

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

APPLICATION AND REVIEW
SUMMARY

APPLICATION NUMBER: M11-8-015

APPLICANT: Providence House

PROJECT TITLE: Domestic Violence Program

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PROJECT FUNDS :

FUND: \$ 15,231 100.00%

PROJECT DURATION: 12 months

MATCH: \$ 0 0.00%

START DATE: 05/01/2012

TOTAL: \$ 15,231 100.00%

END DATE: 04/30/2013

Continuation of M10-8-015

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Providence House provides confidential shelter, counseling, case management, legal advocacy, and other support services for victims of domestic violence. Through our program victims are eligible to participate in our GED and our job training program, life skills and parenting classes, and can receive independent housing for up to two years. When appropriate, victims also receive referrals for other benefits and assistance in the community. The comprehensive victim services offered in conjunction with safe shelter aim to empower women to break the cycle of violence in their lives by giving them the resources and tools they need to make changes that will keep them and their families safe long-term. The primary goal of this request is to fully fund one part-time staff advocate position and 36% of the salary of a second part-time staff advocate position. These advocates provide the critical ongoing support and promote healing to approximately 550 victims of domestic violence each year. The domestic violence advocacy services offered by Providence House are essential to victim and allows them the opportunity to regain control, make informed decisions, and access available community resources.

RECOMMENDATION : FUND X DENY

SPECIAL CONDITIONS :

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1. NO DRAWDOWN OF FUNDS (AWARD) BY LCLE UNTIL APPLICANT RESPONSE TO LCLE LETTER OF 01/05/12 IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY LCLE STAFF.



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S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN FORMULA GRANT
PROGRAM

CFDA #16.588

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Project ID: m11-8-015

VAWA Purpose Area: 12

1. TITLE OF PROJECT

Domestic Violence Program

2. NEW PROJECT

CONTINUATION PROJECT OF: M10 - 8 - 015

3. PROJECT DURATION

Total Length: **12** Months (*Not to exceed 12 Months*)

Desired Start Date: 5/1/2012

Desired End Date: 4/30/2013

4. PROJECT FUNDS

Federal Funds: \$15,231

Cash Match: \$0

In-Kind Match: \$0

Total Project: \$15,231

5A. APPLICANT AGENCY INFORMATION

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DUNS: 883592149 -

CCR CAGE/NCAGE: 4S3Q4

CCR Expiration Date: 5/31/2012

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9. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (*Please do not exceed space provided below.*)

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VAWA PURPOSE AREAS

Check the VAWA Purpose Area(s) that this project will address. You will be required to report performance on each chosen purpose area.

- 1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- 2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutions, and the courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence, including the reporting of such information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
- 5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault and domestic violence, and dating violence programs; developing or improving the delivery of victim services to underserved populations; providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted; and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
- 7. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- 8. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multi-disciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- 9. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
- 10. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence of assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.
- 11. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.
- 12. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.
- 13. Provide for special victim assistants in law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims and law enforcement in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. (Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants)
- 14. Improving responses to police-perpetrated domestic violence. (Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program)

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL

Enter Position Titles and Names of the employees for each position funded through this grant. For further information and direction, please refer to the application instructions.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:

POSITION TITLE	EMPLOYEE NAME	FT	ACTUAL MONTHLY SALARY	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	NUMBER OF MONTHS	TOTAL SALARY PAID BY GRANT	PAID WITH	
							F	C
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES SALARIES:						\$0.00	F = Fed Funds C = Cash Match	

PART-TIME OR OVERTIME EMPLOYEES:

POSITION TITLE	EMPLOYEE NAME	PT OT	ACTUAL EMPLOYEE HOURLY SALARY RATE	NUMBER OF HOURS	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	NUMBER OF WEEKS	TOTAL SALARY PAID BY GRANT	PAID WITH	
								F	C
Domestic Violence Advocate	Jacqueline Taylor	PT	\$11.00	20.00	100.00%	52.00	\$11,440.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Violence Advocate	Joann Stanley	PT	\$10.00	20.00	100.00%	18.955	\$ 3,791.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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							\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF PART-TIME AND/OR OVERTIME EMPLOYEES SALARIES:								F = Fed Funds C = Cash Match	

VOLUNTEERS:

DUTIES: List ONLY volunteers used as In-Kind Match. Duties must directly relate to the focus of this project. For further information and direction, please refer to the application instructions.	NO. OF HOURS	VALUED RATE OF HOURLY PAY	IN-KIND TOTAL
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS IN-KIND SALARIES:			\$0.00

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$15,231
CASH MATCH	\$0
IN-KIND MATCH	\$0
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$15,231

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL (Continued) – BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:

Yes No Are job descriptions for each position attached? If not, explain:

Yes No Are resumes for each position attached? If not, explain:

A) Need for each position shown above; justify need for overtime:

Providence House has served families who were domestic violence victims since its inception. However, during 2008, we experienced a dramatic increase (25% of those served presented as victims of domestic violence) in the need for services and shelter. This dramatic increased demand for domestic violence services resulted in an equally dramatic increase in the number of other homeless families who were forced to be turned away. In February 2009, Providence House initiated a new formalized program, without secure funding, and officially opened an emergency domestic violence SAFE HOUSE on February 11, 2009. This facility has 25 rooms for families with children and singles (over 100 beds).

It is critical that the victims as well as their children have the services in place to help support them in their time of crisis. The Advocates provide a wide array of supportive services including, but not limited to: crisis response, intervention, counseling, case management, assistance with legal matters, and the development of safety plans.

No overtime is anticipated.

B) The basis for determining the salary of each position:

Salaries were based on comparable positions at local non-profit agencies and by using the Louisiana Association of Non Profit Salary Comparisons.

C) Project duties of each position requested:

Advocates: Direct services to domestic violence victims, including but not limited to: answer telephone crisis line, assess the victim's situation while providing intervention and de-escalation, safety planning and develop service plan and/or referral(s), helping to meet the individual's/family's immediate (shelter, basic needs, transportation, etc.) and long-term needs; assist victim/family in identifying resources and assure all needed services provided are effective in meeting the victim's and/or family's goals; assist clients in preparing documentation and successfully navigating the judicial system including filing injunctions, requests for Legal Aid representation and court testimony; mediate and facilitate communication between client and other agencies/providers, assuring referrals given are appropriate and are accessed by the client; develop and review written safety plans for victims and family members to assure their own safety; educate client about pending legal procedures and possible court-related situations while helping to prepare them to support law enforcement in prosecution of their case; accompany victim as needed or requested to any judicial hearings, trials and court related procedures by Law Enforcement; provide community education to individuals or groups about victims' rights, available services, safety and prevention efforts, and other family violence subjects.

D) Indicate if personnel will be new or existing personnel. If existing, indicate if position has been backfilled. If this is a continuation application, indicate the personnel's original status. [Existing personnel is an employee that currently works for the agency, but will now be working on grant activities. If so, the position from which the employee is moved must be filled. If employee is the same from the previous grant, indicate if the employee was originally hired for that position.]

Personnel is existing.

SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS (Employer's Share Only)

Enter the Individual Name(s) of the employees receiving fringe benefits for each position funded through this grant. There are two sets of each benefit below to allow budgeting for eight employees. For further information and direction, please refer to the application instructions.

Check: All Fringe Benefits Will Be Paid by Applicant Agency Additional Fringe Benefits Will Be Paid by Applicant Agency

EMPLOYEES' NAMES:					EMPLOYEES' NAMES: (Continued)				
SOCIAL SECURITY	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	SOCIAL SECURITY	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. paid by agency	.062			\$0	5.	.062			\$0
2.	.062			\$0	6.	.062			\$0
3.	.062			\$0	7.	.062			\$0
4.	.062			\$0	8.	.062			\$0
MEDICARE	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	MEDICARE	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. paid by agency	.0145			\$0	5.	.0145			\$0
2.	.0145			\$0	6.	.0145			\$0
3.	.0145			\$0	7.	.0145			\$0
4.	.0145			\$0	8.	.0145			\$0
HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE Provide monthly insurance rates	RATE	MONTHS	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	TOTAL	HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE Provide monthly insurance rates	RATE	MONTHS	TIME DEVOTED TO PROJECT	TOTAL
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1. paid by agency	0.020			\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
UNEMPLOYMENT TAX Based on first \$7,000 or Less	RATE	TYPE	SALARY	TOTAL	UNEMPLOYMENT TAX Based on first \$7,000 or Less	RATE	TYPE	SALARY	TOTAL
1. paid by agency	0.021	CHECK TYPE:		\$0	5.		CHECK TYPE:		\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.		<input type="checkbox"/> FUTA		\$0	7.		<input type="checkbox"/> FUTA		\$0
4.		<input type="checkbox"/> SUTA		\$0	8.		<input type="checkbox"/> SUTA		\$0
PUBLIC/PRIVATE RETIREMENT	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	PUBLIC/PRIVATE RETIREMENT	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
OTHER:	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL	OTHER:	RATE		SALARY	TOTAL
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (A):				\$0	FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (B):				\$0

PLEASE NOTE: IF MORE THAN EIGHT EMPLOYEES CHARGED TO THIS PROJECT, PLEASE COMPLETE AN ADDENDUM PAGE.

FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (A+B): \$0

SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	
CASH MATCH	
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$0

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

A. PROBLEM DEFINITION

1. Identify the nature and magnitude of the specific problem existing in your particular community that needs to be addressed through this proposed project. **Document the need, not the symptoms or solutions.** Be sure to include current **valid local data or state data, if local data is not available**, to support the justification. Give the source and date of your information. State the needs of your agency and the needs of the victims in your area as related to this problem and justify the need for the proposed project.

Domestic Violence is not a new problem in Northwest Louisiana, and far too many situations have resulted in the loss of lives for women in our community. Between September 2010 and October 2011, eight women from the Shreveport- Bossier area were murdered by their partner, some even after filing complaints of abuse with local authorities. The most recent state-wide statistics from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence indicate that one in three women report being physically or sexually abused each year. Louisiana also ranks third nationally for women victims to be killed by men, and an astonishing 84% of those women knew their offender. Law enforcement reported in 2006, 8,686 women and 4, 607 children received domestic violence services, while more than 3,500 orders for protection were issued (retrieved on November 18, 2011 from www.ncadv.org). The Surgeon General of the United States reported violence as the number one public health risk to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in this country, exceeding auto accidents, muggings, and cancer-related deaths.

Domestic Violence is a complex and multi-faceted issue, and for many victims an array of circumstances must be addressed in order for them to feel strong and secure enough to make the changes necessary to remain free from this violence. Many perpetrators have isolated the innocent victims from their families and the outside world, leaving them to feel they have no safe place to turn to seek refuge or help. The intimidation or threats they experience from their abuser often result in fear to seek medical attention or help from law enforcement. Others may be embarrassed or feel so overwhelmed by their circumstances that they believe there are too many obstacles to overcome in order to break away from the violent relationship in which they have found themselves. Many women who are battered go to extreme and courageous lengths to keep their children safe, which often is the ultimate reason they seek assistance. When victims finally decide to reach out for help, it is of utmost importance they are treated with compassion, understanding, and empathy. It is also crucial that they have access to the comprehensive support services that our advocacy program provides as a simple intervening of law enforcement is not enough to address to the host of emotional problems and financial barriers that most battered women face as a result of this abuse. These very issues, if left unaddressed, often times lead the victims back to the abusive situation as they do not have the financial resources and emotional strength to create a life for themselves independent of their perpetrator. Victim advocates are critical in that they provide guidance and counseling as well as connection to the necessary resources and services within the community to assist the victim in meeting her/his family's needs.

2. Describe gap in community resources and how the gap was identified. Explain what need is created by this gap in services/programs.

Providence House, prior to the opening of the SAFE House, found that over 60% of the homeless families served in our transitional shelter were homeless due to their fleeing a violent relationship. In 2008, as the local YWCA began limiting their services, we saw a drastic increase in women that presented as victims of domestic violence seeking our services and shelter. In response to this need, and in order to maintain vacancy for traditional homeless families, Providence House initiated a new formalized program, without secure funding, and officially opened an emergency domestic violence SAFE House on February 11, 2009. Shortly thereafter, the YWCA completely closed its doors as a domestic violence shelter leaving Providence House as the only safe and confidential shelter in Northwest Louisiana for victims of domestic violence. Our 100-bed facility, served 539 victims, including 153 adults and 286 children, totaling 1,590 nights of safe shelter in Fiscal Year 2011. Additionally, our organization assisted 215 victims in obtaining Temporary Protection Orders.

In order to keep the families of our community safe, it is critical that law enforcement and domestic violence advocacy programs work conjunctively. One cannot exist without the other for victims of domestic violence if we are to hope they will make the decision to break the cycle of family violence for themselves and their children. Advocacy during crisis and follow-up services are essential to provide an effective holistic approach that will empower victims to make the long-term changes necessary to remain free from violence.

B. GOALS

GOALS: The primary mission of all projects is to have a positive impact on the victims, not just to accumulate statistics on how many are served. Based on the problem identified, BRIEFLY state what the project hopes to accomplish. Do this by providing a clear statement of the effect this project will have on the problem.

Goal #1: To provide an immediate response to a threat by providing a safe, secure shelter

Goal #2: To provide supportive services for all victims of domestic violence which will allow healing to each victim.

C. OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES: Provide at least TWO (2) measurable objectives for EACH goal. Objectives need to be measurable, observable aspects of the program. Identify who, what will change and by how much. Use absolute numbers, not percentages and be sure to include a baseline number.

Goal #1: To provide an immediate response to a threat by providing a safe and secure shelter

Objective #1: Execute an ongoing Victim Awareness/Outreach plan to ensure the community is aware of the services provided.

Objective #2: Provide immediate response to a minimum of 500 victims who call the crisis phone line.

Objective #3: Provide a minimum of 1,000 nights of shelter to victims and their families.

Goal #2: To provide supportive services for all victims of domestic violence which will allow healing to each victim.

Objective # 1: Maintain training of staff advocates with required annual 40 hours of training

Objective # 2: Provide advocacy services to a minimum of 100 victims seeking refuge at the SAFE House.

Objective # 3: Provide counseling to a minimum of 100 victims seeking the Domestic Violence services.

D. ACTIVITIES / METHODS

List the specific activities and/or services to be provided that will accomplish the objectives. Must include a timetable for achieving the various components of your project. Timetable must cover entire grant period. This must relate back to the Goals and Objectives. If this is a training project, omit this page and complete D-2 Training Programs.

Goal #1: To provide an immediate response to a threat by providing safe and secure shelter.

Objective #1: Victim Awareness/Outreach (Ongoing from 5/1/12-4/30/13; DV Awareness month activities = 5/1/12-4/30/13)

Activity 1.1: Provide information on services for victims in 12 community settings.

Activity 1.2: Use of billboards, college newspapers and the local media to inform victims of services available.

Objective #2: Provide immediate response to a minimum of 500 victims who call the crisis phone line. (Ongoing from 5/1/12- 4/30/13)

Activity 2.1: Inform victims information on SAFE House services.

Activity 2.2: Provide referrals to appropriate agencies.

Activity 2.3: Offer SAFE House shelter and/or hotel vouchers to 100% of those needing emergency services.

Objective #3: Provide a minimum of 1,000 nights of shelter to victims and their families (Ongoing from 5/1/12- 4/30/13)

Activity 3.1: Offer safe and secure shelter to a maximum of 100 individuals (adults and children) at one time, 365 days of year.

Activity 3.2: Provide safe and secure shelter to all victims for a maximum of 45 days.

Goal #2: To provide supportive services for all victims of domestic violence which will allow healing to each victim.

Objective #1: Maintain training of staff advocates with required annual 40 hours of training (Attend at least 1 training event per quarter: 5/1/12-7/31/12; 8/1/12-10/30/12; 11/1/12-1/30/13; 2/1/13-4/30/13)

Activity 1.1: At minimum, 7 staff members will participate in LCADV meetings, trainings, seminars, and annual conferences to increase knowledge and build relationships with other domestic violence shelter staff.

Activity 1.2: At minimum, 7 staff members will attend and participate in quarterly volunteer training sessions.

Objective # 2 : Provide advocacy services to a minimum of 100 victims seeking refuge at the SAFE House. (Ongoing from 5/1/12-4/30/13)

Activity 2.1: Serve a minimum of 375 walk-in clients, including adults and children, and provide information and/or referrals to appropriate agencies.

Activity 2.2: Develop a detailed safety plan for a minimum of 200 victims.

Activity 2.3: Provide assistance obtaining restraining orders to a minimum of 200 victims.

Activity 2.4: Provide transportation to 100% of all those who request it to attend court proceedings and/or hearings.

Objective #3: Provide counseling to a minimum of 100 victims seeking Domestic Violence services. (Ongoing from 5/1/12-4/30/13)

Activity 3.1: Provide daily peer support sessions to a minimum of 100 adults in the SAFE House shelter.

Activity 3.2: Provide a licensed counselor to a minimum of 150 victims who request therapy services (residential and non-residential survivors)

Activity 3.3: Provide continuity of care to 100% of those who request ongoing counseling (adults and children).

Activity 3.4: Collaborate with Center for Families in the development of an ongoing support group.

H. PRIOR RESULTS (For Continuation Projects Only)

1. Based on the objectives of the previous application, what were the measurable outcomes? (Refer to the previous project's performance stated in the quarterly progress reports and other additional information.)

As reported in the LCLE- VAWA Quarterly reports, from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, the Providence House's Domestic Violence Advocacy program served an unduplicated 505 victims of domestic violence.

The crisis line received a total of 517 calls.

The services these victims received include, but is not limited to, shelter, crisis counseling, therapy, group treatment and support, personal advocacy, criminal justice support and advocacy, information and referrals, and emergency assistance. In the grant period, 192 group counseling sessions and 55 peer group counseling sessions were conducted by staff and attended by victims.

Our program also executed other non-direct service activities including 152 community education and trainings for law enforcement, healthcare providers, court personnel, and other service providers. The staff and advocates attended 12 training sessions as part of the program professional development objective.

2. Did the project work as expected? Explain.

Yes. All objectives were met in that the program provided the comprehensive advocate services to an increased number (505 in grant period) of victims including shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, referral to community resources, as well as non-direct services of community education and trainings.

3. Have the original goals and objectives been revised? Yes No

If Yes, explain what changes will be made in the continuation of this project and why?

n/a

I. EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF REPORTING

A COPY OF YOUR EVALUATION FORMS USED FOR THIS PROJECT MUST BE INCLUDED.

1. From who will the data be collected – what is the source?

Providence House tracks client statistical information and ultimately, produces an Annual Program Report to the community. Additionally, as it relates to the other goals, the Domestic Violence Program Manager tracks the trainings, the counseling sessions, and the education outreach efforts.

2. When will the data be collected?

Providence House tracks client statistical information on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to compile in the Annual Program Report at the end of each fiscal year.

3. Who will collect and analyze the data?

Domestic Violence Program Manager oversees the collection of the data; The Director of Operations analyzes and submits the data to Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

4. Who will be responsible for submitting the data for the VAWA Annual Report: State name and contact information.

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5. Following evaluation, who and how will updating or revising of the project's strategy be accomplished?

All Providence House programs receive an in-depth evaluation, conducted annually, to allow the programs to continue to be responsive to the needs of the immediate population served, as well as continue to evolve. This evaluation is conducted by the Program Review and Development Committee, comprised of staff, Board members and community representatives. All reports and recommendations are reported to the Board of Directors. The Executive Director implements new policies and procedures upon direction from the Board of Directors.

6. Name the recipients who will receive the project's results and the schedule of reporting (i.e. monthly, quarterly, yearly). Recipients MUST state the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement will receive Quarterly Progress Reports and expenditure reports quarterly/monthly as specified at award time. Recipients should also include, if applicable, board of directors, applicant agency (if different from implementing agency), courts with jurisdiction, etc.

Providence House prepares and presents monthly statistical data and annual reports to the staff, Board of Directors and the public. Providence House will disseminate quarterly reports and quarterly expenditure reports to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

J. CONTINUATION

- Yes No Do you plan to continue this project at the conclusion of federal support?
Since continued STOP funding is limited and not assured, alternate funding sources should be sought. Name the sources and potential sources of continued funding for this project at the conclusion of Federal support.

The Providence House continues to aggressively seek funding, including public and private dollars, from individuals, foundations, and organizations. Securing funds is a never-ending challenge for nonprofits for which there is no easy solution. However, it is our priority to diversify our funding sources in order to avoid an organizational crisis in the event that one or more may be cut. Providence House is currently researching and submitting funding opportunities to such agencies that are dedicated to domestic violence and family violence prevention.

K. RESOURCES

Describe the facilities and additional resources available to this project. Include the physical facility where services are provided. If applicable, list other resources available to this project, i.e. equipment, supplies, staff, etc.

Providence House owns two buildings (shelter and education center) and rents over 50 apartments in the Shreveport-Bossier City communities. In February 2009, Providence House leased and renovated an additional 14,000 sq. ft. facility to shelter domestic violence victims (known as the SAFE House). The SAFE House includes living and office space, including a children's area, computer lab, kitchens and lounges, to care for 25 domestic violence families with children and singles (over 100 beds). Providence House also owns and leases several vehicles to facilitate transportation for clients (vans, bus, and cars).

L. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

All applications must check one:

- This organization/agency expends \$500,000 or more in federal funds (during the fiscal year of the organization/agency from any and all sources including the amount of this application) **AND MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**
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| 1. | Date of last audit | Feb. 1, 2011 |
| 2. | Dates covered by last audit: | Oct.1, 2009-Sept. 30, 2010 |
| 3. | Date of next audit: | Feb. 1, 2012 |
| 4. | Dates to be covered by next audit: | Oct. 1, 2010- Sept 30, 2011 |
| 5. | Date next audit will be forwarded to LCLE: | Mar. 1, 2012 |
- This organization/agency expends less than \$500,000 in federal funds from all sources during the fiscal year of the organization/agency.

M. VOLUNTEERS

- Yes No Are you using volunteers as match?
If yes, describe the duties and functions to be performed by the volunteers. Indicate the number of volunteer hours per duty-function for this application (this can be an estimate). If volunteers are used as match, their duties must directly relate to the focus of this project and information stated in Section 100 Personnel.
- Yes No Are volunteers screened in compliance with the Louisiana Child Protection Act (LRS 15:587.1) as appropriate?

N. CONSULTATION

Law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, probation and parole agencies and victim services providers must consult with each other. Briefly describe the process used to consult, coordinate, and collaborate with each agency. Attach original current letters of support and/or written cooperative agreements indicating awareness and cooperation/role with this project.

All of the aforementioned agencies are a critical element to providing the complete continuum of care for our clients. Providence House's long-standing history of success has cemented relationships with all of these entities. Letters of support are forthcoming, separate from this request.