Date:

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From:

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To:

CADO Members

Subject:

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

Office of Community Services Discretionary Grant Application

The US Office of Community Services has announced the availability of funds through its discretionary application process. One of the areas of competition is services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. The Department intends to submit an application, for \$250,000 under this competitive area, to support our efforts for establishing a farmworker credit union. We are in the process of planning the administrative and operational structure for this 17 month project.

One option being considered is to operate the project out of the Department using Community Services Section staff to conduct outreach and organizational work with farmworker communities, identify the credit union membership pool, secure pledges from potential members and develop the credit union's corporate structure. A second option would be to partner with CAAs and possibly other community-based organizations in carrying out those activities.

The purpose of this memo is to ask for your input on the project's structure. If your agency would be interested in participating in a partnership approach for administering the project, please provide information on what your agency would commit to do in implementing the project. Specifically, how would your agency be involved in providing outreach, community education and credit union membership recruitment as well as in establishing linkages and soliciting support from existing credit unions? What resources could you commit to those (and other) activities? What would you need out of the OCS grant to support your agency efforts?

The submission deadline to OCS is February 21. We will begin developing the application the week of January 30. Please have a response to this memo to me no later than January 27.

Barbara Roberts



