1. **Meals At Home-Meals Delivered to Homebound Adults At Risk of Malnutrition**
   
   2014 CDBG grant is $14,000. 2015 request is $19,000.
   
   Long-time CDBG-funded program. Served 75 unduplicated Evanston residents in Jan-June 2014, so on target to meet or exceed 2014 goals for number of clients served.
   
   Consistent program and financial reporting and compliance with CDBG requirements. Volunteers deliver meals, including special diets, up to 6 days a week. Many clients are seniors with health problems; younger clients have temporary or permanent disabling conditions; most have specialized dietary needs that are very difficult to meet on very low incomes and with limited ability to prepare food. Program is unique in its capacity to serve people with very specialized dietary needs with meals planned by dieticians at St. Francis and Evanston hospitals. Clients contribute toward the cost of meals on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. Program meets community goals of allowing seniors to age in place and providing for special needs residents.
   
   Meals At Home has a new Executive Director, Deborah Genthe, and Volunteer Coordinator in 2014 and opened an office at 1123 Emerson St in Evanston (instead of home offices). Curt’s Cafe was added as a food provider has been a great collaboration and is another area we anticipate growth in the future. These changes have taken place to allow the organization to build capacity and plan for growth. The Board of Directors has been developing a new strategic plan to begin in the fall, which will reflect this new strengthened capacity. CDBG request is about 6% of total budget. Evanston residents are about 70% of total clients and have the greatest financial need. Meals At Home gets less than 1/10th of its income from government sources and raises about one third in donations.

2. **North Shore Senior Center-Case Management Services for LMI Seniors**
   
   2014 CDBG grant is $15,000. 2015 request is $30,000.
   
   Long-time CDBG recipient. On target to meet 2014 annual client goals with 1,151 unduplicated Evanston clients served in the first half of 2013, over 95% of whom are low/mod income. Meeting or exceeding goals for connecting seniors with community based services, maintaining independent living status and for grandparents raising grandchildren, reporting increased confidence in their ability to cope and more positive about their situation.
   
   Consistent program and financial reporting and compliance with CDBG requirements. NSSC serves Evanston LMI seniors from their office on Dodge Ave, through collaborations with other agencies and through regular hours at the Levy Center, Fleetwood-Jourdain, Primm Towers and other locations. Provides case management services for LMI seniors, also offers education in elder care, respite and counseling to caregivers, and provides services for non-English speaking residents. NSSC helps clients to secure federal, state and other benefits. Detailed client information entered into database for progress tracking. Addresses goals of providing supports to enable seniors to age in place, reducing isolation and providing support for grandparents raising grandchildren.
Stable and well managed organization. Agency has broad range of services in addition to case management. Evanston program staff is very experienced and collaborates with the City and refers clients to multiple other agencies to address client needs. 2015 CDBG request is 1.5% of budget. Receiving $40,000 from Mental Health Board in 2015, so combined City of Evanston request is 3.5% of total budget while Evanston clients are 9.3% of total clients.

3. LAF-Evanston Legal Services
2014 CDBG grant is $6,000. 2015 request is $9,000.
Long-time CDBG recipient whose work to provide free legal services for civil matters to low income residents is not duplicated by other agencies in Evanston. Unduplicated Evanston persons served to date is 77, so on pace to achieve goal of 150. About 73% of clients have incomes at or below 30% of area median, a population without the means to pay for legal services.

Consistent program and financial reporting and compliance with CDBG requirements. Although LAF no longer maintains an Evanston office, its staff works with numerous Evanston service providers to reach Evanston clients. Expanded outreach & education significantly from 2013 with 8 legal education workshops to date against annual goal of 10. In the last year, 11% of LAF’s clients were age 65 and over; 63% of clients were female, many of whom are single women raising multiple children; 66% of clients were African-American, 17% White, 15% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Asian, and 1% other race/ethnicity. 76% of clients lived in households under 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL), 17% at 100-200% FPL, and 7% at or above 200% FPL. In March 2014, LAF launched Online Access which allows potential clients to apply for services 24/7 through website. LAF also staffs an advice desk every Friday morning at the Skokie court house to assist unrepresented tenants facing eviction. Number of clients projected for 2015 is 180. Receiving $ 14,837 in 2015 from Mental Health Board.

4. James B. Moran Center-Legal and Social Services
2014 grant is $28,000. 2015 CDBG request is $40,000
Long-time CDBG recipient. Strong performance year to date. 399 unduplicated people served in Q1 & Q2, or 61% of annual goal.. 93% of clients with probation or supervision from Juvenile Court met or are maintaining compliance with probation or orders vs. goal of 70%. Over 91% of special education clients have improved attendance, disciplinary records and grades vs. goal of 70%.

Moran Center provides consistent and timely programmatic and financial reporting, in compliance with CDBG. Services unduplicated in Evanston. Program provides holistic support to income-eligible Evanston youth navigating the criminal justice system, and school disciplinary and special education cases. Legal representation is paired with social services/case management to ensure compliance with court mandates or educational plans and reduce recidivism. Client demographics: 80-90% are male, 20-30% are female, and 80% are African American. Clients’ ages range from 3-21 years, with most being between the ages of 12 and 17.
New “Access to Education Initiative” program in partnership with early education and childcare providers, including the Childcare Network of Evanston, will help low-income Evanston families with young school-aged children access the supports and services guaranteed them by law. Access to Education Initiative objective is to reduce the number of disconnected Evanston youth by increasing the number of children and families equipped with the knowledge, training, and skills to successfully advocate for their children and ensure that their educational needs are met and prevent problems that lead to academic failure, truancy, and delinquency in later years.

Moran Center has a staff of very strong and experienced lawyers. Strong board of directors with good Evanston representation (lawyers and Evanston residents). Moran Center partners with City Youth Services division on Certificate of Rehab program. Violence Intervention and Prevention program at ETHS, partnership with Community Counseling Centers of Chicago are examples. Moran Center 2015 budget shows $38,000 from Mental Health Board.

5. **Youth Action Ministry NFP (YAMNFP)-Annual College Trip**
   2012 grant was $5,000, did not apply in 2013 or 2014. 2015 request is 15,000

YAM was awarded CDBG funds in 2011 but was unable to take planned college tour to New York because of late release of CDBG funds by HUD. 2012 college tour to Ohio schools was cut short by illness of Ken Rodgers. Concerns: following confirmation of grant amounts in June 2012, YAM was unable to provide budget with balanced expenses and revenue and the number of program participants was not finalized by July. Incomplete programmatic and financial reporting in 2012 and in prior years, including method used to determine income of income of participants.

Program open to all ETHS high school students. Outcome measures are to have 30% of participants more interested in college; this is low and subjective. No goals or outcomes tied to specific performance; no indication that data including the number of students who apply to the colleges visited, are accepted and/or attend college is tracked or evaluated. 2015 budget has expenditures of $59,800 and revenues of $27,500; shortage of $32,300. Is this the participants' contributions? No way to determine how the cost to student participants is determined. Trip includes 7 or 8 chaperones for 60 high-school aged youth, whose costs are all paid for by the program. Using assumption that students will double up in hotel rooms and chaperones will have their own, cost for hotels equates to approximately $170/room per night, which seems very high. Based on prior year’s experiences and since timing of receipt of 2015 CDBG funds is uncertain, there appears to be significant risk that the trip will not occur if funding is not released by HUD until late summer. No DUNS # provided in application.

6. **Evanston Scholars-College Readiness Program**
   2014 grant is for $4,300. 2015 request is $10,000.

Evanston Scholars is focused on helping ETHS students become the first in their families to go to college and to graduate. Well-designed and outcomes-based program provides help
throughout high school years to low income students unlikely to go to college without additional help and resources. Evanston Scholars addresses various barriers to admission, helps students determine what type of college or university is the right fit and matches them with volunteer mentors for support and advice. Very strong connections to education community and non-profits serving youth/teens. Continued support following admission to college/university to ensure success once admitted is a program strength and an established best practice for first generation college students (Chicago Scholars, Posse Foundation).

Organization first received CDBG in 2014 and has met all compliance requirements, in addition to experience with reporting and compliance for foundation grants. Intake form captures required information to document income as required by CDBG. Very strong measureable goals, including increases in prior year accomplishments.

7. Have Dreams (Helping autistic Voices Emerge)-SCILS program for children
New applicant. 2015 request is $25,000. Program is designed to assist families with autistic children from 16 months to 22 years of age to develop important skills that increase the quality of life for the participants. The program works on developing participant’s skills with individualized plans, as well as offer supports to the families. The program is very well connected and collaborates extensively in the area.

New to CDBG grant, Have Dreams is an established organization with extensive fundraising and foundation grant support. Staff experience shows extent of knowledge and experience the organization has with regards to the work that they do. Large amount of leveraged funds, CDBG request is approximately 4% of total program budget. Participants do not appear to be primarily low/moderate income, though percent of low/mod people served is significantly higher than percent of budget requested from CDBG (33% vs. 4%). Eligibility needs to be confirmed.

No 2015 program budget provided. Staff has contacted applicant to update application.

8. Open Studio Project-Art and Action (Public Services)
2014 CDBG grant is $4,000. 2015 request is $7,000. Long-time CDBG recipient. Generally good reporting and compliance. CDBG enables LMI youth from YOU and PEER Services to participate; those agencies provide income and race/ethnicity data required by HUD. Additional CDBG funds would be used to double participation of LMI youth from 12-15 youth to 22-26 youth.

High quality, well-designed program that engages at-risk youth in art and writing as a means of healthy self-expression and to help youth manage strong emotions and maintain positive relationships. Clearly defined program goals and evaluation based on review of each participant’s art/writing and staff observation. Stable organization with well qualified staff, strong community involvement.
9. Interfaith Action of Evanston-Employment Counseling
2014 CDBG grant is $2,400. 2015 request is $3,000.
Interfaith Action has been a CDBG recipient multiple times in the past, including 2014. In first half of 2014, served 65 unduplicated persons, 48 Evanston residents. Interfaith works with Connections for the Homeless clients, both residents of Hilda’s Place and Entry Point street outreach program.

Close working relationship with case workers at Connections for the Homeless, who refer clients who demonstrate readiness to seek employment. Clients also get individual voice mailboxes and have access to computers. CDBG used for salaries of job counselors. Interfaith uses Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to track clients served. While successful employment placement is listed as a goal, there were no measurable goals program-wide that were listed.

Interfaith Action is a stable organization that has been providing day shelter and the job counseling program for many years. Addition of the Produce Mobile in 2013 has increased healthy food available to Evanston’s most needy residents. CDBG request is incredibly small for the amount of oversight and other requirements of the CDBG program.

10. Youth Job Center-Employment Services
2014 CDBG grant is $25,000. 2015 Request is $65,000.
Long-time CDBG recipient. Strong performance year to date. In FY2014 (July 2013 to June 2014), YJC served over 1500 youth, placing approximately half of them in jobs. YJC is a consistently strong agency that provides timely programmatic and financial reporting, including audits, in compliance with CDBG. Services unduplicated in Evanston. Strong program design: individualized employment plans (IEP) for each client with ongoing relationship/support before and after job placement. Rigorous assessment of individual and program outcomes includes standardized service delivery model and tracking via ETO client management software. Program committee reviews outcomes at quarterly meetings to monitor program effectiveness/success. Strong community linkages including Outpost at ETHS. Good measurable goals in place.

YJC programs address an identified need and serve a large number of clients, about 80% of whom are low/moderate income Evanston residents. Budget went up by about 15% in total, with staff and space being the primary areas of increase. CDBG would be used for program staff salaries and program space. No increase in the total number of people to be served in 2015 as compared to 2014, though the number of Evanston residents is projected to increase by 350, a significant increase.

Agency is stable and very well managed with capable program and administrative staff and a strong board of directors. New executive director, Karen Tollenaar Demorest, recently hired and started on August 29, 2014.
11. Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse –Workforce Training

2011 grant was $25,000, did not apply in 2012, 2013 or 2014. 2015 request is $54,249.

Intense, hands-on workforce development program to train participants in construction/green energy jobs, specifically deconstruction. All participants would be low income and most Evanston residents (10 of the 12 anticipated). This program addresses a need in the community, which is to help people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or underemployed gain work skills that lead to living wage employment. Types of jobs support City’s sustainability goals. ERW works with Connections and other non-profit partners to address other needs of participants including literacy and job readiness skills.

Strong program goals (achieve completion of the course and obtain certification in order to obtain employment in living wage jobs), but little information about how the previous participants have fared with regards to the same goals or objectives. Have they gotten certified and found work? Limited experience and explanation about capacity to carry out federal reporting requirements.

Difficult to tell how much of the budget is for staffing/trainers and how much is for “OJT” (on the job training) or trainee stipend costs. Experienced staffing issues in 2014, requiring a suspension of workforce development activities; it appears this is no longer an issue.

12. Housing Options for the Mentally Ill-I-WORK

2014 CDBG grant is $20,000. 2015 Request is $20,000.

This would be their third year receiving CDBG if funded (received in 2013 and 2014); strong reporting experience to state and federal levels, as well as strong achievement reporting.

I-WORK is designed to address the needs of its clients who are persons with severe mental illness; it does not duplicate work of YJC. Program provides very high levels of support before and after placement. In 2015, program is projected to serve 65 people, 50 of whom are Evanston residents, an increase from 2014 (with the CDBG request remaining constant with funding levels). New staff as of Fall 2014. Goals are measurable and good framework in place to oversee goal progress (through program coordinator).

Housing Options is a stable and well managed organization that has been providing permanent supportive housing in Evanston for many years in buildings they own and in scattered site rental.