

**LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**APPLICATION AND REVIEW
SUMMARY**

APPLICATION NUMBER: C10-4-004

APPLICANT: Chez Hope, Inc.

PROJECT TITLE: Domestic Violence Program

PROJECT FUNDS :

FUND:	\$	<u>58,000</u>	80.00%
MATCH:	\$	<u>14,500</u>	20.00%
TOTAL:	\$	<u>72,500</u>	100.00%

PROJECT DURATION: 12 months

START DATE: 10/01/2010

END DATE: 09/30/2011

Continuation of C88-4-001

PROJECT SUMMARY:

To provide emergency services and advocacy for victims of family/domestic violence within the rural parishes of St. Mary, Lafourche and Assumption. Through 24-hour hotline/crisis line, victims are able to receive direct assess to immediate services including 12-hour crisis line, a 15-bed emergency shelter facility for up to six weeks (located in St. Mary Parish), alternative housing for up to three months, emergency transportation, crisis intervention, option counseling, safety planning and lethality assessment, emergency food and supplies, legal advocacy, a children's program, weekly support groups, transitional housing for up to 6 months and coordination and assistance with mobilizing ocommunity resources.

RECOMMENDATION: FUND X DENY

SPECIAL CONDITIONS :

1. NO RELEASE OF 10% TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS BY LCLE UNTIL MONITORING REVIEW IS RECEIVED BY LCLE.
2. NO DRAWDOWN OF FUNDS (AWARD) UNTIL APPLICATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY LCLE STAFF.

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 to support the justification. Cite 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.

The U.S. Department of Justice along with the FBI report (2009) domestic violence is the number one cause of injury to women in the U.S. creating a critical social issue that exist in one out of three families. Additionally, thousands of women are murdered annual by their intimate partner and sadly Louisiana is number two in the nation for domestic violence murders. The most alarming statistic released last month, identified the State of Louisiana as number one in the nation for female homicides related to domestic violence.

Chez Hope was established in 1983 to address the needs of family/domestic violence victims. Over the last two and half decades the agency has emersed into the community as a viable and comprehensive program. Services now include a 24 hour crisis line, a 15 bed shelter with emergency crisis intervention, lethality assessment, emergency food and supplies and case management. Chez Hope also has an alternative shelter program for victims leaving the emergency shelter program but still needing shelter. Other services include a legal advocate program, weekly support groups, a non-residential program for victims not needing housing, a comprehensive children's program, a 6 month transitional housing program, a volunteer program and a social change program. Chez Hope's primary service area is St. Mary Parish and is the only family/domestic violence program in the parish. St. Mary Parish reports a high number of domestic violence incidences. Law enforcement agencies report domestic violence is the single most prevalent calls on one given day. In 2009, a combined total of over 5,000 domestic violence related calls were received by law enforcement (Franklin Police Department, Baldwin Police Department, Patterson Police Department, Bayou Vista Police Department, Morgan City Police Department, St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department and St. Martin Sheriff's Department.). The parish also has a high poverty rate combined with a high unemployment rate and limited resources. Access to social service agencies and alternative resources for victims are limited with public transportation non-existent. For the victims who have been forced to leave their abusive partners, access to subsidized housing is yet another problem. Since Hurricane Rita's devastation of the area in 2005, housing authorities are reporting waiting lists for up to two years. With the recent gulf oil spill, St. Mary parish is faced with yet another crisis that will escalate unemployment and the poverty rate. In the last 90 days, Chez Hope has also experienced an increase in the number of victims requesting services.

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

The identified gap in community resources is the fact that Chez Hope is the only domestic violence program in St. Mary parish. Without Chez Hope providing the much needed services, many primary and secondary victims of family/domestic violence would not have a way out of a violent relationship and no alternative safe place to flee to. Additionally, chez Hope coordinates services to victims to assure no duplicatin of services are provided. Once a victim enters Chez Hope, the advocates provide intense case management to achieve the goals the victims have identified for themselves.

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:
During this grant period, it is Chez Hope will increase safety to domestic violence victims.

Goal #2:
During the grant period, it is Chez Hope will provide an increase in community support for victims of domestic violence and educate the victims of services available.

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:
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Objective #1:
Provide emergency services to 300 new primary victims of domestic violence

Objective #2:
Provide legal options to 300 new primary victims of domestic violence

Goal #2:
During the grant period, it is Chez Hope will provide an increase in community support for victims of domestic violence and educate the victims of services available.

Objective #1:
Provide 25 domestic violence awareness programs to the general public to identify possible victims.

Objective #2:
Provide information to social service providers that may be in contact with domestic violence victims.

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.

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Objective #2:

Provide legal options to 300 new primary victims of domestic violence

METHOD: Provide all victims entering program the Chez Hope Survivor Handbook that includes a general domestic violence safety plan as well as an individual safety plan that the advocates customize during the intake process. Also included in the Handbook are legal options and safety measures to implement if the victim has chosen to pursue legal relief through the protective order statutes.

Goal #2:

During the grant period, it is Chez Hope will provide an increase in community support for victims of domestic violence and educate the victims of services available.

Objective #1:

Provide 25 domestic violence awareness programs to the general public to identify possible victims.

Objective #2:

Provide information to social service providers that may be in contact with domestic violence victims.

METHODS: Each quarter Chez Hope will identify two specific community groups to contact to offer presentations to their members and will also distribute literature and posters to the identified group.

E. DEMOGRAPHICS

1. This project serves the following Congressional District(s)
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 All (Statewide Project)

2. Type of Organization:

- Applicant Agency: Law Enforcement Prosecution Court Non-Profit Organization Tribal Government
- Check the one answer that best describes the organization receiving VOCA Formula Grant Program funds
- Community-Based Organization
 - Court
 - Domestic Violence Program
 - Domestic Violence State Coalition
 - Dual Program (Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence)
 - Dual State Coalition (Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence)
 - Government Agency (Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health)
 - Law Enforcement
 - Probation, Parole, or Other Correctional Agency
 - Sexual Assault Program
 - Sexual Assault State Coalition
 - Tribal Coalition
 - Tribal Government
 - Tribal Sexual Assault and/or Domestic Violence Program
 - Unit of Local Government
 - University/School
 - Other (Specify):
- Yes No Is this a faith-based organization?
- Yes No Is this a culturally specific community-based organization?

F. LOUISIANA AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (LAVNS)

1. Name of the individual responsible for assisting victims in regard to accessing and using the LAVNS system:
 NAME: Cherisse Picard PHONE: (337) 828-4200 EMAIL: chezhope@cox-internet.com
- Yes No 2. Does this individual also serve as agency's point of contact for LAVNS? If not, please provide name and contact information:
 NAME: PHONE: () - EMAIL:
- Yes No 3. Has this individual attended trainings provided by LCLE to learn how victims are served by LAVNS? If no, agency will request LAVNS training from LCLE within 30 days of award. NOTE: More information regarding the LAVNS program, including training information, can be found at <http://lcle.la.gov/HIDGRAMS/lavns.asp>.
- Yes No 4. Does the agency have posters displayed for promoting LAVNS and brochures readily available to victims? If no, please go to the LCLE website to request free LAVNS materials at: www.lcle.la.gov/lavns.

G. CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS (CVR)

- Yes No 1. Is same individual responsible for assisting victims in regard to services available through the CVR program? If not, please provide name and contact information:
 NAME: PHONE: () - EMAIL:
- Yes No 2. Does the agency know who the Crime Victims Reparations (CVR) Claims Investigator is at the Parish Sheriff's Office?
- Yes No 3. Does the agency have posters displayed for promoting CVR and brochures readily available to victims? If no, please fax a written request (contact person, agency name, mailing address) for free CVR posters and brochures to 225-925-6159. NOTE: More information regarding the CVR program, including applications and other forms, can be found at: <http://lcle.la.gov/HIDGRAMS/cvr.asp>

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.)
In 2009, Chez Hope provided services to 299 new adult victims of domestic violence accompanied by an additional 495 children. The Legal Advocate Program provided assistance in the filing of 135 temporary restraining orders. A total of 95 victims were provided emergency shelter with 12 families residing in the transitional housing program after their crisis situation was stabilized. Chez Hope's public awareness/Social change program also provides education to local law enforcement agencies, other social service agencies, the school system and civic groups.

2. Did the project work as expected? Explain.
Yes, Chez Hope exceeded the primary goal by 10%.

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?

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I. EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

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?
All advocates maintain a stat sheet at all times that lists the survivor name and all services that survivor received during a one month period.

2. When will the data be collected?
Data is collected daily by all advocates

3. Who will collect and analyze the data?
Individual advocates submit the completed stat form at the end of each month to the administrative office. The Program Coordinator combines all data into one master stat sheet for the month.

4. Who will be responsible for submitting the data for the Quarterly Progress Reports. State name and contact information.
Name: Cherrise Picard Phone: (337) 828-4200 Email: chezhope@cox-internet.com

5. Following evaluation, who and how will updating or revising of the project's strategy be accomplished?
The Program coordinator with the assistance of the Executive Director.

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.
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, the Chez Hope Board of Directors, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, The Louisiana Bar Foundation, the United Way of Southwest Louisiana.

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J. CONTINUATION

Yes No Do you plan to continue this project at the conclusion of federal support? Since continued VOCA 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.

- State General Funds - DCSF
- Marriage License Funds - DCSF
- Family Violence Prevention Funds - DCFS
- Local Government Grants
- IOLTA Funds
- United Way of Southwest Louisiana
- Emergency Shelter Grant

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.

In July 2007, Chez Hope purchased a 6300 square foot building located on Main Street in the city of Franklin. The first floor of the building houses the non-residential program, the legal advocate program, the volunteer program and the administrative offices. The second floor of the building houses the 15 bed emergency shelter program. The emergency shelter consists of three separate apartments for three separate families. The shelter is staffed 24 hours a day and maintains a sophisticated alarm system. Included in the 2007 purchase, directly behind the main building is also a two story building that houses the children's program and donation center of the lower level and the alternative shelter units on the second floor. The alternative shelter is two separate housing units for two individual families. A third unit is to be renovated and available by the end of the year. Additionally, Chez Hope has five transitional housing units located in a quiet neighborhood in Franklin.

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:

1. Date of last audit
2. Dates covered by last audit:
3. Date of next audit:
4. Dates to be covered by next audit:
5. Date next audit will be forwarded to LCTLE:

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 performed by the volunteers. Indicate the number of volunteer hours per duty-function for this application (this can be an estimate). Volunteers' 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. REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. Subgrantees are required to help victims apply for victim compensation. Describe a specific plan on how applicant has or will interface with the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Program.

Chez Hope historically has had a good working relationship with the Crime Victims Reparation person assigned to St. Mary Parish. Chez Hope offers applications to victims that qualify for the funds and assists in escorting them through the process. Chez Hope also maintains LAVINS brochures in all office areas as well as posters. In 2009, a computer was placed in the shelter of the program for victims to access the LAVINS website.

2. Describe how applicant has/will coordinate activities with other criminal justice system/private service providers in the community. If you have obtained cooperative agreements, a copy may be attached to the application in addition to the brief description.

Chez Hope sponsors the St. Mary Parish Domestic Violence Task Force. Chez Hope also has the 16th JDC Victim Advocate sitting on the board of directors.

3. Indicate how the applicant will address the issue of encouraging the victims to report to law enforcement. Policies and procedures may be attached to the application in addition to the brief description.

All victims entering Chez Hope are all encouraged to report any crime to law enforcement. AS mentioned above the Survivor Handbook includes options and provides a full explanation to access the legal/court system.

4. State that the applicant will comply with the Louisiana Child Protection Act (LRS 15:587.1) as appropriate. The Louisiana Child Protection Act refers to screening prospective employees. NOT reporting instances of child abuse.

chez Hope complies with the Louisiana Child Protection Act (LRS 15:587.1) and trains all staff to adhere to the statute.