

Salt Lake Urban County

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Mission Statement

We aim to strengthen families and neighborhoods by helping fund organizations that provide essential programs and services to individuals and areas of the county that need them most.

CDBG Public Service Project: Family Support Center – Crisis and Support Services

Brief Description of the Project

Family Support Center is a non-profit agency that has been serving low-income Salt Lake County residents for the last 40 years. Each year, we provide crisis and supportive services for more than 7,000 individuals. CDBG funding is critical to our ability to continue providing these services.

Program Beneficiaries

The CDBG funding we receive from Salt Lake County for our Crisis Nursery directly impacts the number of low-income at-risk children we are able to serve each year. Last year's funding allowed us to provide crisis care for 648 children at our Midvale Crisis Nursery. Crisis Nurseries serve families in crisis situations at risk for abuse or neglect. 95% of those served are considered low to very low income.

Justification of program and measurable outcomes "Stable & Safe"

LifeStart Village provides safe and stable transitional and permanent supportive housing for 54 single parents and their children who are in crisis. Last year, LifeStart provided housing and support for 280 individuals. Some of these families are coming directly from homelessness, are nearly homeless, are escaping situations of domestic violence or polygamy. The program empowers each family to access necessary supports and acquire new skills to be able to independently provide for the personal, emotional, and financial needs of their family. The program is designed to help these families *move* toward complete financial independence and provision of their own permanent housing. Primary Activities include: housing, weekly case management, "Parent Education" and "Life Focus" classes, regular house chores, obtaining GED or higher education equivalency, employment coaching, Healthy Relationships and Financial Management Training. CDBG funding for Life Start Village has been our largest funder for providing housing and wrap around services.

If this money was not available what would this mean to your client and community?

100% of our residents at Life Start Village enter at very low income and require the services we offer in order to develop the skills they need to become self-sufficient and stay self-sufficient. CDBG funds for this program are critical to the operational budget. Loss of CDBG funding would likely end Family Support Center's ability to continue providing the program. This would leave more than 200 individuals with no other place to go. They would become homeless.

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While that sounds extreme, this program has already suffered the loss of critical funding sources and loss of CDBG funding would be a lethal blow to this program.

Crisis Nurseries are funded primarily through a contract with Utah's Department of Child and Family Services. CDBG funding provides critical gap funding, covering the difference between the amount of the contract and the cost to actually provide the level of service that we currently have demand for in Salt Lake County. Family Support Center operates the only Crisis Nurseries in Salt Lake County. Loss of this funding would likely necessitate a reduction of *services* hours. Given that funding from the CDBG program provided direct care for 648 children, and last year we served 1,501 children, loss of CDBG funding could cause a reduction of up to 30%.

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