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**CITY OF PALO ALTO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-R) and
HOUSING REHABILITATION**

**2008/2009 FUNDING APPLICATION
AMERICAN REINVESTMENT & RECOVERY ACT**

Application Available: Thursday, May 07, 2009

Application Deadline: Monday, May 11, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

Name of Organization Support Network for Battered Women

Address 1257 Tasman Drive, Suite C; Sunnyvale, CA 94089

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Program/Project Title Domestic Violence Services for Palo Alto Residents

Program/Project Address: Agency in Sunnyvale (1257 Tasman Drive, Suite C; Sunnyvale, CA 94089), Emergency shelter is in confidential location in Santa Clara County

Amount Requested \$2,500

CDBG Category: (please check one)

- Public Service**
- Community Facility Rehabilitation
- Housing (Rehabilitation)

Submit applications to:

**City of Palo Alto, Department of Planning & Community Environment,
250 Hamilton Avenue, 5th Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301**

For further questions please contact Kathy Marx 650-329-2428

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ONE PAGE PROGRAM OR PROJECT SUMMARY

(Please only use the space provided on this page)

Statement of Community Need:

The need for our domestic violence program is critical to an extremely vulnerable population of women and children (and sometimes men) living in Santa Clara County who are living with or are survivors of domestic violence. When these individuals are unable to receive immediate services, it is often a matter of life and death. Incidences of domestic violence historically peak during periods of poor economic times when families are experiencing higher stress levels than normal. Unfortunately, the current economic situation is affecting families in the City of Palo Alto and is resulting in increased cases of domestic violence. In order to continue providing immediate, high quality crisis services to these families in need, we must continue to receive funding support from our local cities.

Program/Project Summary:

The mission of Support Network for Battered Women is to empower our diverse community to live free from domestic violence. Our comprehensive services include Santa Clara County's only toll-free 24-hour bilingual (Spanish) crisis hotline, an emergency shelter, counseling, therapy, referral services, case management, legal assistance, and community education. Services to be funded with proposed funds include our Crisis Services program for residents of the City of Palo Alto.

Our Crisis Services include a 24-hour toll-free bilingual (Spanish) domestic violence help line. This line is answered by Crisis Line Counselors 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All of our Crisis Line Counselors are certified as Domestic Violence Counselors and are trained to listen with empathy to all callers. Crisis Line Counselors help callers get to safety, understand their rights and options, develop safety plans for themselves and their children, and provide an array of referrals for needed services.

As our Crisis Line is most often the first point of contact for victims of domestic violence, it is one of the most important services our agency provides to individuals experiencing domestic violence. It can make the difference between life and death for some of our callers who are living with extreme violence. The benefit and expected outcome of our Crisis Services includes providing callers with an opportunity to live lives free of domestic violence by connecting them to comprehensive services.

Clientele (describe the number served, and any special characteristics):

Last year, we were able to provide emergency services to over 100 residents of the City of Palo Alto. All of our clients include individuals who are currently experiencing domestic violence or are domestic violence survivors and their dependents. We serve clients throughout Santa Clara County.

Budget (describe the overall program cost and how the requested funds will be used):

Overall annual program cost for our Crisis Services Program is \$191,311. We are requesting \$2,500 for this program.

Additional Comments (in the space remaining, highlight any pertinent information that might be helpful in evaluating your request)

SECTION I

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

This section to be completed only by organizations requesting funding for public service activities. This section must be completed for each program or activity your organization is proposing.

1. Identify and describe the community need addressed by this program. **Please include data and information that the activity proposed is alleviating current economic conditions which pose a threat to the economic welfare of the community, that you will be unable to finance the activity on its own and other sources of funding are not available (with the exception of other Recovery Act funding sources).** Be specific and site objective sources wherever possible. Relate the need to the City of Palo Alto as well as the larger service area.

The incidence of domestic violence in Santa Clara County has remained high and constant for the last two decades. In 2005, law enforcement reported 5,871 cases of domestic abuse, totaling 112 new reports of domestic violence each week of the year. However, these numbers do not fully capture incidences of domestic violence as the majority of such incidents tend to go unreported as victims often suffer in silence and shame. In fact, only 15.6% of women experiencing domestic violence in Santa Clara County report it to authorities. Since 1993, the number of Emergency Restraining Orders has increased seven fold in Santa Clara County. (SCC Department of Public Health, 2001). Also, current economic conditions will likely result in higher incidents of domestic violence as more families are experiencing financial stress due to the economy. Proposed funds will allow us to successfully meet the immediate needs of domestic violence victims by allowing us to continue staffing our Crisis Line 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

2. Describe the proposed program or activity on the prior page. Include the program design and the services to be provided; identify expected outcomes and benefits of the program.

See prior page: Program/Project Summary

3. Is your organization applying for other Recovery Act funding? Will it be used in conjunction with the activity being proposed? **Please include the total activity budget from all funding sources, if other Recovery Act funding is being utilized.**

Our agency has currently not applied for other Recovery Act Funding.

4. All activities must be completed and money expended by June 2010. **Priority will be given to activities that can be initiated immediately.**

By June 2010, all proposed activities will be completed and all money for these services will be expended.

5. How many persons or households does the activity you're proposing currently serve? How many are from Palo Alto? How many persons do you propose to serve with these funds? How many of those will be from Palo Alto?

Proposed activities and funds will serve 56 persons. 100% of these persons will be from Palo Alto.

6. What percentage of program beneficiaries is very-low income? (See Income Eligibility Chart in Directions and General Information Section). CDBG-R funds shall principally benefit low- and moderate-income families in a manner that at least 70 percent of the grant is expended for activities that benefit such persons.

Using the criteria from the Santa Clara County Office of Housing, we estimate that 80% of our clients are low or very-low income. Individual client data is confidential, but we estimate that 70% of our Palo Alto clients are low or very-low income. Additionally, usually in cases of domestic violence, abusers tend to control everything in the victim's life, including finances. So, even if the household income is above low or very-low income, when victims try to leave their abusers or receive emergency services, because they do not have access to their household income, they are essentially almost always low or very-low income.

7. Please complete the Performance Measurement worksheet in Section IV of the application. Utilize only one each specific goal/objective and outcome.

8.	FY 2008/2009
Total cost of the program or activity	\$ <u>191,311</u>
Amount requested from City of Palo Alto	\$ <u>2,500</u>
Percentage of total costs requested from Palo Alto	% <u>1.3</u>

9. **Please Note: All subrecipients and contractors desiring to participate in the CDBG-R program must obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.**

10. **Please Note: Ten days after the end of each calendar quarter, each subrecipient shall provide to the City a report that contains:**

- (1) The total amount of recovery funds received; and
- (2) the amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated to activities; and
- (3) an evaluation of the completion status of the activity and
- (4) an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the activity.

The foregoing will be publicly available and posted on the City's website.

SECTION IV.

PERFROMANCE MEASUREMENT WORKSHEET

All applicants must complete this section. *If the goals, objectives and outcomes are not the same for both years, then provide this table twice filled out for each year. For more information on how to complete this section, see pp. 12-14 of Directions and General Information.*

Agency Name:	Project Title	CDBG Category (select one)	
Support Network for Battered Women	Domestic Violence Services for Palo Alto Residents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Service <input type="checkbox"/> Community Facility Rehab. <input type="checkbox"/> Housing	
Goal: To provide emergency services to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence in the City of Palo Alto.			
Objective 1.	Outcome	# to be served	Unit Type <i>(individuals, housing units, etc.)</i>
Provide 24-hour crisis line access to callers from the City of Palo Alto who are requesting assistance and information on domestic violence.	Crisis line callers will be provided with information on domestic violence, information on community resources, safety planning services, and access to other services at our main office.	56	Phone calls

CERTIFICATION

THE APPLICANT HEREBY PROPOSES TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING POLICY OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED AND FUNDED, IT IS AGREED THAT RELEVANT FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS, AND OTHER ASSURANCES AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF PALO ALTO WILL BE ADHERED TO. FURTHERMORE, AS THE DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION, I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS FULLY CAPABLE OF FULFILLING ITS OBLIGATION UNDER THIS PROPOSAL AS STATED HEREIN.

THIS APPLICATION AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND COMPLETE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

BY: Denise Henderson DATE: 5/11/09
Executive Director

Support Network for Battered Women
Organization Name