

FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All requests will be evaluated before the 12 Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. The panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

Date Submitted: March 2, 2009

Project Name: The Riley Center for Battered Women and Their Children

Individual/Organization:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Particular Council of San Francisco

The Riley Center, the applicant program under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is a comprehensive continuum of care for battered women and their children which offers prevention and outreach services, a 24-hour crisis line, an emergency shelter, transitional housing for domestic violence survivors in the Bay Area, and follow-up services to help families maintain housing and self-sufficiency.

Amount Requested (if requesting report language, please attach.):

\$300,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status (e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act"):

Labor-Health

Local Contact (Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.):

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Organization's Main Activities. (Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)

The St. Vincent de Paul Society feeds, clothes, shelters and daily supports over 1,000 men, women and children through a spectrum of programs. One of the oldest charities in Northern California, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco has been serving the Bay Area for almost 150 years. For decades, the Society has been recognized by government support for our ability to provide essential services with low administrative overhead. Our mission is to offer hope and service to the poor and suffering on a direct person-to-person basis, working to break the cycles of homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence.

St. Vincent de Paul's Riley Center Programs Include:

- (a) Rosalie House – an emergency shelter for abused women and their children;
- (b) Brennan House – a transitional housing program for formerly abused women, and;
- (c) The Community Office – providing domestic violence education, prevention services and follow-up support to former residents.

The Riley Center is the only domestic violence agency selected to provide advisory management services to the City of San Francisco's CalWorks (welfare-to-work) and Human Services Agency's Family and Children Services (FCS) divisions.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. (Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)

Riley Center Budget FY09		
Revenue		Total
City/County Contract Fees	\$	1,106,618.00
Federal/State Contract Fees	\$	40,772.00
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>240,000.00</u>
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,387,390.00</u>
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	\$	1,212,492.00
Professional Fees	\$	85,279.00
Supplies	\$	27,043.00
Advertising	\$	3,388.00
Rent and Building Fees	\$	191,156.00
Insurance	\$	11,670.00
<u>Equipment, Client Services, Travel, Etc</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>95,250.00</u>
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,623,548.00</u>

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. (Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization’s mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)

Project Description and Goals:

The Riley Center offers safe and confidential services for women in abusive relationships, along with their children. We provide caring and essential support for domestic violence survivors from the point of crisis to a woman’s achievement of self-sufficiency.

The goals of the Riley Center are to:

- Help battered women and their children achieve emotional and financial self-sufficiency.
- Help families break the cycle of violence in future generations.

Project Objectives:

Rosalie House objectives:

- Children, aged 3 and older, learn non-violent conflict resolution skills.
- Women gain an increased level of self-empowerment.
- Families develop or increase their support network.

Brennan House objectives:

- Women completing the program demonstrate improved economic self-sufficiency.
- Women and children demonstrate increased healing from trauma of victimization.
- Undocumented women are assisted with obtaining legal residency.
- Families completing the program move into safe and affordable permanent housing.

Project Activities and Timeline

- Prospective residents are referred by the crisis line or other service provider, both in San Francisco and regionally.
- Essential items are gathered to help welcome the woman or family. For both shelters, the resident meets with her case manager within the first week to determine a case management plan. Women are enrolled in support groups and individual counseling. Children are enrolled in children's groups; mothers are enrolled in parenting groups and families are referred to clinical therapy if appropriate.
- Case managers work on an action plan and goals for the family, including employment, transitional or permanent housing, education, disability, and immigration.
- At the end of her stay, a woman has a vocational plan in place that she has begun to implement, moves into permanent housing and is on her way to emotional and financial self-sufficiency.
- Staff follow-up with former residents regularly to offer additional support.

Desired Outcomes:

We have had a long track record of success, and we can quantify the specific changes that occur in the lives of Rosalie House program participants as the following:

- 100% of children learn non-violent conflict resolution skills.
 - 80% gain an increased level of self-empowerment.
 - 85% develop or increase their support network.
- And because Brennan House residents stay for up to 18 months, we are able to have a more substantial impact on their lives:
- On average, 95% of those completing the program demonstrate improved economic self-sufficiency.
 - 98% demonstrate increased healing from trauma of victimization.
 - 95% of undocumented women obtain legal residency.
 - 100% of residents completing the program move into safe and affordable permanent housing upon leaving the program.

**Riley Center
2009 Forecast
Earmark Application**

	Rosalie House	Community Office	Brennan House	Total
Revenue				
Individual	150	1,005	110	1,265
Foundation	30,000	0	0	30,000
Corporation	0	0	0	0
Conferences	750	200	354	1,304
Other	13,600	0	0	13,600
Total Revenue	44,500	1,205	464	46,169
Expense				
Personnel	135,210	137,025	29,907	302,142
Professional Services	20,732	2,866	0	23,598
Supplies	2,770	1,616	155	4,541
Office Services	7,062	7,043	1,592	15,697
Occupancy	48,765	27,253	729	76,747
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	1,834	1,595	0	3,429
Vehicle	7,773	144	9,691	17,608
Client Services	19,231	2,681	3,006	24,918
Travel	0	772	571	1,342
Insurance Expense	4,557	861	14,174	19,592
Management & General	37,190	27,278	8,974	73,442
Total Expense	285,122	209,134	68,798	563,054
Net Deficit	(240,622)	(207,929)	(68,334)	(516,885)
<u>Reconciliation to F/E:</u>				
YTD Jan 2009 Revenue	44,500	1,205	464	46,169
2009 Budgeted Expense	247,932	181,856	59,824	489,612
15% Indirect	37,190	27,278	8,974	73,442
Net Deficit Reflected Above	(240,622)	(207,929)	(68,334)	(516,885)

How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding?

(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)

Government funding has regularly comprised 75 percent of the Society's revenue, yet much of this government support is now in jeopardy. The severe economic downturn over the last year—even before the current financial crisis—has already resulted in significant government budget cuts. In these hard times, more people than ever require our help and the costs of food, clothing and other necessities continues to increase.

The Society has spent the last few years cutting costs and our programs are as lean as they can be without severely reducing services or eliminating them completely. The total project budget for the Riley Center is \$1,623,548, of which \$476,158 must be raised from additional sources. These figures do not include general administrative costs, ensuring that if granted, 100 percent of the congressional appropriation request would support direct program costs. The Riley Center faces a deficit totaling over half a million dollars – a lofty sum that, if compounded, would force us to close an essential program like Rosalie House, the Riley Shelter's emergency shelter for battered and abused women and children. Rosalie House is one of only three domestic violence emergency shelters in the City and constantly operates at full capacity. Such a closure would “gut” the basic emergency services for battered women and children in San Francisco. Yet, this program is extremely costly to run and costs far outpace the charitable and government support it receives. This congressional request of funding could seriously reduce this deficit, enabling us to sustain this vital program and allow us to focus on building an endowment. All monies granted in this request will go directly to program support, and that will enable us to direct any bequests we receive into an endowment rather than using those bequests to cover operating costs.

The 150th Anniversary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Francisco is quickly approaching in 2010. For this landmark year, our goal is to build our endowment in order to ensure the stability and longevity of our programs. Made up of gifts invested in perpetuity (and often built upon many bequests and planned gifts); an endowment generates interest that provides a permanent source of guaranteed income. Such a guaranteed source of income will make a significant difference in our ability to survive during times of economic downturn.

What is the local significance of this project?

The Riley Center specifically addresses the community need for services for battered women and children. The facts about domestic violence are startling and tragic. Twenty-five to thirty-one percent of American women report being abused by an intimate partner at some point in their lives. In San Francisco alone, there are over 5,000 calls for domestic violence annually. Domestic violence knows no boundaries- it affects women of all cultural backgrounds, ages, socio-economic statuses and education levels. Often, women are abused by an intimate partner, but may also be battered by family members or caregivers.

The societal costs and physical, emotional and mental effects of domestic violence are significant and pervasive. One study indicates that the health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking and homicide committed by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year. Of that amount, nearly \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and mental health care services, and nearly \$1.8 billion are for the indirect costs of lost productivity or wages. Regarding health problems, women who are abused are more likely to be diagnosed with depression, panic attacks, migraines, chronic pain, arthritis, high blood pressure and gastrointestinal problems. Their children manifest the effects of abuse as well, by displaying symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, such as bed-wetting and nightmares, and higher rates of allergies, asthmas, headaches and the flu.

Social service agencies like the Riley Center are critical in mitigating these costs to society and these adverse effects on women and children's health. We also fill a vital need, which is that of housing. Many women end up staying in abusive relationships, because there is a lack of available shelter and affordable housing. In some regions of the country, almost one third of homeless women are homeless due to domestic violence. Battered women have many potential barriers to finding housing, including a lack of employment, housing discrimination and poor credit or rental histories due to their experience of abuse.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? (i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)

Each year, the Riley Center serves approximately 100 women and 140 children each with shelter and transitional housing services, and an additional 4,000 women with prevention and follow-up services. The Riley Center Crisis Line also serves approximately 1,000 people with information and referrals. Over 60% of clients come from the City of San Francisco and surrounding areas, including Daly City, Pacifica, San Mateo, San Bruno, and the East Bay.

Abused women and their children prefer to seek assistance from a shelter not in close proximity to the abuser in question. Therefore, most of our residents come from South San Francisco and a great portion of District 12. Upon graduation from the program, many of these women and children chose to seek housing within the counties of San

Francisco, San Mateo, and Alameda; these family units become active, self-supported members of their local communities, contributing to government, economy, and society.

In addition, nearly 184,000 residents of San Francisco City and County are represented by District 12. Over half of those are female. Current statistics report that 1 in 4 women will fall victim to physical, sexual or emotional abuse in the course of their lifetime. Fifty-two percent of District 12 constituents are female, so as many as 23,000 San Francisco women in District 12 could require assistance or advice from The Riley Center at any given point. Through the 24-hour hotline and education/outreach materials, these women know there is always a supportive and compassionate professional just a phone call away.

In summary, countless women and their children benefit from the work of The Riley Center.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. (Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal.)

- Aaron Peskin, Former Supervisor and President of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco (letter to follow)
- Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City of San Francisco (letter to follow)

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? (Federal, State, Local or private pending?)

We are currently awaiting responses for the following funding requests:

- Hindu Cultural Community Center	\$3,500
-Women of the ELCA	\$3,500
-Allstate Foundation	\$10,000
-Wetzel Charitable Foundation	\$25,000
-Uplands Foundation	\$2,000
-Brooks-Matthews Foundation	\$2,500
-Pell Family Foundation	\$2,500
-Nordstrom's	\$10,000
-Odell Fund	\$50,000
-Bank of the West	\$5,000
-Target Foundation	\$3,000
-Kaiser Permanente	\$25,000

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?
(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)

Federal Funding Received in Fiscal Year 2008 - \$141,866

How Federal Funding was Spent in FY08:

-Personnel	\$15,486
-Operating	\$2,816
-Client Services	\$3,871
-Indirect	\$756

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members (if any).

(attached)

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Francisco

Current Staff List

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