

**PROPOSAL REVIEW: Individual Staff Review for 2011-2012
For Community Resources Proposals to be Submitted to the
CDBG Committee**

1. **Program Name:** Housing Related Aid

2. **Agency Name:** Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Inc. (DAIS)

3. **Requested Amounts:** 2011: \$32,281
2012: \$32,281 **Prior Year Level: \$29,870**

4. **Project Type:** New Continuing

5. **Framework Plan Objective Most Directly Addressed by Proposed by Activity:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Housing – Owner – occupied housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Improvement of services to homeless and special populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Housing – Housing for homebuyers | <input type="checkbox"/> X. Access to Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Housing – Rental housing | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Physical improvement of community service facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Business development and job creation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Economic development of small businesses | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> L. Revitalization of strategic areas | |

6. **Anticipated Accomplishments (Proposed Service Goals)**

Provide safe accommodations for approximately 80 households who are fleeing domestic violence when the DAIS shelter is full, the victim is male or the household requires handicapped accessibility not available at the shelter.

7. **To what extent does the proposal meet the Objectives of the Community Development Program Goals and Priorities for 2011-2012?**

Staff Comments: Outcome objective J. Includes the stabilization or improvement of the housing situation of homeless or near homeless individuals. DAIS provides safe shelter for victims unable to be served in the traditional shelter meeting the objective.

8. **To what extent is the proposed program design and work plan sufficiently detailed to demonstrate the ability to result in a positive impact on the need or problem identified?**

Staff Comments: DAIS staff provides very quick response to a call for help when received by crisis line staff or volunteers. A schedule of benchmarks for providing assistance to a caller who is likely in physical danger sets clear expectation for staff response.

9. **To what extent does the proposal include objectives that are realistic and measurable and are likely to be achieved within the proposed timeline?**

Staff Comments: DAIS proposal includes an expectation that 90% of those served will be able to identify two or more community resources they can access for assistance. The ability to implement a safety plan is important step for a domestic violence survivor.

10. **To what extent do the agency, staff and/or Board experience, qualifications, past performance and capacity indicate probable success of the proposal?**

Staff Comments: DAIS staff and Board of Directors represent many fields where the expertise could benefit a domestic abuse survivor and/or effect local policies that could benefit survivors and their families.

11. **To what extent is the agency's proposed budget reasonable and realistic, able to leverage additional resources, and demonstrate sound fiscal planning and management?**

Staff Comments: Proposed budget is reasonable. DAIS includes an increase in funds in order to compensate a portion of the staff accountant who prepares billing and financial statements and reports to funders.

12. **To what extent does the agency's proposal demonstrate efforts and success at securing a diverse array of support, including volunteers, in-kind support and securing partnerships with agencies and community groups?**

Staff Comments: DAIS volunteers are actively involved in responding to calls on the crisis line which is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. DAIS partners with other service providers in the Homeless Services Consortium as well as law enforcement, pet foster care for survivors' pets and faith organizations.

13. **To what extent does the applicant propose services that are accessible and appropriate to the needs of low income individuals, culturally diverse populations and/or populations with specific language barriers and/or physical or mental disabilities?**

Staff Comments: DAIS serves a variety of clients, with most living below the poverty line. A majority are non-white, many with self reported AODA and mental health issues. Staff is competent to provide services to this population

14. To what extent does the proposal meet the technical and regulatory requirements and unit cost limits as applicable? To what extent is there clear and precise proposal information to determine eligibility?

Staff Comments: DAIS staff is both familiar and compliant with local, state and federal regulations that come with many of their funding sources.

15. To what extent is the site identified for the proposed project appropriate in terms of minimizing negative environmental issues, relocation and neighborhood or public concerns?

Staff Comments: Currently the location of the DAIS shelter and the two motels used to place overflow demand are not made public for safety reasons.

16. Other comments:

Questions:

17. Staff Recommendation

Not recommended for consideration

Recommend for consideration

Recommend with Qualifications
Suggested Qualifications: