

**Cumberland County Community Development Program
2012 CDBG General Program Application**

Project Title Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II

Lead Community Cape Elizabeth

Additional Communities Gorham, Scarborough, Naples, Standish, Gray,
Casco and Raymond

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Program Category

Public Infrastructure/Facility Downtown Revitalization

Public Service Housing Economic Development

CDBG "National Objective"

Low/Moderate Income: Area-Wide Limited Clientele

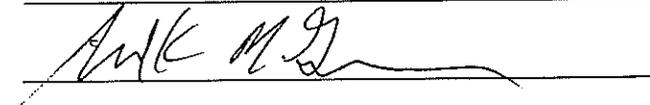
Direct Benefit: Presumed Group _____ (Identify Group)

Slum/Blight: Area-Wide Spot Basis

Amount of CDBG Funds Requested \$50,260

Total Estimated Project Cost \$64,395

Name of Authorized Official Michael McGovern

Signature of Authorized Official 



1. Brief Summary

Family Crisis Services (FCS) currently is working with four local law enforcement agencies to provide comprehensive outreach services to domestic violence victims. The Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II) is a program that provides direct advocacy for families after there has been a call of service for police intervention to a person's home. The service that an experienced domestic violence advocate provides includes safety planning, support and referrals necessary to assist the victim and their families.

Since 2009, FCS has worked on a new joint initiative with several law enforcement departments. This program has grown and become very successful in nearly every community that FCS serves in Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties. The goals of this program are to create and foster strong working relationships with law enforcement officers and their departments as well as to provide substantive direct services to victims in need.

FCS proposes to continue the EPIC II program that is currently in the towns of Cape Elizabeth, Gorham, Standish Naples and Scarborough. We would also like to expand to the towns of Gray, Raymond and Casco for the next year. FCS asks for monetary assistance in providing a full-time advocate to continue the work in these communities and to increase our work with Cumberland County Sheriff's Department by taking on the three additional towns. Cape Elizabeth has agreed to continue as the lead town in the proposal.

2. Need for Activity

a. Domestic violence is prevalent in all communities in the State of Maine. This summer alone, Mainers witnessed many domestic violence homicides where children were either murdered or witnessed the deaths of their mothers and fathers. In 2011, Family Crisis Services received 3,415 hotline calls, helped 2,363 individuals with advocacy services, 1,053 with court advocacy and sheltered 86 families with 55 children in our emergency shelter.

FCS works with people in immediate crisis seeking information and the need for safety. Law Enforcement officers provide services that mirror what the advocates are doing. Officers/Deputies work to enforce the law and provide safety when called upon. The EPIC II program allows for these two entities to work side by side in the fight to keep families safe.

b. In 2011, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department went to 448 calls of services related to domestic violence throughout the county. During this same time, FCS worked with 337 individuals residing in the same communities. The total number of people FCS served in the towns of Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, and Gorham was 108. The EPIC II advocate alone

has completed 76 follow-up visits with a law enforcement officer within the first six month period of the grant.

EPIC II deals entirely with people who fall under “abused spouses”. We are not required to meet income guidelines. However, a majority of the families we serve are from low/moderate income households.

c. EPIC II is one of three programs that FCS provides for in-home follow-up assistance. For many victims, isolation and lack of transportation is a barrier in seeking services. The in-home services allow people to receive services from non-profit agencies that they may have not been aware of. This program provides information and referrals to families with multiple needs including financial assistance, housing transportation and safety concerns. One of the goals of this program is to be a bridge for families who need help in living independently fiscally and safely without the risk of domestic violence in their homes.

3. Management of EPIC II

a. The EPIC II grant will be managed under the lead of Jen LaChance Sibley, Outreach Services Director of Family Crisis Services, and Chief Neil Williams and Town Manager Michael McGovern of Cape Elizabeth. The advocate will meet on a regular basis with the Outreach Services Director to ensure quality of grant program. The Outreach Services Director will also do quarterly progress checks with the Cape Elizabeth Chief and Town Manager. The advocate and Outreach Services Director will also conduct bi-annual meetings with each department to evaluate progress of the program. Accounting will be managed by FCS Accountant Sheri Morrison, CPA, under the auspices of Lois Galgay Reckitt, Executive Director.

b. Family Crisis Services has a tremendous amount of experience undertaking similar projects. In 2009, FCS initiated the first EPIC position that is still in existence working with Portland, Westbrook and South Portland Police Departments. In 2010, FCS expanded similar work by creating a Rural Rover advocate who does complementary work with law enforcement in Bridgton, Fryeburg, Bath, Richmond and Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department. Along with these programs, FCS also manages larger programming that includes Outreach Services in Brunswick, Portland and Bridgton; Fourteen Bed Shelter in Portland, Young Adult Abuse Prevention Program in multiple school districts; services to underserved populations that include elders, people with disabilities, refugees and other non-English speaking clients. Our management team has the experience and longevity to manage multiple funding services, and data/reporting requirements.

c. FCS continues to look for additional and alternative funding sources to continue the work of the EPIC programs. These funding sources include federal and local grants in both the public and private sector.

4. Project Readiness

Family Crisis Services hired the EPIC II advocate in July 2011. The advocate (who has been employed by FCS for nine years) is committed to work on this initiative if funded for the next year. The town of Cape Elizabeth has agreed to be the lead agent for this grant. They also have given office space for the EPIC II advocate to utilize. FCS has met or spoken with all of the town managers and individual law enforcement agencies and have received full support for this ongoing initiative.

We foresee no existing or potential impediments for the project to continue.

5. Implementation Schedule – see attached

6. Budget for Project – see attached

7. NA

8. Need for CDBG Program Funds

a. CDBG funds are critical for this program to continue in existence. The EPIC II project has been extremely successful in Gorham, Cape Elizabeth, Naples, Standish and Scarborough. The expansion to the towns of Raymond, Casco and Gray would prove the multi-district project utilizing Cumberland County block grant money in a very efficient and productive way.

b. FCS will continue to see funding from other sources.

c. If EPIC II is not funded through CDBG funds for another year, the program will be significantly cut. We will not have the staffing to work closely with the law enforcement agencies included in this grant proposal. We will not be able to provide consistent and ongoing follow-ups visits with law enforcement officers/deputies.

9. Distress Score

Project Implementation Schedule

| <u>Activity</u> | Month 1 | Month 2 | Month 3 | Month 4 | Month 5 | Month 6 | Month 7 | Month 8 | Month 9 | Month 10 | Month 11 | Month 12 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Implementation Schedule | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beginning Operations (Raymond/Casco) | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Continued Operations | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Consult with Town Manager | | | | X | | | | X | | | | X |
| Review Progress with Law Enforcement Agencies | X | | | | | X | | | | | | X |
| Report Data In Progress | | | | X | | | | X | | | | X |

Public Service Programs

| Cost Category | CDBG Funds | Municipal Funds | Other Funds | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Equipment | | | | |
| Materials/Supplies | | | | |
| Operations | 960 | | | 960 |
| Salaries | 36,050 | | 6695 | 42,745 |
| Fringe | 11,650 | | | 11,650 |
| Transportation | 1600 | | | 1600 |
| Consultants | | | 1400 | 1400 |
| Space/Rent | | 6000 | | 6000 |
| Project Management | | | | |
| Other – 1) | | | | |
| Other – 2) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 50,260 | 6000 | 8135 | 64,395 |

Provide the basis for determination of budget amounts:

Operation reflects costs of computer support and record keeping
 Salary reflects a 3% increase
 Fringe costs reflect an anticipated 10% increase in health insurance premiums
 Transportation reflects more accurate mileage costs – at \$150/month (down from last year's estimate at \$200/month)
 Consultants reflects FCS accounting and reporting expenses
 Space/Rent reflects office donated by Cape Elizabeth
 Note: equipment costs have been deleted as they were start up costs

Appendix I: 2012 Community Distress Scores

| Community | Distress Score |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Westbrook | 10 |
| Windham | 7 |
| Gorham | 6 |
| Cumberland County | 6 |
| Long Island | 6 |
| Harrison | 5 |
| Casco | 5 |
| Standish | 5 |
| Naples | 5 |
| Scarborough | 5 |
| Baldwin | 4 |
| Freeport | 4 |
| Harpswell | 4 |
| Raymond | 3 |
| Gray | 3 |
| Sebago | 3 |
| New Gloucester | 2 |
| Chebeague Island | 2 |
| North Yarmouth | 2 |
| Yarmouth | 2 |
| Falmouth | 1 |
| Cumberland | 1 |
| Cape Elizabeth | 1 |
| Pownal | 0 |

10. Multi-Jurisdictional Bonus

a. Multi-Community Applicants

- i. Low/moderate income residents experiencing domestic violence in the eight communities we propose to serve - will benefit from the collaboration of law enforcement and advocacy. The immediate follow-ups after an initial call for service will render direct service advocacy including support, referrals for other appropriate services (i.e. transportation, housing needs, food, etc) and safety planning. These team approaches will allow victims who are not familiar with law enforcement or FCS to receive quick, appropriate services when most in need.

- ii. The EPIC II program will involve eight communities in Cumberland County. All of the Town Managers have been consulted and fully support this program. The Police Chiefs in Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, Gorham, and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has found the first year of this program successful and approve for the continuation of funding.

For 2012-2013, the Towns of Gray, Raymond and Casco have agreed to participate in this program. CCSO covers all of the new communities and supports the work in these additional towns. The deputies who patrol Naples also cover Raymond and Casco. The Town of Gray has hired a full-time deputy to patrol Gray. Gray and CCSO have agreed to allow the EPIC II advocate to work beside this deputy as needed.

All four law enforcement departments have agreed to provide a law enforcement officer who will be paired with the EPIC II advocate for follow-up visits. Cape Elizabeth Police Department also will provide an office space for the advocate.

b. Multi-Community Application Endorsement – see attached

Multi-Community Application Endorsement

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CDBG GENERAL PROGRAM APPLICATION – 2012

Lead Community Applicant: Town of Cape Elizabeth

Lead Community Authorized Official Michael K. McGovern

Signature of Authorized Official [Signature]

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Gray

Additional Community Authorized Official Deborah Cabana

Signature of Authorized Official [Signature]

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Standish

Additional Community Authorized Official Gordon Billington

Signature of Authorized Official [Signature]

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Raymond

Additional Community Authorized Official Don Willard

Signature of Authorized Official [Signature]

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Casco

Additional Community Authorized Official David Morton

Signature of Authorized Official [Signature]

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (cont.)

CDBG GENERAL PROGRAM APPLICATION – 2012

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Naples

Additional Community Authorized Official Perik Goodine

Signature of Authorized Official 

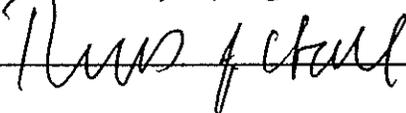
Additional Community Applicant: Town of Gorham

Additional Community Authorized Official David Cole

Signature of Authorized Official David O. Cole

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Scarborough

Additional Community Authorized Official Tom Hall

Signature of Authorized Official 



CAPE ELIZABETH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neil R. Williams
Chief of Police

Brent Sinclair
Captain

Cumberland County
Community Development Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is pleased to support Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department to provide services to victims in our community. The goal of the project has been to enhance services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention and to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil R. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Neil R. Williams

Chief of Police



TOWN OF GRAY

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First Settled

January 10, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Gray is pleased to offer its support to Family Crisis Services in their request for funding for the Enhance Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). This project would enhance services to domestic violence and stalking victims residing in rural areas. This initiative would allow an advocate from Family Crisis Services to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in several neighboring communities. We would like to offer this program to the residents of Gray who are in need of additional services.

The goal of the project is to continue and expand services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention. An advocate providing follow-up services is able to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Town of Gray is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

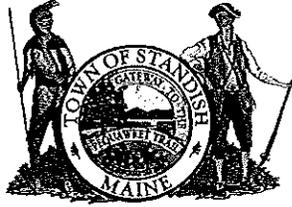
Sincerely,


Deborah Cabana
Gray Town Manager

cc: Gray Town Council

TOWN OF STANDISH

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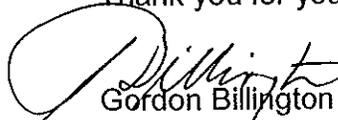
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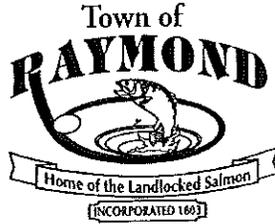
The Town of Standish is pleased to support Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in our community. The goal of the project has been to enhance services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention and to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Town of Standish is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.


Gordon Billington
Town Manager



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January 10, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Raymond is pleased to offer its support to Family Crisis Services in their request for funding for the Enhance Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). This project would enhance services to domestic violence and stalking victims residing in rural areas. This initiative would allow an advocate from Family Crisis Services to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in several neighboring communities. We would like to offer this program to the residents of Raymond who are in need of additional services. The goal of the project is to continue and expand services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention. An advocate providing follow-up services is able to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Town of Raymond is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Willard
Town Manager

Cc: Board of Selectmen



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January 25, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Casco is pleased to offer its support to Family Crisis Services in their request for funding for the Enhance Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). This project would enhance services to domestic violence and stalking victims residing in rural areas. This initiative would allow an advocate from Family Crisis Services to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in several neighboring communities. We would like to offer this program to the residents of Casco who are in need of additional services.

The goal of the project is to continue and expand services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention. An advocate providing follow-up services is able to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

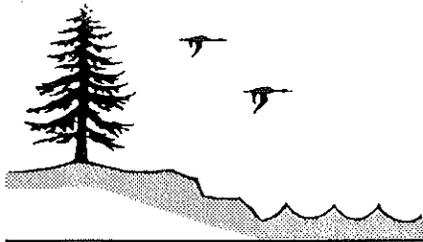
The Town of Casco is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David P. Morton

Town Manager



Town of Naples

Town Hall

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January 23, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Naples is pleased to support Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing followup visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in our community. The goal of the project has been to enhance services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention and to help safety plan; provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Town of Naples is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during followups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Derik Goodine
Naples Town Manager

Town of Gorham

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January 25, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Gorham is pleased to support Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Gorham Police Department to provide services to victims in our community. The goal of the project has been to enhance services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention and to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Gorham Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during followups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David O. Cole
David O. Cole
Gorham Town Manager



Town of Scarborough, Maine

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THOMAS J. HALL, TOWN MANAGER
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January 13, 2012

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RE: Family Crisis Services – Epic II

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Scarborough is pleased to support Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Scarborough Police Department to provide services to victims in our community. The goal of the project has been to enhance services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention and to help safety plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Scarborough Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Hall
Town Manager

CC: R. Moulton