NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

1. **Identify actions taken to address special needs of persons that are not homeless but require supportive housing and services (including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families).**


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*Two NAPs have requested technical assistance on how to properly use the electronic online reporting system to fully report all clients served.*
**Department of Aging**

Through the CDBG-funded Aging Services Delivery System, seniors and the frail elderly are assisted in remaining in their homes for as long as possible and assisted through linkage with other funded programs to gain access to needed services that would prevent critically distress situations, such as the loss of their home.

Without these programs, the City’s low- and very low-income seniors and frail elderly, the functionally impaired adult suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and/or other dementia and other disabilities - as well as their caregivers - would be underserved. For instance, the Adult Day Support Center program is designed to provide a protective and intellectually stimulating setting during daytime hours to meet the needs of older adults who have physical, emotional, or mental impairments, and who require assistance and supervision. In the absence of this program, some seniors would have to be placed in long-term care facilities. This would increase the number of depressed seniors due to isolation, and lead to other chronic illnesses.

In regard to the Legal Services program, seniors will lose the opportunity to receive quality legal services. Without such services, many seniors would choose not to pursue their legal rights and be victimized by fraud and abuse.

The Department of Aging recently conducted a series of public hearings to allow the senior community an opportunity to address any concerns and also comment on the departments own goals and objectives. Among the concerns were transportation, housing, health services, homelessness, information and assistance. The Department took their comments, and included them into the yearly update of goals and objectives.

**Department on Disability**

The CDBG-funded activities of the AIDS Coordinator, under the City Department on Disability, fill a critical need in AIDS prevention and education.

As reported in the December 2006, HIV/AIDS Semi-Annual Surveillance Summary by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, HIV Epidemiology Program, there were 51,780 reported persons diagnosed with AIDS in Los Angeles County since reporting of AIDS cases began. Of this cumulative figure, 21,602 are still living (42%). The County of Los Angeles Health Department estimates that approximately 60,000 persons are now living with HIV and AIDS in Los Angeles County. Of the 60,000, approximately 30,000 reside within the City of Los Angeles. Despite some promising advances in various treatment modalities, no vaccine or cure for HIV/AIDS is foreseen in the near future.

While the advancement of medical research and new treatments has benefited people already infected with HIV, prevention is still primarily driven by awareness and changing risk behaviors. The City plays a fundamental role in assuring the provision of targeted HIV services to achieve that end.
**AIDS Prevention Programs**

The City’s AIDS Prevention Program is managed by the Department on Disability’s AIDS Coordinator’s Office (ACO). $885,355 from the 32nd Program Year (2006-2007) Con Plan was used to support AIDS prevention program services. It should be noted that $169,922 from the 32nd PY was allocated to fund a three-month extension of the 2005-2006 AIDS Prevention Program to July 1, 2006. This extension and the additional funding for the 13 contractors was necessary to prevent a gap in services.

The program targets groups currently most affected by the AIDS epidemic: African-American men and women, Latino men and women, at-risk youth, women at sexual risk, intravenous drug users (IDUs), incarcerated men and women, and transgender persons.

The contractors provide: HIV testing, counseling and referrals; HIV risk reduction education, including information and supplies for safer sex practices; substance abuse education; syringe exchange services, including safer injection practices counseling; referrals to rehabilitation/detoxification agencies for both in-patient and out-patient care; referrals for medical and social services, and health and shelter agencies.

There are several advantages to the City coordinating its own HIV/AIDS Prevention, Education and Awareness Programs through contracts with community-based agencies. In particular, this provides the City flexibility to focus its HIV/AIDS prevention efforts on discrete high-risk populations that reside in the City, including injection and non-injection drug users, young gay and heterosexual men of color, transgender individuals, women, the homeless, sex workers, and immigrants, among others.

The AIDS Coordinator’s Office also develops and disseminates broad HIV/AIDS education and awareness messages to the general public. This ability to target prevention, awareness and education within the City is crucial since, as previously noted, the Health Department estimates that of the estimated 60,000 persons now living with HIV and AIDS in Los Angeles County, 50% or 30,000, reside within the City of Los Angeles.

**2006-2007 Program Accomplishments**

Using ethnic and culturally appropriate methods, the City’s AIDS Prevention Program contractors conduct outreach in geographically diverse areas throughout the City, each serving their respective target group referenced above.

**Three-Month Contract Extension:**

As previously mentioned, CDBG funds from the 32nd Program Year were allocated to accommodate a three-month contract extension (April 1, 2005-June 30, 2006). During this period, contractors provided outreach to 4,946 individuals, including: 986 African Americans, 102 Asian Pacific Islander Americans, 58 Native Americans, 2,315 Latinos and 1,536 Caucasian non-Latinos. Broken down by gender this included 3,568 males, 1,447 females, and 194 transgender individuals.
**Nine-Month Contract Period:**

For the nine-month period of the 32nd Program Year (July 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007), the ACO contracted with 16 community-based non-profit agencies. During this period, contractors provided outreach to 18,930 individuals, including: 3,038 African Americans, 256 Asian Pacific Islander Americans, 277 Native Americans, 8,953 Latinos and 6,639 Caucasian non-Latinos. Broken down by gender this included 13,232 males, 5,671 females, and 454 transgender individuals.

- **Intravenous Drug User HIV Prevention Program**

An important element of the City’s AIDS prevention program is the City’s syringe exchange program, which targets injection drug users, a very high-risk segment of the population. The City’s program is the only operating program in the County of Los Angeles. The syringe exchange program also provides other social services including referrals to detoxification/rehabilitation programs for drug addiction; referrals for counseling, housing and medical treatment; printed information and classes on safer sex and safer injection drug use; HIV testing and post- and pre-test counseling; and specific programs for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C prevention. Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Bienestar Human Services, Clean Needles Now, Common Ground, Homeless Healthcare, Minority AIDS Project, and Tarzana Treatment Centers administered the 2006-2007 program.

Operating from Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley to Wilmington in the Los Angeles Harbor area and from East Los Angeles to Venice in the west, the syringe exchanges operate every day of the week except Saturday. Hours of operation vary from early morning to late evening. Based on the services provided during the three-month contract extension period, the agencies served 3,824 individuals and removed approximately 279,362 used syringes from the streets. 108 individuals also were provided HIV testing; 252 were provided counseling/case management services; 22 were referred for detoxification/rehabilitation; and 98 individuals were referred to health care services.

During the nine-month contract period, the agencies served over 9,545 individuals and removed approximately 716,179 used syringes from the streets. 1020 individuals also were provided HIV testing; 1012 were provided counseling/case management services; 612 were referred for detoxification/rehabilitation; and 1295 individuals were referred to health care services. CDBG funds are not used for syringe purchases.

- **Women’s Programs**

During the three-month contract extension period, East Los Angeles Women’s Center, Minority AIDS Project, and Women Alive Coalition were the contract providers. The agencies provided outreach to 263 women, tested 164, and held workshops/classes for 148.

The Center for Health Justice (formerly CorrectHELP), East Los Angeles Women’s Center, and Women Alive Coalition administered the women’s programs during the nine-month contract period in Program Year 2006-2007. Outreach was provided to African-American and Latino women, incarcerated women, and women at sexual risk.
The Center for Health Justice (formerly CorrectHELP) manages the Pre-Release Health Preparedness Project (PRHP), an HIV prevention program that works with women at sexual risk and their male partners in Los Angeles jails to reduce HIV risk behaviors, both sexual and drug related, and link participants with supportive services after their release to improve health outcomes and reduce recidivism.

Women Alive’s intervention program establishes a woman-specific HIV prevention coalition by developing messages utilizing health, communications and public information activities. The intervention includes five phases: outreach, HIV 101 trainings, group-level interventions, ongoing maintenance groups, and quarterly Power Circle Groups.

East LA Women’s Promotoras en Acción program offers a health education program to reduce the spread of HIV among women at sexual risk, targeting young women of color, particularly Latinas and immigrant women in Los Angeles.

Based on the services provided during the nine-month contract period, the agencies exceeded their combined annual goal of 450 by providing outreach to 566 women. Agencies also recruited women for HIV testing, group counseling, and presentation of educational materials and supplies related to reduction of HIV infection. The contractors tested or referred 100 women to HIV testing, and approximately 439 women attended workshops or classes.

- Men’s Programs

During the three-month contract extension period, services were provided by El Proyecto Del Barrio, Palms Residential, and The Wall Las Memorias. During this time, the agencies outreached to 745 men, tested 176, and provided workshops or classes to 90.

AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), In the Meantime Men’s Group (Men’s Group), JWCH Institute, Inc., Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC), and The Wall Las Memorias (Memorias) administered the men’s programs during the nine-month contract period. LAGLC used a modified version of the Street Smart Intervention offering outreach, individual and group-level education and counseling and support groups to young gay and bi-sexual men of color. APLA’s Red Circle Project is a community-level intervention that involves community mobilization, a group-level intervention consisting of peer health educator trainings and a culminating retreat called “Strengthening the Circle.”

The program increases the number of trained Native American HIV peer educators, and empowers Native Americans in their fight against HIV. In the Meantime’s Power Project is a scientific and behavioral-theory-based intervention that is comprised of outreach, individual-level Power counseling sessions, Power group sessions, a thirty-day follow up and a sixty-day follow up. The Wall’s “Operation: Angelinos for Angelinos” project is an HIV behavioral change program. The intervention is comprised of three sequential behavioral change group-level interventions/discussion groups entitled, “Wake Up,” “Fight Back,” and “Protect Yourself” to reduce the spread of HIV in the Latino population.

The above contractors’ combined annual outreach goal of 1,500 was exceeded by 700. The agencies also conducted AIDS classes or workshops to 343 men, and tested 788. The contractors serve East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles and the San
Fernando Valley. Agencies conducted outreach at clubs, bars, colleges, community centers, churches, and on the streets through peer outreach workers. Overcoming the stigma about AIDS and getting tested, the agencies presented safer sex methods and supplies, and worked on overcoming barriers to using condoms.

- **Transgender Program**

The Transgender Program was administered by Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, the lead agency of the Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN) that also included Bienestar Human Services, Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, and The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. The Transgender Service Provider Network offered outreach, individualized counseling and support, group education and support services, mental health services, community events and activities and capacity building in collaboration with partner agencies to transgender individuals at risk for contracting HIV.

The TSPN conducted outreach and workshops/classes to 103 persons and provided HIV/AIDS education including safer sex, specific transgender services and information, and HIV testing. Historically the transgender community has been an underserved or ignored community that is at particularly high risk for HIV infection. The program also provided counseling, medical care, and health education to discourage unsafe sex and unsafe hormone and related chemical use.

**Computerized Information Center (CIC)**

According to U.S. Census data (2000), approximately 730,000 residents of Los Angeles are disabled, or at the time of the census, about one out of five persons within the City. Disabled is defined as having the existence of any of the following long-lasting conditions: (a) blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment (sensory disability) and (b) a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting or carrying (physical disability). In recognition of the need for disabled residents to identify and access needed services, the Department on Disability operates the Computerized Information Center (CIC), funded through the CDBG program. The Department’s program goal for 2006-2007 was to serve 720 unduplicated City constituent callers with disabilities, at least 51% of which are low- to moderate-income. In addition, the Department planned to provide technical assistance to 16 community-based organizations serving clients with disabilities.

The CIC produced 686 unduplicated service calls for information and referrals, completing 95% of its program goal. Approximately 68 community-based organizations and government agencies were provided technical assistance as it related to reasonable accommodations and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Furthermore, approximately 55 unduplicated callers with disabilities from the greater Los Angeles area were provided information and referral services.

**AIDS POLICY AND PLANNING PROGRAM**

**Outcome Statement:**

The AIDS Coordinator’s Office, through staff activities funded under the AIDS Policy and Planning Program, is responsible for implementing the City’s AIDS Policy and Planning programs.
Activities include but are not limited to: 1) Writing policy briefs and advising the Mayor and the City Council on AIDS policy issues, 2) developing City initiatives to fund prevention activities and support services for persons with HIV/AIDS, 3) building cooperative relationships with other public and private entities regarding AIDS related issues, 4) educating and raising the awareness of the public on current HIV/AIDS prevention strategies and advances in treatments, and 5) conducting innovative studies of underserved populations or unexplored aspects of the City’s HIV/AIDS epidemic.

**Staff Activities**

Funding provided under the AIDS Policy and Planning program primarily pays for staff and related administrative expenses. Consequently, it is important to provide additional information on the various activities undertaken by the AIDS Coordinator’s staff under the AIDS Policy and Planning Program.

Staff plays a key role in assessing and disseminating information regarding the current state of the HIV epidemic and trends regarding the most affected populations. Staff regularly collaborate and coordinate with other AIDS-related federal, state, and local offices including the Los Angeles County Office of AIDS Programs and Policy, the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV and the Los Angeles County Prevention Planning Committee regarding AIDS programs and services.

The AIDS Coordinator’s Office has also created a partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health HIV Epidemiology Program to create a tracking system and semi-annual reports of City-specific data regarding new HIV/AIDS infections, populations affected, and emerging trends.

**Technical Assistance**

One important component of the City’s AIDS Policy and Planning Program is the AIDS Prevention Technical Assistance Program. The AIDS Prevention Technical Assistance Program (TA) provides small grants, generally in a range from $1,000 to $3,000, to support providers in the development and implementation of AIDS Prevention education and awareness events and materials to strengthen AIDS services delivery systems. This is done primarily through workshops, seminars, media projects, publications, and public forums. These activities target populations identified in the current City AIDS prevention program and/or focus on improving services delivered to residents living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS.

**Twenty Three** (23) projects were funded by the TA Program during the period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

**Special Studies**

The AIDS Policy and Planning program also develops Special Research Studies. These studies identify populations or areas of HIV prevention in the City of Los Angeles that are often under-documented, under-funded and/or under-served through traditional AIDS prevention programs and research.
Further, these special studies often examine cultural beliefs, attitudes and norms of certain target groups as related to AIDS prevention and HIV testing, the ability of target groups living with HIV/AIDS to access the latest treatments, and development of more effective AIDS prevention campaigns.

1) Beginning in 2004-2005 and concluding in 2006-2007, staff developed and implemented the innovative **Study of HIV Prevalence, Risk Behaviors and Attitudes Among Gang Members**. One hundred forty four (144) city of Los Angeles gang members participated in HIV testing and approximately 300 participated in surveys measuring their risk behaviors, knowledge of HIV, and attitudes about the disease. AIDS Coordinator’s staff presented results of the study in March and April 2006 and made follow-up recommendations in November 2006. Results are being used to develop programs to jointly address gang intervention and direct further research.

2) **Neighborhood Councils and HIV/Attitudes Study**: This study is currently in progress. The study will assess HIV awareness, HIV service needs, and prevalence of HIV-related social biases in diverse City neighborhoods by surveying participants in neighborhood councils. To effectively provide HIV prevention services to at-risk populations, efforts must first be made to address ignorance and stigma about HIV in the neighborhoods in which these services are located.

3) Consequently, the study will also examine if neighborhoods most impacted by HIV/AIDS are also plagued by a greater lack of awareness of HIV issues and a higher prevalence of HIV-related social biases than in neighborhoods that are not heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS. The intent of the study is to provide information that can assist the city in developing appropriate community-level interventions to address HIV-related stigma, discrimination, and homophobia in Los Angeles neighborhoods. It will also provide information that can be used in determining the appropriate activities of neighborhood councils in addressing the issue of HIV/AIDS in local communities.

4) In conjunction with the University of California at Los Angeles, the AIDS Coordinator’s Office developed a research study of **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis** (PrEP) to gather formative information of the feasibility and acceptability of PrEP and **Non-occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis** (nPEP) for HIV prevention in Los Angeles. PrEP is an HIV prevention strategy in which one or more antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) are taken by an individual prior to or during potential HIV exposure to hypothetically reduce the likelihood of infection. This is contrast to nPEP, in which ARVs are taken soon after potential HIV exposure to reduce the likelihood of infection. This study will help determine if more infections could be prevented among extremely high-risk individuals with the use of PrEP and nPEP.

5) In conjunction with the California State University at Dominguez Hills, the AIDS Coordinator’s Office developed the **“Syringe Exchange Date Collection and Evaluation Monitoring System Project”** for City-funded syringe exchange providers. The new system offers a more cost-effective system to collect, evaluate, and analyze data from syringe exchange programs and provide the AIDS Coordinator’s Office with real-time statistics to tailor programs as needed.
Other 2006-2007 AIDS Policy and Planning Program Accomplishments to Date:

- Secured a private grant of $99,164 from the Gilead Foundation for an initiative to expand access to HIV testing in the City of Los Angeles. This initiative will increase outreach and access to populations that may not believe themselves at risk. The Gilead Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 2005, seeks to improve access to healthcare for people around the world. Their mission is to improve the health and well-being of underserved communities. Foundation giving has a particular emphasis on the prevention and treatment of chronic viral illnesses such as HIV/AIDS.

- In partnership with the Center for HIV Identification Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS), developed the “Electronic HIV Prevention Project” to explore ways to deliver HIV prevention messages through the Internet and cell phones for women at risk.

- Developed the City of Los Angeles HIV Testing Initiative to engage and encourage more individuals to get tested for HIV and take control of their health outcomes. The initiative consists of five (5) strategies: 1) Increase private sector implementation of CDD guidelines on routine HIV testing 2) Test at community events, sports events, concerts, and colleges 3) Test at religious institutions 4) Test in junior high and high schools and 5) Engage elected officials and administrative agencies to implement public policies that encourage more testing.

- Launched a “Let’s Get Tested” social marketing campaign including billboards City-wide to renew focus on HIV testing and awareness and by reminding City residents that HIV affects people of all ethnic backgrounds, genders, and sexual preferences.

- Helped to implement the Statewide African-American HIV/AIDS Initiative to test new strategies to combat the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community.

- Collaborated with Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to implement a County-based syringe exchange program that will complement existing City syringe exchange programs.

- Collaborated with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to implement a program that allows City residents to purchase up to ten (10) clean syringes at pharmacies without a prescription. This is a proven HIV/Hepatitis C prevention program that has been implemented in other metropolitan areas.

- Assisted in training Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers on syringe exchange procedures.

- Provided the Mayor’s and City Council offices with information and analysis on important AIDS-related legislation and other key state and federal issues, such as appropriations and budgets, potentially affecting City residents living with HIV or AIDS or at risk.
Continued collaboration with the Center for HIV Identification Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) in the development and implementation of trainings in conjunction with the Los Angeles Technology Transfer Project to measure the level of knowledge of City-funded organizations in providing evidence-based interventions.

Continued collaboration with the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee, which sets HIV prevention goals for Los Angeles County.

Continued collaboration with the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS), a group of seven (7) metropolitan cities that meets to create standardized national goals for HIV prevention.

Continued collaboration with the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, a planning body responsible for setting HIV care and treatment goals, standards, and priorities for Los Angeles County.

Continued participation in the Los Angeles County Methamphetamine Working Group and contributed to the development of recommendations for a County-based initiative to curb the use and abuse of methamphetamine.

Planned and hosted the City of Los Angeles World AIDS Day citywide events on November 30-December 3, 2006. The events featured presentations and panel discusions on emerging HIV prevention technologies.

Participated in the Latino Coalition Against AIDS and helped to craft statewide initiatives to combat the AIDS epidemic in the Latino population.

Participated in a think tank developing proposals to improve HIV safety for performers in the adult film industry.