

<p>CASPAR –ACCESS Transitional Program</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$18,000 (FY12: \$2,000 cut) CDBG funds 37% of Access budget.</p> <p>Site visit: 3/21/13</p> <p>Present: Gerardo Moreno-Serrano, Senior Treatment Coordinator, Jose Soares & Jolyon Cowan, DHSP</p>	<p>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: ACCESS is a transitional program for newly sober individuals with a history of chronic homelessness and substance use disorders. CDBG funds 10 beds for men and 6 beds for women. The program operates out of the CASPAR Emergency Service Center (ESC), a wet shelter at 240 Albany Street, which provides separate living/sleeping accommodations to ACCESS clients. Participants are required to attend pre-treatment groups, one-on-one counseling, socialization and psych-educational groups, and case management. ACCESS prepares shelter clients for the highly structured environment of residential treatment programs; and assists clients in their search for other sober housing alternatives and halfway residences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <20% of the program participants are from the Albany Street Shelter; most are referred from treatment and detox centers, jails, and the court system. • On the average, clients stay in the program 3-4 months depending on individual circumstances and the difficulty of placement. • There is a 60% rate of retention. <p>On Target? They have served 68 clients thru 2nd quarter with a goal of 130. At the time of the site visit, program was at ½ capacity.</p>
<p>Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA)- Work Force (WF) College Success Initiative</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$20,000 CDBG funds 5% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 2/22/13</p> <p>Present: Kambiz Mali, Director of Work Force Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: An after-school program for youth in grades 8 through 12 who live in public housing. The program provides life skills workshops with emphasis on improving literacy, writing and math, individual counseling and case management, and a Summer College Immersion Program.</p> <p>Program Strengths: The Summer College Immersion Program, housed at MIT, provides SAT preparation workshops; assists with college applications and financial aid forms and provides field trips to 12 colleges and universities in New England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program has a retention rate of over 80%. 90% of alumni contacted are in college or working. <p>Funding Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three year Federal grant from the Department of Commerce ended in January, 2013. <p>On Target? They have served 190 clients thru 2nd quarter out of its goal of 180.</p>

<p>CAMBRIDGE CAMPING ASSOCIATION (CCA) - Daybreak Day Camp</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$15,000 CDBG funds 22% of Daybreak Day Camp</p> <p>Site visit: 8/1/12</p> <p>Present: Amy Stein, Executive Director, Mia Klinger-Powell, Camp Director, Jose Soares & Jolyon Cowan, DHSP</p>	<p>A day camp for children ages 5 through 11 with emotional and behavioral special needs who live in Cambridge or Somerville;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 90% of youth served in the program are from very low-income families who face an array of complex issues; about 30% are from immigrant families; and a high percentage of youth resides in a single-parent household or with guardians (grandparents or foster parents); many are involved with the Department of Children & Families (DCF). The Guidance Center referred 15 children to Daybreak Day Camp. <p>Program Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daybreak Day Camp added 3 more days to almost 5 weeks of summer camp. <p>On Target? Last summer, CCA provided camp services to 21 Cambridge youths exceeding their target of 19.</p>
<p>Community Legal Services and Counseling Center (CLSACC)- Homelessness Prevention Program</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$20,000 CDBG funds 19% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 12/5/12</p> <p>Present: John Froio, Housing Attorney & Barbara Mitchell, Executive Director Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Program provides legal counsel and representation to tenants facing eviction.</p> <p>PROGRAM UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45% of the cases involve tenants in Cambridge Housing Authority public or Section 8 subsidized housing. As of 2nd quarter, staff handled 34 evictions, 12 of those in court proceedings. 17 households retained their housing or negotiated longer stays to find housing. 8 gained access to public or subsidized housing.. The program negotiates 60% of eviction cases resulting in clients retaining their housing, preventing homelessness by delaying the eviction process and securing more time to locate alternate housing. <p>On Target? By 2nd quarter they have served 41 clients out of a goal of 60.</p>

<p>Community Legal Services and Counseling Center (CLSACC)- Battered Women's/Child Support Advocacy Project</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$20,000 CDBG funds 22% of program. CDBG funds support clients who are unable to pay their fees.</p> <p>Site visit: 12/5/12</p> <p>Present: Ellen Wilburn, Legal Director, Paul Goldmuntz, Clinical Director, Barbara Mitchell, Executive Director Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Using a team of staff and volunteers, program provides legal counsel/representation and individual & group counseling to victims of domestic violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/3 of clients in counseling unit and 50% of clients in legal unit are immigrants. • 14 victims of domestic violence obtained safe living and custody arrangements. 7 obtained child support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing participation in High Risk Assessment Team comprised of staff from DA's Office, Police Departments from Arlington, Cambridge, Belmont, The Guidance Center, and various DV service agencies and shelters. Team shares information and strategizes to contain batterer and support victim in high risk cases. • Collaboration with Transition House, Guidance Center, and Cambridge Health Alliance's Victim Advocacy and Support Team. <p>On Target? By 2nd quarter they served 36 new clients exceeding their goal of 32.</p>
<p>CENTRO LATINO: Information & Referral - Interpretation/Translation Services</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$18,000 (FY12: \$6,000 cut) CDBG funds 30% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 10/24/12</p> <p>Present: Juan Vega, Executive Director, Enrico Orozco, Case Manager, Miriam Ortiz Clooney, Program Manager, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>Centro Latino provides information & referral and interpretation/translation services to the immigrant Latino population of Cambridge. Most referrals and interpretation services are to CASLS for domestic violence and immigration issues, CHA for housing applications and re-certifications, to food pantries, Fuel Assistance, to the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Transitional Assistance for benefits.</p> <p>Agency Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam Ortiz Clooney manages the Cambridge site. • Agency is on a reduced week schedule (M-Th) due to funding cuts. Adult Education which comprises 1/3 of the agency programs received 60% cut in funding. Adult Basic Education went from 26 to 6 classes. One of the GED classes is in Cambridge and requires a fee. • Immigration paralegal spends one day a week in Cambridge. <p>On Target? By the 3rd quarter CL reported 95 clients of their 120 target.</p>

<p>East End House, Inc. (EEH) Emergency Food Program</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$11,000 (FY12: \$2,000 cut) CDBG funds 14% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 2/27/13</p> <p>Present: Sam Healy, Senior Director of Children & Family Services, Tim Severyn, Community Programs Director, Jamie Dannenberg, Food Pantry Coordinator, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>East End House runs an emergency food pantry including infant necessities and a free farmers' market one Wednesday a month at three elderly housing developments (Miller's River, Roosevelt Towers, and Harvard Gardens).</p> <p>Agency Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Dannenberg, Community Programs Associate, was hired in December 2012 to oversee the food pantry. <p>Emergency Food Program Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Pantry operates 2 days per week for a total of 9 hours weekly and is staffed by 9 core volunteers. • Food pantry provides enough food for 14 days twice a month and distributed Thanksgiving baskets to 646 Cambridge households. <p>Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff see more younger families using the food pantry for the first time. <p>On Target? By 2nd quarter food pantry served 467 clients exceeding their goal of 415.</p>
<p>Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association (ECMAA): Information and Referral (I&R) Program</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$10,000 CDBG funds 33% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 10/4/12</p> <p>Present: Binyam Tamene, Executive Director Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>ECMAA provides information, referral, and support services to immigrants from Ethiopia through direct client service and a weekly radio program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio program remains an effective medium to convey information to the Ethiopian community on immigration updates, jobs, education, housing, and available services in the community. Occasional guest speakers are invited to discussions followed by call in. <p>Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in immigration from Ethiopia through the "Diversity Visa Lottery" program. Each year 15-20 recent immigrant families come to Cambridge. • Many wage earners are holding two/three part-time jobs to make ends meet; some families send money to relatives in Ethiopia. <p>On Target? By 2nd quarter, 58 new clients were served exceeding their target of 56.</p>

<p>Food For Free Committee, Inc. (FFF) 2 Programs: 1-Home Delivery Program, 2-Produce Rescue & Distribution Program</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$20,000 (Home Delivery) funds 56% of program \$20,000 (Produce Rescue) funds 11% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 10/3/12</p> <p>Present: Sasha Purpura, Executive Director & Michelle Holcomb, Development Director Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>Programs Descriptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home Delivery Program provides monthly deliveries of boxes of food to homebound seniors and persons with disabilities. Each client receives a delivery of 1 box of 40-50 pounds of food each month - about 50% of this is fresh produce. 2. Produce Rescue & Distribution Program collects and distributes salvaged produce to 60 Cambridge-based food programs. <p>Agency Update: David Leslie, long time Executive Director retired in July. New Executive Director, Sasha Purpura, has organic farming background.</p> <p>Home Delivery Program Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2013, program expanded from 60 to 78 homebound seniors and persons with disabilities. In collaboration with Boston Organics, they hope to increase to 85 to meet demand. <p>Produce Rescue Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far this year, the program has delivered 623,000 pounds of food, out of its proposed target of 660,000 for the fiscal year. <p>On Target? By the 3rd quarter, the Home Delivery program exceeded its target of 60 having served 78 clients;</p>
<p>Greater Boston Legal Services, Inc. (GBLS) The Cambridge Abuse Prevention Project</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$15,000 CDBG funds 68% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 11/28/2012</p> <p>Present: Lisa Locher, Staff Attorney, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>The Cambridge Abuse Prevention Program provides legal counsel and representation to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Law Unit lost 4 attorneys due to budget cuts. • Most Cambridge referrals are from Transition House and the Guidance Center. • 40% of clients, victims of batterers, have immigration issues. • More Haitian families are being referred creating a greater need for interpreters. <p>On Target? By 2nd quarter CAP has served 16 new clients out of a goal of 20.</p>

<p>Riverside Community Care-The Guidance Center, Inc. Early Intervention (EI) Services for Linguistic Minorities</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$18,000 (FY12:\$2,000 cut) CDBG funds 3.3% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 3/14/13 Present: Lee King, Director of Early Childhood Services, Laura D'Angelo, Clinical Coordinator Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>The Guidance Center provides Early Intervention (EI) services to Cambridge families with infants and toddlers (up to 3 years of age) with special needs or at-risk. Services include outreach, intake and assessment, comprehensive developmental evaluations, ongoing support services and access to essential basic needs. The Guidance Center runs 9 parent/child groups per week.</p> <p>Program Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EI services are provided in home visits, child care centers, shelters, and parent-child groups; • Ongoing Collaboration with the Community Learning Center's Community Engagement Team in outreach and recruitment of parents. <p>Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More referrals from the Department of Children and Families of children with early signs of autism and children needing speech therapy. There is a wait list for speech therapy services. <p>On Target? The Early Intervention program exceeded its goal of 200 by serving 312 new clients by the 3rd quarter.</p>
<p>Massachusetts Association of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS): Immigrant Social Services</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$18,000 (FY12: \$6,000 cut) CDBG funds 46% of program</p> <p>Site Visit: 9/27/12 Present: Maria Matos, Case Worker/Supervisor of Immigrant Social Services, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>MAPS provides information & referral, case management, interpretation, and advocacy with the application process for public benefits, housing, and immigration/citizenship. The program serves mostly elderly Portuguese and younger immigrant families from Brazil and Cape-Verde.</p> <p>Trends: Staff see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people working 2-3 part time jobs to make ends meet. • There is a noticeable increase in mental health issues and substance abuse among young unemployed men. <p>On Target? MAPS exceeded its target of 50 by serving 64 new clients by the end of 2nd quarter.</p>

<p>Young People's Project (YPP): Math Literacy Worker Outreach Program</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$10,000 FY12: \$,5000 cut) CDBG funds 5% of program</p> <p>Site visit: 10/17/12</p> <p>Present: Kessen Green, Program Director, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>YPP provides math literacy training and employment opportunities to 15 Cambridge High School students. YPP runs math workshops and math family nights at the Cambridge Community Center, East End House, and at the Fletcher Maynard School.</p> <p>Once in the program, participants are required to enroll in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An intensive session in the summer, a total of 48 hours of training and professional development; ○ Two-week session in the fall, total of 12 hours of training; ○ Two-week session in the winter/spring, total of 12 hours of training. <p>YPP received 30% cut in private foundation grants having to cut 20% of its staff ,</p> <p>Program strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Retention Rate: Approximately 50% of youth complete the Math Literacy Worker training and remain in the program for 2 years; about 50% of youth return to YPP every year.</p> <p>On Target? YPP served 20 participants at the end of 2nd quarter exceeding their goal of 15.</p>
<p>SCM Transportation: Services for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$18,000 CDBG funds 18% of program</p> <p>Site Visit: 11/13/12</p> <p>Present: Reed Cochran, Executive Director, Deborah Shemano, Operations Manager, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>SCM Provides medical rides and nutritional shopping trips to elders and persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCM received a 3 year grant for \$335,000 from the state to participate in regional transportation needs analysis and gaps in transportation for the elderly and people with disabilities (Cambridge in Motion). This initiative is in collaboration with DHSP's Center On Aging and Commission for People with Disabilities. • Last year SCM collected \$20,000 in riders' donations and <p>On Target? SCM served 267 new clients by 2nd quarter out of a target of 300.</p>

<p>Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House- Emergency Food Pantry</p> <p>FY13 Funding: \$20,000 CDBG funds 31% of food pantry</p> <p>Site visit: 10/31/2012</p> <p>Present: Barbara R. Kibler, Executive Director, Annie Small, Operations Manager, Jose Soares, DHSP</p>	<p>The Emergency Food Pantry provides a three day supply of food per visit to families and individuals residing primarily in the Area 4, Washington Elms, and Newtown Court (CHA housing developments). 90% of recipients are minorities and 50% are immigrants.</p> <p>Program Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pantry is open one evening, one afternoon and two mornings including Saturday, a total of 14 hours per week distributing 4,000 bags of food per month. ● Food pantry received a 75% cut in FEMA funding this calendar year. ● This Thanksgiving agency distributed less number of turkeys due to price increase. <p>Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff continue to see an increase of Haitian new clients in the past year: female head of households with young children, and elderly. <p>On Target? By the 2nd Quarter, served 2700 clients surpassing the goal of 2300.</p>
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