

ADDITIONAL CITY CRITERIA FOR CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING

In addition to the Federal guidelines for eligibility, the City of Santa Maria has established the following local criteria for allocating CDBG funds to agencies that provide public services.

- **Priority will be given to public service agencies that provide food, shelter, clothing or safety on an emergency basis to Santa Maria City residents. The safety provision, as defined by the City Council, means an immediate threat to an individual's physical well being.**
- **Services provided by an agency are targeted at Santa Maria City residents.**

The intent is to ensure that funding is provided to those agencies that provide direct services to City residents.

- **The agency does not provide a duplicative service, i.e. one that is already provided by another agency or organization.**

This is to avoid funding new agencies that propose to offer services that are already being effectively provided by existing community agencies or organizations.

- **The agency demonstrates it has sought funding from a variety of sources.**

This is to provide higher priority to those agencies that attempt to obtain funding from other sources, rather than just the City of Santa Maria.

- **The agency demonstrates a high level of cooperation and coordination with existing related programs and other community resources.**

This is to ensure that funding is provided to those agencies which effectively coordinate the services they offer with other agencies and organizations within the City.

- **Past performance and history of the agency or organization are considered in order to assess the agency's prospects for achieving its goals and objectives. Priority will be given to those agencies that have been in existence and have effectively provided services for at least three years.**

With the limited amount of funding that is available for public services and the tremendous need in the community, it is not possible to provide seed money to agencies for new services. It is important that agencies demonstrate an effective, efficient and proven level of service in order to favorably compete for funding.

- **The agency's program provides a service to or for a City department, or reduces City costs or other government costs elsewhere.**

It has been demonstrated that, in many cases, private, non-profit agencies can provide a less costly and more efficient level of service than government. Priority should be given to those agencies that provide a needed service to a City department or reduce costs to a City department or other governmental agency.

- **The agency provides an efficient level of service at the least cost possible.**

Higher priority will be given to those agencies that provide the most cost-effective level of service. Typically this will include those agencies that maximize the use of funding for direct services rather than indirect or overhead costs and utilize volunteers whenever possible.