

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: The proposal shows the experience CWD has in developing these types of projects because of the partnerships they are securing with a very diverse group of agencies and community organizations. CWD has had over 30 volunteers provide more than 90 hours of work for the project in 2010.

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: With partners like; VSA Wisconsin, ARTworking, MMSD, Centro Hispano and neighborhood centers CWD should have the pieces in place to access the target individuals. These organizations will help CWD reach-out to individuals from diverse backgrounds and people with disabilities. CWD has made sure that individuals with physical disabilities will be able to participate by incorporating ADA building design into the plans.

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: The agency states that within the first two years of operation at least 20 new jobs paying at least the City's living wage will be created and 51% of those positions will be taken by LMI individuals. This meets both local and federal funding requirements.

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: The renovation of a vacant historic landmark has created a positive neighborhood and public response to the project which has been documented in the local paper recently. In 2009, 77% of Madison voters supported the Garver Arts Incubator. A Site Plan Advisory Committee will be started to make sure any future neighborhood concerns are addressed.

16. Other comments: This project meets our 2011-2012 Community Development Program Goals and Priorities and CDD funding is critical to its success. The CDD has provided funding in the past (\$200,000 for pre-development and capital costs) for this project.

Questions:

1. Of the projected 150 jobs being created will these be new City of Madison jobs or new facility jobs?

17. Staff Recommendation

- Not recommended for consideration
- Recommend for consideration
- Recommend with Qualifications
Suggested Qualifications: