

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

APPLICATION AND REVIEW
SUMMARY

APPLICATION NUMBER: C11-4-009

APPLICANT: The New Start Center

PROJECT TITLE: Domestic Violence Program

PROJECT FUNDS :

FUND:	\$	<u>29,099</u>	80.00%
MATCH:	\$	<u>7,275</u>	20.00%
TOTAL:	\$	<u>36,374</u>	100.00%

PROJECT DURATION: 12 months

START DATE: 10/01/2011

END DATE: 09/30/2012

Continuation of C01-4-012

PROJECT SUMMARY:

New Start Center provides services for women and children in the area. The number of persons served: 313 women and 568 children. Our goal is to serve the abused women so they receive more support by providing a crisis line, assistance with TRO and Protective Orders, shelter, community education and training of police personnel. We want to provide the services that will enable the women and children who come to our center to feel safe by providing adequate housing and to feel good about themselves in the decision to seek help.

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.



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CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

CFDA #16.575

FOR LCLE USE ONLY: Project ID: C11-4009 CVA Purpose Area: 1,2,3,4

1. TITLE OF PROJECT Domestic Violence		2. <input type="checkbox"/> NEW PROJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTINUATION PROJECT OF: <u>C10-4010</u>	
3. PROJECT DURATION Total Length: 12 Months (Not to exceed 12 Months) Desired Start Date: 10/1/2011 Desired End Date: 9/30/2012		4. PROJECT FUNDS Federal Funds: \$29,099 Cash Match In-Kind Match: \$7,275 Total Project: \$36,374	
5A. APPLICANT AGENCY INFORMATION Agency Name: New Start Center Physical Address: 516 North Main City: St. Martinville Zip: 70582- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 504 City: St. Martinville Zip: 70582- Phone: (337) 394-8559 FAX: (337) 394-7861 Email: sbrous@cox.net		5B. AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF APPLICANT AGENCY Authorized Official: Sis Broussard Title: Executive Director Agency Name: New Start Center Address: 516 North Main City: St. Martinville Zip: 70582- Phone: (337) 394-8559 FAX: (337) 394-7861 Email: sbrous@cox.net	
Fed Employer Tax Id: 72 - 1450742 DUNS: 057983319 -		CCR CAGENCAGE: SEWJ1 CCR Expiration Date: 2/2/2012	

6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY Name: Sis Broussard Title: Executive Director Agency: New Start Center Address: P.O. Box 504 City: St. Martinville Zip: 70582- Phone: (337) 394-8559 FAX: (337) 394-7861 Email: sbrous@cox.net	7. PROJECT DIRECTOR Name: Sis Broussard Title: Executive Director Agency: New Start Center Address: P.O. Box 504 City: St. Martinville Zip: 70582- Phone: (337) 394-8559 FAX: (337) 394-7861 Email: sbrous@cox.net	8. FINANCIAL OFFICER Name: Donna Trahan Title: Bookkeeper Agency: New Start Center Address: P.O. Box 504 City: St. Martinville Zip: 70582- Phone: (337) 394-8559 FAX: (337) 394-7861 Email: trahand@yahoo.com
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9. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Please do not exceed space provided below.)
New Start Center provides services for women and children in the area. The number of persons served: 493 women and 952 children. Our goal is to serve the abused women so they receive more support by providing a crisis line, assistance with TRO and protective Orders, shelter, community education, and the training of police personal. We want to provide the services that will enable the women and children who come to our center to feel safe by providing adequate housing and to feel good about themselves in the decision to seek help.

VOCA PURPOSE AREAS

Please Check Type of Victimization Served (Check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sexual Assault
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Abuse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Child Abuse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Previously Underserved
State Type of Previously Underserved: Domestic violence	

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

INSTRUCTIONS: The Checklist is self-explanatory. In Project Summary, applicable budget category totals will be automatically entered from each of the Detailed Project Budget Summaries. Provide source of Cash and/or In-Kind Match. In last table, check the type of victimization types that this project will address.

CHECKLIST:	YES:	NO:
Are all budgeted items allowable per Program Guidelines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were instructions followed to determine allowable personnel/contractual costs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all line item computations correct?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do line items add to category totals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have category totals been rounded to nearest dollar?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Each category amount listed in the table below must equal category totals shown on Pages 3 through 11.

Person Completing Budget Section: Donna Trahan Title: Bookkeeper
Phone: (337) 394-8559 Fax: (337) 394-7861 E-Mail: trahand@yahoo.com

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET CATEGORIES	FEDERAL FUNDS	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	SECTION TOTAL
SECTION 100. PERSONNEL	\$27,456	\$0	\$7,275	\$34,731
SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,643	\$0	N/A	\$1,643
SECTION 300. TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION 400. EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION 500. SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION 600. CONTRACTUAL	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
SECTION 700. RENOVATION COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION 800. OTHER DIRECT COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	\$29,099	\$0	\$7,275	\$36,374

Provide Source of Cash Match:

Provide Source of In-Kind Match: 727.5 hrs. @ \$10 hrs. annually = \$7,275 (15 Volunteers 4.04 hours a month = 48.5 a month @ 12mos. = \$7,275 annually)

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	PT	ACTUAL MONTHLY SALARY	TIME REPORTED 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"/>
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		FT				\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		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 OR OT	ACTUAL EMPLOYEE WEEKLY SALARY RATE	NUMBER OF HOURS	TIME REPORTED TO PROJECT	NUMBER OF WEEKS	TOTAL SALARY PAID BY GRANT	PAID WITH	
								F	C
Shelter Advocate	Tine Dupuis	PT	\$8.00	33.00	100.00%	52.00	\$13,728.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelter Advocate	Bethany Landry	PT	\$8.00	33.00	100.00%	52.00	\$13,728.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		PT					\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
							\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
							\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
							\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
							\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF PART-TIME AND/OR OVERTIME EMPLOYEES SALARIES:							\$27,456.00	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
Transport women to and from court and the doctor as needed. Provide babysitting services as needed	727.50	\$10.00	\$7,275.00
Assist the women in locating safe affordable housing by transporting them to the sites and discussing options			
to the appropriate staff person or handle disseminating of information requested. Copying important documents.			\$0.00
SUBTOTAL AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS IN-KIND SALARIES:			\$7,275.00

SECTION 100. PERSONNEL SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$27,456
CASH MATCH	\$0
IN-KIND MATCH	\$7,275
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$34,731

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: Both Resumes are attached

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

A) The Shelter Advocates are needed to have full coverage at the shelter dealing with the needs and issues of clients and operation of shelter. They provide direct services to clients through intakes, crisis calls, working with each of the survivors and their children guiding them toward meeting their plans and goals in the transition from crisis to transitioning into the shelter. This includes assisting in referring to agencies that can provide the services they need (schools, mental health/physical health providers, child care, employment, housing assistance, social service assistance, etc.) .

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

The qualifications determine the salary and the range of salaries are taken into consideration from other spousal abuse programs in other areas to determine salary ranges. The qualifications are:
Shelter Advocates – Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. No criminal background. Able to deal with diverse population and with crisis situations that come up with residential population and crisis calls.

C) Project duties of each position requested:

A)Duties of shelter advocates will be to provide crisis intervention, intakes, safety assessment, and guide survivors and their children through the process of settling in at the shelter as well as working with survivors to meet their plans and goals in preparing to leave the shelter. This includes assisting in referring to agencies that can provide the services they need (schools, mental health/physical health providers, child care, employment, housing assistance, social service assistance, etc.) .

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 was moved must be filled. If employee is same from the previous grant, indicate if the employee was originally hired for that position.]

Both Personnel is existing for that position.

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 directions, 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					SOCIAL SECURITY				
1. Tina Dupuis	.062		\$13,250	\$821	5.	.062			\$0
2. Bethany Landry	.062		\$13,260	\$822	6.	.062			\$0
3.	.062			\$0	7.	.062			\$0
4.	.062			\$0	8.	.062			\$0
MEDICARE					MEDICARE				
1.	.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					HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE				
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION					WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION				
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
UNEMPLOYMENT TAX					UNEMPLOYMENT TAX				
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
PUBLIC/PRIVATE RETIREMENT					PUBLIC/PRIVATE RETIREMENT				
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
OTHER					OTHER				
1.				\$0	5.				\$0
2.				\$0	6.				\$0
3.				\$0	7.				\$0
4.				\$0	8.				\$0
FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (A):				\$1,643	FRINGE BENEFITS TOTAL (B):				\$0

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

Fringe Benefits Total (A+B): \$1,643

SECTION 200. FRINGE BENEFITS SUMMARY	
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,643
CASH MATCH	
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,643

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. 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.

New Start Center has been servicing victims of domestic violence for 11 years in St. Martin Parish. This Center focuses on the needs of persons who were victims of domestic violence in St. Martin Parish.

The purpose of the Center is: 1. To provide safety measures and support to the victims of abuse through a variety of services such as assistance in emergency shelter, filing Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders, counseling, temporary housing and transportation. 2. To provide assistance through volunteers servicing the victims, information to the community about domestic violence awareness, about effects of domestic violence on the family, and about the services provided by the New Start Center.

St. Martin is basically a rural, economically depressed Parish. Its population is made up mostly of farmers, and small business owners who are primarily Cajuns (Caucasian) and African Americans. St. Martin Parish is over 700 square miles. Because the Parish is geographically isolated by the Atchafalaya Basin, rivers, lakes and bayous, it is difficult for the victim to leave. Most families have only one car and that is usually under the control of the husband, leaving the victim to depend on friends.

There is a tremendous need for the New Start Center in St. Martin Parish to provide clients with services enabling them to live in a safe place; to assist them through the Judicial System with Temporary Restraining Orders and Protective Orders and review hearings for their safety. There is a need for Shelter Advocates in order to meet the needs of the women who come to the New Start Center. Presently, about 27-30 women per month are seen and assisted by the center. The numbers continue to increase.

Louisiana is number one in the United States for domestic violence homicides (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence). On July 6, 2010 there were 4 murders that early morning in the Acadiana Area. All were shot to death. Two of these murders were women who were murdered by their abusers at approximately the same time in two separate parishes and were unrelated to each other. One was in St. Landry parish and the other in St. Martin Parish. In one morning half the murders are related to domestic violence this is a horrific testimony that makes it very clear why Louisiana is first in domestic violence homicides.

The U. S. Census Bureau estimates that the population of St. Martin parish is 52,160 as of 2010. The population needs served through NSC are part of the demographics of St. Martin Parish and these are as follows: Persons with disabilities from age 5 and above are 10,407. The one race is 99.3%. Black or African American make up 31%, White 67%, Asian, 1.1%, Native American, .3%, persons reporting 2 or more races, .7%, Hispanic or Latino origin 1.2% and foreign born persons 0.9% of the population. St. Martin Parish is a poverty parish at 19.5% and Louisiana's over all poverty level is 17.6%. It is estimated that of those 52,160, 20,615 are adult women and the minimal amount estimated is 616 of these women have been physically or sexually abused annually. New Start Center has served 80% of these survivors this last fiscal year leaving a total of 146 underserved. The identification of needs is a continued process of updating services to meet community needs by advocating throughout St. Martin parish to reach the underserved. Another problem for the underserved is affordable housing.

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

New Start Center serves all of St. Martin Parish and all those who need our services. The gaps are as follows: Since we are a rural and economically distressed parish, the population we serve often have low income, lack or have unreliable transportation, and have the lack of resources to obtain good transportation, job skills, affordable housing, etc. without the help of the community resources, such as the New Start Center the gap would be impossible for victims services. Due to the separation of upper and lower St. Martin Parish which is split in half by 58,000 acres of wetlands called the Atchafalaya Basin, and is isolated and has characteristics that make it more difficult to provide services there, it is geographically more difficult to access, but also the culture is more rural and isolated. Those who live there are cautious of others who do not belong. We work to become more trusted and accepted as apart of their community. We have been in Stephenville (Lower St. Martin parish) for the past 3 years, at least once a week, however now we are there 3 days a week and in Arnaudville 2 days a week. These extra days are needed for services as the need has become greater then previous staff could accommodate for the underserved and having someone there has been very favorable in serving the needs of the underserved throughout Upper and Lower St. Martin parish since the recession and the oil spill.

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.

New Start Center goals are:

1. To provide services to 27-30 women a month which would 1. enable victims and their children to live in a safe environment; 2. to provide the necessary support to be self sufficient and independent. This will be achieved in this grant period.

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.

New Star Center Objectives:

1. Screening 27-30 women a month who contact the New Start Center and determining which of the women qualify for a Protective Order. This will be achieved in this grant period. New Start Center has provided services to 493 women and 952 children from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

2. Counseling 27-30 women a month to make plans for safety issues and housing for themselves and their children. The Center provides immediate safety if needed with shelter facilities. Providing transportation for victims and their children to a safe place. They are guided into making plans for permanent housing. Lists of rental assistant housing-apartments available in St. Martin Parish are provided. Staff works with victims to call these places. Some of the victims do not have access to telephones. This will be achieved in this grant period.

3. Recruit and train 15 volunteers for 12 months to accompany women to court and search for housing as well as help with general duties of the office. This will be achieved in this grant period.

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.

Objective: 1. Women are assisted in completing a questionnaire which provides information about the need for restraining orders, referrals to medical professionals, need for financial and legal assistance. If a Restraining is needed a restraining order is filed. After the restraining order is filed, the victim is guided through the judiciary process. Once the restraining order is received, the victim remains in contact with the staff person who has assisted her through the process.

Objective: 2. Women are encouraged to come to support group sessions. Where issues of safety, self esteem, addictive relationships, power and control are addressed.

Objective: 3: Volunteers will be trained: to accompany women to court and/or doctor; to search for housing as well as help with general duties in the office.

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.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault Program |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault State Coalition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence State Coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Coalition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Program (Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual State Coalition (Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Sexual Assault and/or Domestic Violence Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency (Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unit of Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> University/School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probation, Parole, or Other Correctional Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: Kristie Prejean PHONE: (337) 394-8559 EMAIL: kmdtigers@yahoo.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/programs/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](http://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/programs/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.)

56 clients (65%) of clients gain insight, knowledge, change of attitude and skills per month, in support groups.

187 clients (67%) of clients received transportation and/or child care.

2. Did the project work as expected? Explain.

Yes, due to more and more victims seeking our services.

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?

The objectives have been revised due to servicing more victims. The recession and the oil spill/moratorium has caused an increase in victims seeking our services.

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?

Monthly statistical data sheets are kept by staff, counselors, and volunteers responding to the abused women. These are compiled according to services provided and the number of women who received each service.

2. When will the data be collected?

Monthly Statistical data sheets will indicate the number of women who come to support group and roll sheets from sessions indicate how many each client attends.

3. Who will collect and analyze the data?

The impact of this program will be measured by an evaluation form which each victim is asked to complete. The staff uses results of the evaluation to determine how to best continue to serve the victim

4. Who will be responsible for submitting the data for the Quarterly Progress Reports: State name and contact information.

Name: Donna Trahan Phone: (337) 394-8559 Email: trahand@yahoo.com

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

The Executive Director will do the program evaluation. The evaluation results will be reported to the Board of Directors. The Board will also take an active role in reviewing statistics and reports the program will submit to various agencies and/or funders. The Executive Director will review clients files monthly. The Victim Advocate will review the files bi-weekly to verify the entire client's needs will be addressed and the client will be receiving adequate options, referrals, and services. Executive Director monthly will monitor the caseload numbers. With an increase in the number of clients served, it will be evident that the program is increasing awareness within the community. Each client's file will be reviewed to evaluate the different referral agencies. Staff has worked hard to build relationships with community agencies, businesses, and individuals to help those we serve access what they need to reach their immediate and long-term goals of safety, housing, legal, and basic needs.

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.

Project results will be reported to the New Start Center Board of Directors monthly, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, department of Social Services(DSS)quarterly progress reports and expenditure reports quarterly as specified at awards time, Crime Victim Assistance (CVA) quarterly, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) quarterly, Interest on Lawyer Trust Account (IOLTA) quarterly, Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) monthly.

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.

The Board continually reviews and analyzes its financial position and the Executive Director continually searches for grants to provide adequate funding for salaries and programs because both are committed to the Center's success. The Center has received donations from Community members because of their belief in the importance of having the services provided and they have indicated continued support.

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.

3,500 sq. ft. of provides office for 12 staff, kitchen, a reception area, 15 bed shelter and children's program. Nine computers, 6 telephones, fax, and a copy machine comprises the technology available.

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 LCLE:
- 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 much?
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?

15 Volunteers will work approximately 2 hours a day.

They will be available to transport women to and from court and the doctor as needed. They will provide babysitting services as needed. They will assist the women in locating safe affordable housing by transporting them to the sites and discussing options. They will answer the telephone, directing callers to the appropriate staff person or handle disseminating of information requested.

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.

Person who come in for official intake (assistance with a domestic violence problem) are assisted in filling out forms. Through this information it is determined if the client is eligible for reparation. They are given a compensation brochure and are then referred to the Reparations Officer in St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department, generally within 2 weeks the clients receive compensation

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.

On the state level the Legal Advocate has access to Louisiana Protective Order Registry (LPOR) whose staff members are willing to assist in answering questions on Statutes that affect the victim. This relationship between the New Start Center and the LPOR staff is vital to the victim. On a local level New Start Center has a relationship with: The Sheriff's Department who reassures the victim of her safety and continued protection. The Clerk of Court who refers victims of domestic violence to the New Start Center for assistance in protective orders. This assures clients of a professionally trained Legal Advocate to assist in filing for protective orders so that clients' judiciary process goes smoothly. The District Attorney Office which provide assurance to the victim to have all their legal needs met satisfactorily by the Judicial System. The Acadiana Legal Service Corp. (ALSC) which is a free legal assistance service in the Acadiana area that we refer clients that want to file for divorces and other legal matters that we are not qualified to handle. There is an on going collaboration between New Start Center and ALSC to service victims. The 16th Judiciary District Judges who provide continuous communication about domestic violence Statutes on protecting the client to the full extent of the law.

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.

When she comes to the New Start Center the woman is asked if she has reported to law enforcement agency. If the answer is no, she is to contact Sheriff's Department to file a complaint. Once this is filed, she is given a copy and asked to go to the Justice of the Peace to file charges. This then goes to the District Attorney whereupon he prosecutes.

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.

The New Start Center will and does comply with Child Protection Act.