

Record Request

From: Gorman, Maya [GormanMK@cdm.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:58 PM
To: Natalie Carlis
Subject: RE: VAMC Land Acquisition
Attachments: PDAJustification3-2-09.docx; Final APP 3-2-09 6.docx

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Natalie,
We have made the revisions you requested. I am attaching the new justification page from the PDA and the new project narrative from the application. I can print the entire application and send the hard copy to you by mail this evening if you like. (I have another signed app to send anyway.) Let me know if there are other changes required.

Many thanks.

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From: Natalie Carlis [<mailto:Natalie.Carlis@LA.GOV>]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:04 AM
To: Howard, M. Quincy; Gorman, Maya
Cc: glenn.duckworth@waggonereng.com
Subject: VAMC Land Acquisition

Good Morning Ladies,

I know that we had a very busy week last week and we said and changed allot of our practices. I wanted to take a few minutes to issue you ladies a friendly reminder about this project. The status as of now is that we are waiting on a more robust PD using the Urgent Need as the National Objective instead of Slum\Blight. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Thanks as always,

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From: Gorman, Maya [GormanMK@cdm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 3:28 PM
To: Natalie Carlis
Cc: Glenn Duckworth; Chris Merkl
Subject: RE: VA Medical Center # 1062
Attachments: APP(v3) 2-6-09.pdf

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Natalie,
After discussions with Rick and Glenn, we have agreed to make the beneficiary area city-wide as this is an economic development activity and the biomedical district built upon the VAMC will serve as an economic engine that creates jobs for the entire city. The revised application is attached. Let me know if there's anything else.
Thanks,

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From: Natalie Carlis [<mailto:Natalie.Carlis@LA.GOV>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 9:44 AM
To: Gorman, Maya
Cc: 'Glenn Duckworth'
Subject: RE: VA Medical Center # 1062

Good Morning Maya,

I am trying to think like HUD again. Lol When I look at the Project Map it just looks sort of weak not much details (ie. where is the homes for acqu., where is the prospective site very vague). We are going to have to come up with something for the beneficiaries even if we have to update it later, but nothing is probably not going to cut it.

Thanks as always,

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From: Gorman, Maya [<mailto:GormanMK@cdm.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 4:23 PM
To: Natalie Carlis

Cc: Glenn Duckworth
Subject: RE: VA Medical Center # 1062

What kind of map do you need? We will provide it. As far as the beneficiary data we might be able to get total numbers of beneficiaries (veterans) in Orleans, but the VA doesn't keep ethnic or household or income data. What exactly do you need to make this work?

Thanks,

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To: Gorman, Maya
Subject: RE: VA Medical Center # 1062

Hi Maya,

I wanted to ask you if there were any more Maps presented with this project. I also wanted to find out if someone was working on the numbers for the Beneficiary data because I don't believe it will get approved without this information, but I could be wrong but I will try to move it forward while in the meanwhile you are still trying to get these beneficiary numbers.

Thanks as always,

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From: Gorman, Maya [GormanMK@cdm.com]
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2009 5:06 PM

To: Natalie Carlis
Subject: VA Medical Center # 1062

<<APP(v3) 2-6-09.pdf>>

Natalie,

In addition to highlighted language in the project description I have revised the budget summary and cost estimate forms as requested. Please let me know if any other changes are necessary.

Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 9:58 AM
To: Pat Forbes
Subject: FW: VA Hospital National Objective

Good Morning Pat,

I have been pondering on the points that have been previously mentioned:

- 1). Pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community-At this particular time there are no VA only medical facilities available in the area. Pre-Katrina it served so many (find statistics) Veterans and now this is a hardship and a health threat to these particular groups of individuals. It served to be a vital stimulus in the community and with the economy with this type of medical facility.
- 2). Are of recent origin or recently became urgent;-It has always been urgent and the problem has always been monetary resources available. The urgency will remain until the situation is resolved with a replacement VA facility. It will create numerous jobs and also help jump start the return of a certain groups of individuals needing this type of assistance.
- 3). The grantee is unable to finance the activity on its own;-It is a fact that they are unable to finance this project on their own. This has been a long controversial issue with FEMA who should be paying for what and how much should they be paying. I believe that it is quite apparent that the reality of paying for this activity on their own is not possible.

Maybe mention the different studies that are being done to reiterate and validate the inability to finance this activity because of the enormous cost that it would incur. The reason why it is still on the books is because the need is still there and time does not necessarily minimize the need to go away but the monetary portion is not there to fulfill the reality of the activity becoming financed, so it still remains unresolved.

- 4). Other resources of funding are not available to carry out the activity- As I just mentioned this could be a collaborated effort with FEMA and CBDG because FEMA funds will not be enough to rebuild.

I believe that the argument can be won due to all of the points that I have just mentioned with a little more build up supportive documentation with statistics and a more robust explanation of all four of the points listed above. I feel that Urgent is still urgent until that what you are trying to accomplished has been fulfilled and as far as the time frame it could be warranted with the argument centering around no other funding sources.

Thanks as always,

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From: Glenn Duckworth [mailto:Glenn.Duckworth@waggonereng.com]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 4:38 PM
To: Marc-Aurele, Frederick; Pat Forbes; Natalie Carlis; Richard Gray
Subject: RE: VA Hospital National Objective

I agree with Rick's philosophical concern re the "urgency" of Urgent Needs. I also see real problems with either of the other two objectives. I think it all goes back to HUD's position and flexibility on Urgent Needs. This project is a very difficult one from a CDBG perspective - obviously. The \$ amount and the adamant opposition do not make it any easier.

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From: Marc-Aurele, Frederick [<mailto:MarcAureleFJ@cdm.com>]
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To: Pat Forbes; Natalie Carlis; Richard Gray
Cc: Glenn Duckworth
Subject: VA Hospital National Objective

The philosophical question that keeps me hesitant about the "urgent needs" national objective in this case is the following criteria:

To comply with the national objective of meeting community development needs having a particular urgency, an activity must be designated to alleviate existing conditions which the grantee certifies:

1. Pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; 2. Are of recent origin or recently became urgent; 3. The grantee is unable to finance the activity on its own; and 4. Other resources of funding are not available to carry out the activity.

These requirements infer immediate action to address a serious threat of a recent origin; say something like rapidly spreading deadly disease after a flood or earthquake. The VA Hospital and associated facilities are not likely to be brought on-line until 7 - 10 years after Katrina.

Is this a concern? I understand that HUD staff has indicated that if a connection to the action plan can be documented, then the "urgent"

aspect of this national objective is met -- but I wonder. Are there other cases where the "urgent need" national objective has been successfully used for projects that were not brought on-line for up to a decade after the disaster? Is HUD's interpretation concerning the use of the action plan to meet the "urgent" requirement firmly established in writing?

Below is typical of the on-line CDBG guidance:

"URGENT NEED

Use of this category is extremely rare. It is designed only for activities that alleviate emergency conditions.

For example, a coastal city is struck by a major hurricane within the last month and does not have any other resources to demolish severely damaged structures that pose a danger to occupants of neighboring

structures." <http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/~hed/CDBG.htm>

Highest regards,

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Subject: Re: Va

Thanks, glenn. We'll check it out and we can talk next week.

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To: Pat Forbes; Natalie Carlis; Richard Gray; marcaurelefj@cdm.com <marcaurelefj@cdm.com>

Sent: Fri Feb 20 14:41:16 2009

Subject: RE: Va

Attached is a memorandum summarizing my thoughts on this topic. Maybe it will spur additional ideas from some of you.

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From: Pat Forbes [<mailto:Patrick.Forbes@LA.GOV>]

Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 9:34 AM

To: Natalie Carlis; Richard Gray; Glenn Duckworth; 'marcaurelefj@cdm.com'

Subject: Va

Would like to talk today about nat'l obj. Please provide availability.

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