

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING
WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR**

Agency/Department/Organization Name: Family Services, Inc.

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Program Name: Reliance Homecare

Funding Category:

Capital Improvement

**Public Facilities/Infrastructure _____ Housing _____ Historic Preservation _____
Economic Development _____ Other _____**

Public Services (Limited to 15% of the Grant)

**Homeless Services _____ Elderly Services X Self-Sufficiency\Work
Related\Health Related _____ Other _____**

Program/Activity Description *(Please include target population to be served and what you anticipate to be accomplished by this program or activity).*

Homecare services assist frail, elderly individuals and persons with disabilities who are unable to perform routine activities of daily living such as cleaning, laundry, grocery shopping, meal preparations, and bill-paying. The main goal of the program is to enable clients to remain living independently in their own homes and to assist in maintaining a safe and healthy home environment. The 2010 US Census shows that 1,065 (3.6%) of West Lafayette residents over the age of 65 have incomes below the poverty line (\$10,800 annually) and have the potential for needing homemaking services. In addition, our homemakers often provide a necessary link to family members, Area IV and other resources when there are concerns such as changes in the client's level of functioning, safety concerns, etc. The Program Coordinator initially meets with the client to develop an individualized service plan based on the client's needs and abilities. A trained, experienced homemaker carries out the service plan on a schedule that best meets the client's needs. The Program Coordinator monitors services and meets weekly with the homemaker to review the client's condition and determine the need for any adjustment in services. Community Development Block Grant funds, along with funding from other sources, enable us to provide services to clients who are unable to receive services through Area IV funding. All clients are referred to Area IV and encouraged to contact them to see if they qualify for funding. They may have to wait 1-3 years before Area IV funding is available.

Amount of Funding Requested: \$3,500

Anticipated Number of West Lafayette residents to be served: 8

Are you meeting your goals for the number of West Lafayette residents served in current program year? Yes No

If No, please explain:

In 2011, West Lafayette residents received more hours of service than expected but the number of clients served was one less than anticipated; the clients needed more intensive care than expected. We provided 414 hours of services (209 hours for basic Homecare and 205 for attendant care services). The services cost \$30/hour to provide. Family Services receives, on average, \$15/hour in reimbursement. The value of the additional revenue from the WLCDBG cannot be underestimated. This money allowed us to collect an additional \$6.87 per hour of service provided for a total of \$21.87. The remaining \$8.13 an hour (annual \$3,366) was supplemented through Family Services' donations, fundraisers, and United Way.

Total program/activity budget for last calendar/program year: \$353K.

Total agency budget for last calendar/program year: \$1.363M.

Other Comments:

The Program Coordinator contacts all clients regularly to see how services are going, to learn if they have any comments, or if there are any changes needed to their service plan. The Program Coordinator meets with all clients once a year for a reassessment at which time a new service plan is written. For clients who receive service through Area IV, the Program Coordinator meets with Area IV case managers to discuss the client's condition and any need for additional services.

We and our clients wish to thank the City of West Lafayette for their continued support of services through the West Lafayette Community Development Block Grant. We are expanding our services to include anyone who is temporarily disabled and/or in need of homemaker services. We will continue to reach out to our elderly and disabled to provide the services necessary for them to remain in their own homes.

Thank you!