

Jefferson County
2011 Letter of Interest
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
SECTION 1 (Fillable Form/No Points)

The goal of the Community Services Block Grant is to provide financial support for programs that have a measurable and potentially significant impact on the causes and effects of poverty. CSBG funds are limited to assisting individuals/families whose incomes do not exceed 125% of poverty level. The deadline for submission is 3:00 pm Friday, July 9, 2010. PLEASE PROVIDE 1 HARD COPY AND 1 CD OF ENTIRE SUBMITTAL.

1. Organization Name:
Address:
Contact Person for this Letter of Interest:
Phone:
E-Mail:

2. Mission Statement:

3. The applicant is a:
 501(c)(3) Housing Authority
 Governmental Agency Quasi-Governmental Agency

4. Amount of Funds Requested: \$

5. Which Jefferson County Goal does this project address?
 a. Fiscally Responsible Government b. Quality Customer Service
 c. Safe Communities d. Predictable Growth
 e. Mobility Options

6. The focus of 2011 CSBG funds is in meeting National Goal #6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments, specifically within National Indicator 6.2, Emergency Assistance (see National Indicators Summary, attached, for further detail). Please briefly describe how your program will provide emergency services and ultimately help move people toward self-sufficiency.

Seniors' Resource Center, Inc. (SRC) will use Jefferson County CSBG funding to support Care Management Services. Through these care management services we will provide Emergency Assistance to low income seniors (National Indicator 6.1) and will also provide the tools and supportive services that will promote Independent Living in the community (National Indicator 6.2).

Care Management Services provides a simple one-call approach for all of the services that SRC offers, as well help to access the other emergency resource that are available in Jefferson County for low-income residents. This grant will support care management services to older adults needing help in navigating the complex service system.

The need for these services is great and far outstrips our ability to handle all our requests. In 2009, SRC provided 8,018 individuals with care navigation, crisis intervention, friendly visitors, and referrals and distributed \$58,332 in emergency assistance to low-income seniors.

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SECTION 2 (Point Section)

PLEASE LIMIT THIS SECTION TO 2 PAGES
(you may use separate sheets of paper for this section)

1. Provide a 250 word abstract describing your project or program. (30 points)

The Care Management Services (CMS) Program at Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) supports the community and our low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities by providing Emergency Assistance -- emergency food, rent and mortgage assistance, related supportive care management and assessment services in Jefferson County. Through our 32 years of outreach and community presence we have become the first call for many seniors and caregivers. Last year alone we helped 8,000 individuals in our care management department. The first step in providing this service is a good assessment. Our care managers are able to evaluate the amount of support each client needs and makes sure it is provided. The one outstanding component of this service is that we offer the seven services that SRC provides in house, plus we coordinate with the individual to provide access to all the other services that are available in the community.

Our in-house services include: transportation, in-home care, adult day and respite services, job training and emergency assistance (which provides emergency funding to pay a heating bill or past due rent, for example, or we can help with an emergency food box or needed transportation). What we don't provide directly, we coordinate with other agencies to provide, like meal sites, medical care, and help applying for Medicaid or Colorado Old Age Pension. The SRC coordinated care managers tap into whatever community options are available to provide the comprehensive care an individual needs.

SRC Care Management Services are offered at two sites within Jefferson County - SRC's main site in Wheat Ridge and SRC's satellite facility, SRC-Evergreen - which gives us the ability to serve low-income residents of both the rural and suburban areas of Jefferson County

2. Describe the problem and provide data/factual evidence and list sources. (20 points)

Seniors can feel overwhelmed by challenges they face and the lack of resources to meet their basic and emergency needs. Finding these resources and making sure these seniors get the support they need is the primary function of our care managers. This is where SRC's care manager will help by providing a one-call approach to receiving community aid.

An Aging population. Jefferson County's population of adults 60+ is estimated to more than double by the year 2020, according to DRCOG -- from 10.88% of the population in 2000 to 23.5% in 2020. This data is in the report, "Strengths and Needs Assessment of Older Adults," Oct. 5, 2004, conducted by the National Research Center, Inc. for DRCOG. This represents 83,418 seniors in Jefferson county today and mushrooming to 157,751 by 2020.

SRC's 32 years of experience in providing these services in our community makes us the first stop for many seniors and caregivers looking for support.

We have recently taken a leadership role in Lynn Johnson's "Aging Well in Jefferson County" which completed a community resource assessment and made program recommendations.

3. How will your proposal specifically address this problem? (10 points)

This proposal would fund a portion of the salaries for three care managers who are working directly with the low-income Jefferson County residents. It will fund the time when our care managers are helping these seniors and individuals with disabilities with emergency assistance and providing direct support for Independent living. We do have other funding available for the cost of these emergency services and other resources we will be providing. It is estimated that these services will be valued at \$25,000 - \$40,000.

4. What are the outcomes that will indicate that you are addressing the problem? (10 points)

The outcomes for the people served will be that they receive the services they need to get through their current emergency and the support they need to live independent in the community. We will track the number of clients served, types o services needed and the client satisfaction that the services were what they needed to remain in the community.

5. Describe who and why you targeted the population identified in your proposal; include things such as age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area, etc. (10 points)

Our services will be focused on seniors 55 and older and individuals with disabilities served through our 5 Jefferson County locations. To qualify, they must be low income and reside in the covered Jefferson County areas. The clients will be 70-75% female, mainly living alone, with an ethnicity that matches that of Jefferson County which is 85-90% Caucasian.

6. How many people will be assisted through your project/proposal and what is the cost per served party? (10 points)

We will provide information, referrals and assistance to 200 Individuals, complex care plans and follow-up with 60 individuals and emergency assistance to 25 for a total of 285. The average cost per person is \$169.

7. How will you collect data and measure effectiveness? Provide an assessment plan. (10 points)

Data will be collected in several ways -- through our company wide client database, our DRCOG SAMS database, individual Excel spreadsheets and other HIPPA client tracking forms.

Effectiveness will be measured by the ability to keep individuals in their homes and living independently and by their self reported scores from a client satisfaction surveys.

Signature: _____


Chief Executive Officer


Chairman, Board of Directors