

## Sandy CDBG Comments South Valley Services

Good afternoon, committee members. My name is Brandon Veihl and I am the grants manager at South Valley Services (SVS). SVS is a domestic violence crisis shelter and service provider that assists victims throughout Utah. I want to first thank you for the opportunity to write to you today in regard to our CDBG and the funding recommendations. Our organization is extremely grateful for the assistance and support Sandy City has shown SVS over the Years. Without your help the lifesaving services we provide would not be possible.

South Valley Services (SVS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose vision is to foster an environment where everyone is safe, respected, and acknowledged in the home, at work, and in the community. SVS is a survivor-centered nonprofit with a mission of being an organization where individuals impacted by domestic abuse and sexual violence can realize their own strength, courage, and resilience while on their path to an empowered future. We will provide: (1) Survivors with free and confidential services including emergency shelter, safe housing, trauma-informed counseling, advocacy, and tools for life, (2) Education aimed at ending the cycle of generational violence, and (3) Opportunities for communities to be a part of the solution for a better tomorrow. Since 1998, SVS's purpose has remained the same: to help survivors of domestic violence at no cost to them. SVS empowers clients to recognize their self-worth and find their independence through a variety of services, such as emergency shelter, childcare, financial education, case management, victim advocacy, and therapy.

To do this, our organization groups our services into the following areas: (1) Emergency shelter services in West Jordan and Tooele, Utah, for women, men, and children seeking a safe place free from violence and abuse. (2) Community Resource Centers (CRCs) that provide case management and supportive services from community-based and mobile locations to reduce barriers to accessing domestic violence services. (3) prevention and education programs that inform and educate the public about domestic violence and how to recognize, respond to, and refer individuals who need services. (4) Pathway's Shelter located in Tooele, UT. Pathways is a domestic violence shelter and service provider that has now merged with SVS. Pathways provides a variety of services such as emergency shelter, victim advocacy, HRT support, case management, and operates a 24/7 hotline and (5) The clinical department provides short-term individual counseling, family counseling, and groups for adults and children to help them understand abuse trauma and how to begin healing.

Again, I would like to thank you on behalf of our entire organization and offer our sincerest appreciation for the continued support shown by Sandy City. I would like to leave you with some statistics on the impact we were able to make, with your support, during the last fiscal year.

***FY 22-23 Service Stats – Salt Lake County:***

3,589 total calls to SVS's 24/7 domestic violence helpline  
2,662 total survivors served by all programs combined (2,220 adults; 285 children)  
474 total individuals served in shelter (242 adults 232 children)  
14,160 total nights of shelter/motel provided  
Case Management: 1,848 hours for 705 clients  
Clinical: 1,557 hours for 450 clients  
Children's Advocacy: 2,400 hours (3,054 total services) for 233 child clients  
Education and Prevention: 240 events; reached 5,303 people

***FY 22-23 Services Stats – Tooele County:***

317 transportation assistance services  
342 case management services  
309 housing case management services  
156 crisis intervention services  
360 advocacy services  
75 emergency financial assistance services  
4,508 nights of shelter provided  
25 protective order services  
11 relocation assistance services  
17 CVR assistance services  
800 life skills and education services  
96 community support groups

158 referrals

1200 hotline calls answered