

Project Title

Basic Need Resources for the Homeless

Estimated Budget

\$45200

Project Summary

Provide funding to Fighting Back Partnership (FBP), a social services and community development organization that provide support services to the at-risk and homeless. FBP operates Resource Centers that offer this marginalized population the bridge to social services, access to personal resources, pathways from homeless to homes, and life skills training and job opportunities.

Project Source Code(s)

There were 74 lines (Cycle 6) public ideas that contain the term homelessness or a variant.

Shelter: PB-321, 340, 897, 1237, 1354

Resources: PB-203, 210, 443, 463, 464, 472

Services: PB-136, 148, 230, 340, 283, 349, 353, 356, 431, 435, 644, 1191, 1214

Project Description

This project will provide funds to support the Fighting Back Partnership mission of it being “committed to preventing and ending poverty, and its effects in Vallejo and throughout Solano County” by offering access to personal need resources and expectantly pathways from homeless to homes.

Homeless need direct access to critical essentials such as food, clothing, shower-laundry facilities, and access to supportive social services. Increased client caseloads and requests for personal and support services effect financial and operational budgets have affected homeless referrals to other community safety net providers.

Type of project

Services

Purpose of the project

The purpose of this project is to provide funds for the Fighting Back Partnership Resource Centers and other local safety net providers that distribute basic needs and offer low barrier support services to the homeless.

Funding the project will provide homeless people access to basic essentials; hygienic needs, cleaning stations, laundry services, and introduction or interactions with support services.

Fighting Back Partnership would have the responsibility to purchase and distribute the materials to the locations and the shelter/approved locations would distribute the products and access to social, health, and housing services.

Newly formed Vallejo Homeless Roundtable to serve as support agency in working with Fighting Back Partnership to insure outcomes and provide evaluation support.

Basic Resources/Supplies

Distribution Center(s) basic resources and supplies are to be distributed by clients successfully completing training sessions with employment year-round for a period of 12 hours during spring-summer and 8 hours during the fall-winter season. A sampling of supplies are listed under Project Budget.

Support Staff

Support Staff is located in Vallejo. Staff to reach at least 30-50 homeless and at-risk homeless people per month offering resources and services. Staff will participate in a number of activities including assembling basic need bags to be distributed, escorting homeless people through the various social, medical, and other supportive services available, as well as assisting with filling out applications for replacing lost identification, employment and housing opportunities.

Why is this project needed

Homeless people do not have access to common daily *basic needs without the help of others*. Funds for this project will be used to provide personal need and supportive services. The personal need resources include items such as socks, feminine care products, toiletries, laundry products, food to Vallejo's most vulnerable population, and access to trained coordinators providing systematic interventions targeting deficits by providing personalized service plans.

The Bay Area has one of the largest and least sheltered homeless populations in the country. Although this is one of the most prosperous regions in the world, every night thousands of people sleep on our streets. The Bay Area has experienced an increase amongst veterans, seniors, children, individuals, and families at imminent risk of homelessness with no other place to go. In Vallejo, [1]preliminary data estimate 600 adults and 300 children are unsheltered living on its streets, parks, under bridges.

This project has the potential to assist the most marginalized people in society restore and rebuild their lives and will have a positive impact on financial burdens to city services, emergency services, judicial costs, and the community.

Funding this project will provide direct needs and resources to Vallejo's at-risk gap population (income versus housing costs which create at-risk situations) by providing stronger agency and client collaborations and provide sustainable access to basic resources/services for homeless individuals/families impacting 500 individuals/families.

[1] (April 2016 – September 2018) City of Vallejo External Reporting Form, Vallejo Together Support Services Intake Sheets, and Support Services Utilization Data

How will the project address or solve the need

By providing basic necessities and supportive services to homeless people and gap populations through the Fighting Back Partnership (FBP) and community safety net providers this project will address the most immediate needs to a specific population. The resource centers case managers and community engagement coordinators provide referrals (direct and indirect) to local safety net providers to assure

homeless in locations throughout the city are informed and have an equal opportunity to benefit from the program.

FBC is not the sole solution to homelessness, but rather part of a comprehensive plan to make homelessness in Vallejo rare and brief. In addition to FBP Resource Centers' the other safety net providers throughout the city provide access to services in the immediate area in which clients camp or sleep in vehicles.

Homeless safety net providers, Vallejo Together Support Services (VTSS) in cooperation with Impact Bible Ministries(IBM) provide the homeless access to restrooms, showers, laundry-services, access to the internet, telephone, resources (support services), meals, and a mailing address for clients in need.

Homeless people are referred by community safety net centers and are scheduled to use the facilities. Vallejo Together Support Services Center provide access to showers, restrooms, internet computer, printers, commercial washers and dryers, long distance phone calls, microwave and hot beverages operating 30 hours per week Monday through Sunday in partnership with Impact Bible Ministries.

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Beneficiaries

This project will principally benefit the unsheltered and at-risk populations in Vallejo by providing access to personal and low barrier services and relieve city-wide services.

- **Direct Beneficiaries:**
- At-risk and homeless families, veterans, seniors, and children:
- This project benefits the homeless and the community by providing basic needs resources which lead to one-on-one interactions and targeted interventions which lead to reentry to stabilization, health services access, jobs, and housing.

- **Indirect Beneficiaries:**
- City, County, State, neighborhoods, and citizens:
- The financial burden on city services, emergency services, judicial systems, and community demonstrate the greatest social and economic impact of homelessness can be met by providing basic support, paths to reentry, and housing options. HUD studies indicate it actually cost cities less to house chronically homeless people than to leave them on the streets.

Potential Challenges and Obstacles

The implementing partner is an established, reputable, non-profit operating successful programs since 1989 and whose mission is dedicated to changing the quality of life for members of the community and at-risk by addressing homelessness in Vallejo. The challenges for those who experience homelessness pale in comparison to the challenges if the project does not receive funding.

Implementing Partner

Fighting Back Partnership
505 Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor
Vallejo, CA 94590

Where will the project be implemented?

Vallejo and unincorporated areas

Project Budget

The determination for budget costs for hourly rates are based on Bay Area Nonprofits Salary Benchmarking 2017 Survey for case managers/outreach staff support. Any commercially available products to the public are purchased from local stores (Walmart, Costco, etc.) or online.

Supplies: \$29600

HYGIENE; laundry detergent shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush/paste, lip balm, feminine care, brush, comb, baby wipes, etc.

APPAREL/ PROTECTION; socks, tarps, blankets, scarves, gloves, hats, rain poncho, baby sippy cups, umbrellas, sunscreen, adult-baby diapers, hand warmers, bras, blankets
scarves, gloves, hats, etc.

NUTRITION; cup-o-noodles, granola bars, baby formula-food, bottled water, dog/cat food, tuna packs, crackers, peanut butter/jelly, etc.

CONSUMABLES; beverage cups, eating utensils, plates, mops – sweepers, zip locks, odor control products, bleach, etc.

HUMANKINDNESS; homeless people want respect, compassion, sympathy, safety, security, and opportunity.

Staff Support: \$15600

In support of continuous community outreach to Vallejo's homeless community staff from FBP and community safety net providers will engage homeless and at-risk of homeless (low to moderate income families and individuals) to offer access to basic need resources and services.

Staffing needs will be scheduled 10 hours per week at a rate of \$30 per hour for 12 months to support 10- 25 clients per month during June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020.

TOTAL Budget \$45200

Project timeline

June 2019 – May 2020

Schedule	Strategy	Activity	Lead	Outcomes
Week 1	<p>Centralized intake. A single location with walk-in or appointments with site-based staff.</p> <p>Coordinated intake. Several (shelters and resource centers) locations using an identical Intake, assessment process, and assessment tool.</p> <p>Call-In Only. A virtual location and phone line such as 211 (not established).</p>	<p>Outreach through multiple agencies geographically distributed throughout the city. Trained community engagement coordinators will reach out to homeless people in the environment in which they live.</p>	<p>Fighting Back Partnership and local safety net providers</p>	
Week 2	<p>An assessment that determines eligibility and identifies specific client skill development needs that programs could be expected to address.</p>	<p>The client's barriers to housing are scored and filtered through a decision matrix to determine the appropriate type of program to meet their need. Once the appropriate program has been determined the client(s) is either referred directly to the program, or placed on a list for case management support.</p> <p>Promote the inclusion of homeless assistance programs among the entities conducting eligibility and enrollment functions for mainstream programs.</p>	<p>Case management</p>	

Schedule	Strategy	Activity	Lead	Outcomes
Week 3	Resources and Programs	Evaluation of continuums of care for homeless people for education and skills training programs.	Case management	
Week 4	Eligibility - Adult education provides educational opportunities services, and job skills to equip adults with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate effectively as citizens, workers, parents, and family and community members.	<p>Adult basic and secondary courses — for high school diploma or certificate.</p> <p>Adults with disabilities — family literacy classes, career technical education.</p> <p>Disadvantaged Adults—Low-income and hard-to-serve adults who demonstrate basic skills deficiency below the eighth-grade level. Provides basic skills training, preparation for the General Educational Development (GED) test, preparation toward earning a high school diploma, and job skills training opportunities.</p>	<p>Solano Community College & Workforce Development - SCOE</p> <p>Social Services Programs</p> <p>Mental Health Services</p> <p>Substance Abuse Programs</p>	
Week 5 and beyond	Enrollment to Certification.	<p>Recruit program graduates as community engagement coordinators. Continued post-case management goal setting, managing stress, maintaining good health and social relationships.</p> <p>FBP continued life supports including residential housing, transportation, case management, and ongoing job-life skills coaching, on the</p>	<p>Fighting Back Partnership</p> <p>Solano Community College & Workforce Development - SCOE</p> <p>Social Services Programs</p> <p>Mental Health Services</p> <p>Substance Abuse Programs</p>	

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		condition that students are abstinent from substance use during the program.		