

2. Describe the trends that the grantee expects the community to face in meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and any other information that may be important when providing services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the next 5-10 years.

Perhaps the most recurring theme generated in the HIV/AIDS services program environment is the need for funding and programs to become and/or remain flexible in order to meet the needs of patients who are now living longer due to better medical care. HIV/AIDS is not the “terminal” disease that it once was and program regulations, funds and services need to be geared toward serving long-term housing and supportive service needs.

V. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds

Housing for the Homeless

The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act makes federal funds available to assist communities in serving the needs of the homeless population. The grant dollars made available to the City of Tampa are used in conjunction with Hillsborough County grant funds and other local funding sources to support a number of project sponsors in the provision of housing and housing related services.

The ACTS Homeless Day Center (HDC) for homeless men and women opened March 1, 1991. The Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition makes recommendations concerning the selection of project sponsors and respective grant amounts. The City’s Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff participates in the selection process and is responsible for administering the grant. Additionally, HCD personnel attend monthly homeless coalition meetings.

For PY01, the City of Tampa received \$171,000.00 in Emergency Shelter Grant funds, which was then awarded to the following project sponsors: Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc., Alpha House of Tampa, Inc., and the Salvation Army.

A. ESG Funded Activities

- Agency for Community Treatment Service (ACTS), Inc.

The ACTS Homeless Day Center (HDC) for homeless men and women opened March 1, 1991. Services included shower and laundry facilities, mailboxes, and lockers. Case management, substance abuse, and mental health counseling, telephone and message services, clothing, food, legal assistance, employment counseling, and other service referrals were also provided.

From October 1, 2001 through June 14, 2002, the HDC provided 1,791 showers, 1,565 loads of laundry, 64 mailboxes and 102 personal lockers. 60% of the clients served were White, non-Hispanic; 35% were Black, non-Hispanic; and 5% were Hispanic.

ESG funds were used to pay for rent, insurance, and utilities. The HDC closed on June 15, 2002.

- Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.

Alpha House operates a 20 bedroom licensed maternity home to serve homeless pregnant women with multiple risk factors for the delivery of a low birth weight baby. Additionally, Alpha House operates three transitional houses and the Rosalie Center, an 18,000 square foot, three-story facility, which consists of a day care center for up to 45 children, apartment units for up to eight homeless families, and administrative offices.

ESG funds were used to pay for rent, insurance, and other operational costs for emergency shelter and transitional housing.

The average number of clients served daily in PY01 was 27 adults and 22 children. Single females age 18 or over headed 88% of the families and youth under the age of 18 were heads of 12% of the families; 25% were battered spouses; 33% of all individuals served were drug dependent.

- Project Return, Inc.

Project Return operates a transitional housing program, an educational center and job-training program. Additionally, the organization assists residents with obtaining food stamps, funds for medication, medical services and assistance from the Social Security Administration, as well as other services designed to prevent the recurrence of homelessness.

During this reporting period, ESG funds were utilized to provide transitional housing rehabilitation and essential services.

The average number of persons served daily in the transitional housing program was 36, all of whom were chronically mentally ill, 54% of the clients were male.

- The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army uses four primary programs to meet the needs of homeless persons. The Red Shield Lodge provides emergency shelter to homeless men and women on a first-come first-served basis. Shelter nights at the Red Shield Lodge include bed, meals, and laundry services. A case manager and an employment counselor are available to assess needs and make service referrals. The Hope House provides transitional housing for up to 42 single men. Third, the Hospitality House provides transitional housing for women. Capacity is 18 single adults and five single mothers with up to three children each. Finally, the Feeding Program provides daily meals to anyone presenting himself/herself as hungry.

During this reporting period, ESG funds were utilized to reimburse operating expenses at the Red Shield Lodge. The average number of homeless persons served daily was 100, 82% of who were male; 13% were chronically mentally ill; 46% were alcohol dependent; 28% were drug dependent, and 19% were elderly.

B. Sources and Amounts of Required Match⁶

FY02/PY01 Emergency Shelter Grant Awards			
Provider	Award	Required Match	Total
ACTS	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$43,000.00
Alpha House of Tampa	\$52,550.00	\$52,550.00	\$105,100.00
Salvation Army	\$88,400.00	\$88,400.00	\$176,800.00
Administration	\$8,550.00	\$8,550.00	\$17,100.00
		TOTAL	342,000.00

⁶ Matching funds made available through United Way, foundations and public and private sector support.