUDGET – please fill in the below table with the proposed budget specific to this program.

COST CATEGORY	CDBG FUNDS	ORGANIZATION FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION				
MATERIALS/SUPPLIES				
OPERATING COSTS				
OTHER Salary/wage for Lake Region Advocate	\$ 2,500			\$ 2,500
TOTAL COSTS:	\$ 2,500			\$ 2,500



Family Crisis Services

Working to end domestic abuse in Cumberland County

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December 22, 2015

Family Crisis Services
Attn: Rebecca Hobbs
P O Box 704
Portland, Maine 04106

Re: Town of Bridgton CDBG Program, 2016-2017

Dear Rebecca

Pursuant to discussion at the December 22, 2015 meeting of the board of directors of Family Crisis Services, Family Crisis is authorized to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds through the Town of Bridgton for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Sincerely,

Judith Reidman
President, Family Crisis Services Board of Directors

