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City of Santa Maria  
Community Development - Special Projects  
**CDBG FY 2019-2020**  
12/5/2018 deadline

### Santa Barbara County District Attorney **SART Program**

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**USD\$ 12,500.00** Requested

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Some answers will not be presented because they are not part of the selected group of questions based on the answer to #1.

**1. What type of proposal is this?**

Public service programs must answer this question and submit. Capital projects must continue.

- Capital
- Public Service

**2. What priority does this Capital project fall under?**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**3. Proposed Project Goal:**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**4. Statement of Need: Provide a summary of the established need for the proposed project or the problems that will be solved as a result of the project.**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**5. Project Description (Program Narrative):**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**6. Proposed date of construction or project start:**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**7. Schedule:**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**8. Phasing:**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**9. Do Federal Labor Standards and Davis-Bacon prevailing wages apply?**

-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-

**10. As a Public Service Applicant, indicate that you are aware that your Application deadline is not until Wednesday, December 5, 2018.**

- Yes
- No

**Documents Requested \***

Required? **Attached Documents \***

Budget for Proposed Capital Development Project  
(Required for Capital project proposals)

[download template](#)

Agency Evaluation Worksheet (Required for Capital  
project proposals)

[download template](#)

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**Project Information**

**1. Please state the type of CDBG program/project you are applying for?:**

*THIS IS A BRANCHING QUESTION. Different questions will apply based on your answer to this question. Please disregard any incorrect number sequencing.*

- Public Services
- Capital Project

**2. Name of proposed program / project:**

Santa Barbara County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Program

**3. Location of proposed program / project:**

*(Street address, if applicable of proposed program / project):*

505 Plaza Drive, Santa Maria, CA

**Target Population**

**4. Check box or boxes of all locations where your agency provides services:**

- Santa Maria (within City limits)
- Orcutt
- Tanglewood
- Guadalupe
- Other

**5. How do your services target Santa Maria residents?**

SART serves child, adolescent, and developmentally disabled adult victims/witnesses of abuse by providing forensic interviews

and forensic medical examinations by trained professionals. Santa Maria residents receive services through the program when the Santa Maria Police Department, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department and/or Child Welfare Services receive an allegation of child abuse and determine that a forensic interview and/or forensic medical exam via our program is necessary.

**6. Describe the target population the proposed program / project will benefit or serve:**

The Santa Barbara County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) serves child, adolescent and developmentally disabled adult victims and witnesses of all types of abuse by providing forensic interviews and forensic medical examinations by trained professionals. The target populations for this grant are City of Santa Maria residents who are victims/witnesses of child abuse, and who require the skills of an expert forensic interviewer to gain information about their trauma.

**7. Include how the program / project will benefit low and moderate-income persons. Provide the income guidelines and requirements used to qualify participants for the proposed program / project:**

Research has shown that poverty, lack of healthcare and exposure to high density housing and dangerous neighborhoods increases likelihood of crime, including child abuse and neglect. There are no income guidelines or requirements for program participants. SART does not charge a fee for any of the services provided to victims/witnesses of abuse, including forensic interviews and forensic medical examinations. CDBG funding will be used to provide forensic interviews of suspected child abuse victims, a presumed low-income benefit category by HUD.

**8. Include the percentage of the participants that are at-risk and define the method used to determine who is at risk:**

The Santa Maria Valley, the most populous area of northern Santa Barbara County, has many of the socioeconomic factors which research has shown to contribute to higher rate of crime and specifically family violence and child abuse: poverty, female head-of-household, lack of healthcare, and dangerous neighborhoods (Davies, Lyon, Monit-Catania, 1998). Apart from socioeconomic factors that contribute to increased crime rates, certain target populations are at greater risk for abuse. The SART Program collects data from our intake forms for people with disabilities (developmental and physical) who are at an increased risk of being abused because they are often seen as easy-targets by perpetrators due to a limited ability to resist and/or report abuse. During the 2017-2018 fiscal year 4% of the individuals who were interviewed through SART have disabilities. Non-English speaking immigrants are also at a higher risk for ongoing victimization. They are less familiar with the services and protections afforded by the criminal justice system and tend to avoid contact with the law enforcement due to fears of deportation. Victims whose primary language is Spanish represented 18% of the individuals interviewed during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**9. Check box or boxes of population category to be served by the proposed program / project:**

- Homeless
- At Risk of Homelessness
- Elderly
- Victims of Crime
- Frail Elderly
- Mentally Ill
- Physically Disabled
- Developmentally Disabled
- Persons with AIDS/HIV
- Unemployed
- Illiterate
- Language Barriers
- Youth, 0-5 Year Olds
- Youth, 6-12 Year Olds
- Youth, 13-17 Year Olds
- Families Living in Poverty
- Families w/ Housing Burden
- Substance Abuse Problems
- At-Risk Youth
- Other:

**10. What is the total number of unduplicated persons/households to be served?**

A.) Overall by the proposed program / project within Santa Maria? B.) How many of those served by the proposed program / project in Santa Maria will be served with CDBG funding?

A. Overall by the proposed program within Santa Maria?

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, SART estimates that 100 persons will be served by the program in Santa Maria. Services

received may include forensic interviews and/or forensic medical examinations.

B. How many of those served by the proposed program in Santa Maria will be served with CDBG funding?

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, SART estimates that 80 persons will be served by the program in Santa Maria with CDBG funding for forensic interviews.

## Unit of Service

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### 11. Describe the unit of service, other than persons, to be provided by the proposed program

*i.e meals served, shelter bed nights, child care hours, counseling sessions, etc.*

A unit of service is a forensic interview conducted by an expert forensic interviewer of a child/minor or a person with a developmental disability who is suspected of being a victim of child abuse/abuse or neglect.

### 12. What is the total number of units of service to be provided by the proposed program / project?

Funds from the City of Santa Maria will be utilized to pay expert forensic interviewers to interview 80 victims of child abuse/abuse or neglect or witnesses of abuse/neglect involving another child or developmentally disabled adult.

## Problem/Need Statement

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### 13. Describe in detail the established need for the proposed program / project and the problems that will be solved as a result of the program / project.

*Include information, such as CURRENT statistical data, to justify the need or outline the problems.*

The SART Program lacks sustainable funding to reimburse the services of expert forensic interviewers. To date, the program has provided expert forensic interviewing services to 49 victim/witnesses of abuse in Santa Maria during the current fiscal year 2018-2019. This number is considerably higher than fiscal year 2017-2018 when there were only 21 victims at this time. These crime victims require the advanced skills and training of an expert forensic interviewer to obtain defensible information which is necessary for an effective criminal justice outcome which protects the individual victim and community. Increased awareness and media attention surrounding child abuse and sexual violence has resulted in more reports of these types of crimes. SART remains dedicated to providing quality interviews to all victims and witnesses.

### 14. Proposed Program / Project Description:

*Please describe in detail the specific services proposed to be provided to Santa Maria residents with the requested funding.*

*Include information on how the proposed program / project will result in meeting the need.*

Using the CDBG funding, SART will provide expert forensic interviewers at the request of Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Services when there has been an allegation of child abuse reported of a minor or an adult with developmental disability. Suspected child abuse includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, and severe neglect. Witnesses to the abuse may also be interviewed by an expert forensic interviewer when requested. Expert forensic interviewers will generally be called upon to interview children ( and other minors under 18 years of age), Spanish-speaking minors, or person with developmental disabilities.

Victims and witnesses of crime residing in the City of Santa Maria would receive more timely and effective services following an allegation of abuse. The SART program model increases rates of plea bargains because when confronted with detailed evidence collected by forensic interviewers and examiners, assailants plead guilty rather than face trial (Little, 2001). When cases go to trial, expert testimony is instrumental in obtaining convictions (O'Brian, 1996). Crandall and Helitzer (2003) compared outcomes for SART versus non-SART cases and found that conviction rate for SART cases were significantly higher, resulting in longer sentences.

Given the considerable increase in the number of SART interview requests from the Santa Maria Police Department, the need for forensic interviews to aid in investigating allegations of child abuse in particular is on the rise. The SART program addresses that need by contracting with Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (CALM) to provide expert child forensic interviewers.

## Outcomes

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### 15. Please describe your short- and long-term goals and performance targets.

*A.) Describe the intended outcomes for the program participants/beneficiaries; B.) What measures, tools and/or indicators will be used to demonstrate the outcomes?*

A. The impact and success of this program is measured by the number of victim/witnesses of child abuse the program serves each year and the number of clients who receive counseling and/or community based social and medical services.

B. The SART Program uses an internal database to input and track all cases from original referral through final legal disposition. The program is also utilized to track the number of clients who were referred to counseling and/or community services and those who have filed a Victims Compensation Claim through the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

## Collaboration

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**16. Will you collaborate with other partners in implementing the proposed program / project? If so, please identify the collaborative partners and describe how the proposed program / project will be designed and implemented.**

*How will funding be distributed to each collaborative partner and what percentage of the requested CDBG funding will be provided to each partner?*

SART is a successful collaborative model that is comprised of 20 public and private agencies located throughout Santa Barbara County. In Santa Maria, partners include: Santa Maria Police Department, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, Marian Medical Center, Santa Maria Division of District Attorney's Office, Victim Witness Assistance Program, Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM), Child Welfare Services, Department of Justice Crime Lab, and Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Each partner agencies bears the cost of providing their services to clients served by SART. For example, Rape Crisis Center provides advocates for adult abuse cases, Victim Witness Assistance Program provides victim advocates, and Child Welfare Services and law enforcement investigate allegations of abuse. Funds from the City of Santa Maria CDBG would be utilized to reimburse contracted expert forensic interviewers for their interviewing services and ongoing training.

**17. How do you cooperate or network with other existing related programs, organizations or community resources?**

SART uses a collaborative team approach to effectively and efficiently investigate and prosecute reported cases of assault/abuse in Santa Barbara County. SART partners include Vandenberg Air Force Base, CALM, Child Welfare Services, Cottage Health System, Guadalupe Police Department, Department of Justice Crime Lab, Lompoc Police Department, Lompoc Healthcare District, Marian Medical Center, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protective Center, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center, Santa Maria Police Department, UCSB Police Department, UCSB Campus Advocacy Resources & Education Office, and Victim Witness Assistance Program. Team members serve as first responders. As such, they conduct forensic interviews, provide medical exams, and offer emotional support and follow-up counseling for victim/witness and non-offending family members or other loved ones. Opportunities for networking and collaboration are provided by joint training, in-service training, Peer Review Meetings, and SART North County case review meetings held in Santa Maria every other month.

**18. Does the proposed program require parental participation or family involvement?**

*If so, please describe in detail.*

The SART Program does not require parental participation in order for an individual to receive services. When appropriate, SART's partner agencies, law enforcement and child welfare services, work with non-offending family members and/or caregivers to provide forensic services. Advocates from the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Program provide resource and referral services for victims/witnesses and their families. In cases where the parent/guardian is the suspect in an investigation, the Criminal Justice System and Child Welfare Services will seek appropriate interventions that encourage the long term health and safety of the whole family unit.

**19. Do you utilize volunteers for direct services?**

- Yes
- No

**20. If answered "yes" to previous question, please explain and indicate the total number of hours of volunteer labor used per year and for what purpose.**

*If you do not utilize volunteers for direct services because the circumstances do not allow for them or the situation is not appropriate, you may wish to make a comment to clarify your reasoning or answer "N/A".*

*-no answer-*

## Priority

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**21. Based on the City of Santa Maria's Community Development Block Grant priorities for Fiscal Year 2019-20, which PRIMARY priority do you feel your program / project falls under?**

- Prevent homelessness and address critical emergency, at-risk youth and special population needs
- Expand educational and youth development opportunities
- Provide affordable housing / Revitalize existing neighborhoods
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**22. Please explain why you believe your program / project best fits the PRIMARY priority selected.**

Refer to NOFA packet for the detailed description of each priority and choose only one subcategory under one of the three priorities. For example, if your program falls under Priority #1, does it fall under A, B, or C.

The SART Program primarily fits Priority #1, A. Assist persons, particularly working families living in poverty, in need of food, shelter, clothing, health care or safety on an emergency basis. The safety provision is defined as an immediate threat to an individual's physical well-being.

The SART Program provides emergency services to victims/witnesses of crime that include forensic medical exams and forensic interviews. It is critical that these services be provided as soon as possible to ensure the physical, emotional and medical wellbeing of victims/witnesses. Often with child abuse, the perpetrator lives in the home with the child and so timely forensic interviews are critical to ensure the safety of the child. With the support of partner agencies, SART ensures that children are removed from unsafe environments and that adult victims of sexual assault are provided with information regarding safety and healthcare.

## Description of Agency Services

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### **23. Please describe in detail the services your agency provides and how they are unique from the services provided by other agencies.**

The District Attorney's Mission includes protecting the rights and ensuring the safety of the citizens of Santa Barbara County. The primary responsibility of the criminal division is the prosecution of felony and misdemeanor offenses that are referred by law enforcement. Specialized vertical prosecution units have been established to handle sexual assault cases, domestic violence, major narcotic vendors, elder abuse, gang violence and workers' compensation fraud. The Office includes an active Victim Witness Assistance Program which assists victims and witnesses of violent crimes, with the ultimate goal of mitigating the impact of the crime and the criminal justice system on the victim.

### **24. How long have you been in existence and provided services to the community?**

Since 1986, the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) has been providing countywide assessment of and treatment for child, adolescent, and adult victims/witnesses of sexual assault/abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse and persons who are witnesses to abuse/violence. The mission of SART is to conduct interviews and medical exams for forensic purposes, and to begin the healing process for victims/witnesses by responding with a coordinated team effort. This team approach ensures that victims/witnesses are subjected to a limited number of interviews, receive care in a supportive environment, and are connected with services at the time of the report. SART protects the rights of all parties as defensible evidence is collected, and addresses legal issues that arise directly from the crime.

### **25. Indicate the unduplicated number of persons served by your agency in Santa Maria during your agency's last fiscal year and your projected numbers for your agency's upcoming fiscal years.**

*Please indicate time period covered with the number of unduplicated persons. For example: FY 2017-18 (7/1/2017-6/30/18) = 100 unduplicated persons served.*

FY 2017-2018: 61 total unduplicated children, minors and developmentally disabled adults were provided with forensic interviews; 56 of these were served by CDBG funding.

Current Projected FY 2018-2019: 80 total, with 60 served by CDBG funding.

Projected for FY 2019-2020: 100 total, with 80 served by CDBG funding.

## Funding Sources

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### **26. Have you been funded in the past under the CDBG Program?**

YES or NO. If NO, explain how this is a new service or an increase in the level of service provided during the previous 12 months.

YES

### **27. List the annual funding sources and amounts for the entire Agency or organization in the table below.**

*These figures should agree with the figures in the financial statements for your most recent prior fiscal year.*

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|--|--------------------|
| <input type="text" value="\$17,509"/>  | Federal Government |
| <input type="text" value="\$2,409"/>   | State Government   |
| <input type="text" value="\$195,404"/> | County Government  |
| <input type="text" value="\$76,158"/>  | Local Government   |
| <input type="text"/>                   | United Way         |

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
|            | Contributions        |
|            | Fundraising          |
|            | Program Service Fees |
|            | Private Foundations  |
|            | Other                |
| 291,480.00 | <b>TOTAL</b>         |

**28. How do you offer a service that is both cost-efficient and effective?**

Prior to opening of the Marian SART Site in Santa Maria in December 2008, victims/witnesses of abuse were transported by law enforcement to Lompoc or Santa Barbara for forensic interview and/or medical exams. Law enforcement or Child Welfare Services spent hours in the car, when their skills could have been better spent investigating allegations of abuse. Child victims/witnesses from Santa Maria arrived in Lompoc or Santa Barbara tired from their car ride, and often hungry or irritable. Now, when the services of an expert forensic interviewer are required, the interviewer travels to the Marian SART Site and provides services in the family's geographic area. This eliminates the need for law enforcement or Child Welfare Services to travel, saving the department time and money. The victim/witness and their family no longer have to endure hours in the car to be interviewed. Victim/witnesses arrive at the Marian SART Site more alert and ready to share their experience. The SART Program has four expert forensic interviewers with flexible schedules, including two bilingual (English/Spanish) interviewers. Our program schedules interviews at the earliest and most convenient time for victim/witness, their family, and referring agencies. Scheduling interviews in a timely fashion also allows law enforcement and/or Child Welfare Services to continue investigating allegations with any information disclosed during forensic interview.

**29. What is the proposed start date of construction/project?**

*-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-*

**30. Phasing**

*-answer not presented because of the answer to #1-*

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| <b>Revenue</b>  | Total Prior Year's Budget for Program | Total Annual Budget for Proposed Program | CDBG Portion of Budget for Proposed Program |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| CDBG Grant/City of Santa Maria (same as amount requested) | USD\$ 11,609.00                       | USD\$ 12,500.00                          | USD\$ 12,500.00                             |
| CDBG Funding from another subsidiary                      |                                       |  |   |
| Grants from other Gov't Agencies                          |                                       |  |   |
| United Way  |                                       |  |   |
| Contributions   |                                       |  |   |
| Special Events/Fundraising                                |                                       |  |   |
| Legacies & Bequests (Unrestricted)                        |                                       |  |   |
| Membership Dues   |                                       |  |   |
| Program Service Fees                                      |                                       |  |   |
| Other (Specify in Narrative)                              | USD\$ 28,152.00                       | USD\$ 28,152.00                          | USD\$ 28,152.00                             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>USD\$ 39,761.00</b>                | <b>USD\$ 40,652.00</b>                   | <b>USD\$ 40,652.00</b>                      |

| <b>Expenses</b>                  | Total Prior year's Budget | Total Annual Budget for Program | CDBG Portion of Budget for Program |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Direct Assistance to Individuals |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Salaries                         | USD\$ 28,152.00           | USD\$ 28,152.00                 | USD\$ 0.00                         |
| Professional Fees                | USD\$ 11,609.00           | USD\$ 12,500.00                 | USD\$ 12,500.00                    |
| Supplies/Publication/Printing    |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Occupancy/Utilities              |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Travel/Mileage                   |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Other (Specify in Narrative)     |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Capital - Design & Engineering   |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Capital - Property Acquisition   |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Capital - Construction           |                           |                                 |                                    |
| Capital - Financing/Legal        |                           |                                 |                                    |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Capital - Relocation              |                        |                        |                        |
| Capital - Demolition/Clearance    |                        |                        |                        |
| Capital - Site Improvements       |                        |                        |                        |
| Capital - Admin/Activity Delivery |                        |                        |                        |
| Capital - Off site Improvements   |                        |                        |                        |
| Other (Specify in Narrative)      |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>USD\$ 39,761.00</b> | <b>USD\$ 40,652.00</b> | <b>USD\$ 12,500.00</b> |

### Program Budget Narrative

CDBG Funds from the City of Santa Maria will be utilized to pay expert forensic interviewers to interview 80 child abuse victims, developmentally disabled victims, or witnesses to child abuse/abuse of a developmentally disabled adult or neglect. The other funding is provided by the Santa Maria Police Department to offset the salary for the SART Coordinator. The SART Coordinator works with law enforcement, Child Welfare Services, trained forensic interviewers from Child Abuse Listening & Mediation, and the DA Office's Victim Witness Program to provide forensic interviews, victim advocacy and other victim services to the victims served.

### Required Documents [top](#)

| Documents Requested *   | Required? | Attached Documents *   |
|---|-----------|--|
| List of board of directors and local advisory board, if applicable. If N/A, please submit a written statement in lieu of the required attachments.  | ✓         | <a href="#">Board of Directors, Local Advisory Council</a>             |
| Copy of board authorization to apply for this grant.  | ✓         | <a href="#">Copy of board authorization to apply for this grant</a>    |
| Agency's organizational chart   | ✓         | <a href="#">Agency's organizational chart</a>                          |
| Certificates of insurance covering Worker's Compensation and General Liability (it is not necessary to name City of Santa Maria as additional insured at this time)                               | ✓         | <a href="#">Certificates of insurance</a>                              |
| Current and prior year's financial statements   | ✓         | <a href="#">Current and prior year's financial statements</a>          |
| Most recent annual audit report (if your agency does not perform an annual audit because it is not required to, please submit a written statement in lieu of the required attachments.)           | ✓         | <a href="#">Most recent annual audit report</a>                        |
| Most recent Form 990 and Schedule A Federal Tax Return  | ✓         | <a href="#">Most recent Form 990 and Schedule A Federal Tax Return</a> |
| Budget information for the current fiscal year and next fiscal year (if budget for next fiscal year is not yet available, please submit a written statement in lieu of the required attachments.) | ✓         | <a href="#">Budget information</a>                                     |
| Capital Projects ONLY: Three (3) bids required, with at least one (1) bid coming from a local contractor. Failure to submit may result in an incomplete application.                              |           |  |
| Organizational structure: List the total number of employees for your agency by job title/classification and salary/wage range for each job/classification. <a href="#">download template</a>     | ✓         | <a href="#">Organizational structure</a>                               |

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