Cumberland County Community Development Program
2013 CDBG General Program Application

Project Title
Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) II

Lead Community
Cape Elizabeth

Additional Communities
Gorham, Scarborough, Standish, Gray, Casco, Raymond and Naples

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Program Category
Public Infrastructure/Facility
Downtown Revitalization

Public Service
Housing
Economic Development

CDBG “National Objective”

Low/Moderate Income:
Area-Wide
Limited Clientele

Direct Benefit:
Presumed Group
Abused Children (Identify Group)

Slum/Blight:
Area-Wide
Spot Basis

Amount of CDBG Funds Requested
$56,507

Total Estimated Project Cost
$68,007

Name of Authorized Official
Michael McGovern

Signature of Authorized Official

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1. Brief Summary

Family Crisis Services (FCS) is the domestic violence agency serving Cumberland County. The Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC) is a program that works with four local law enforcement departments in providing support services to victims of domestic violence. An experienced EPIC advocate and a law enforcement officer team up to provide 48 hour follow-up services to victims after the initial call of service has been made to that home. During these home visits or contacts through phone, the advocate discusses safety planning options, service referrals and support.

This program would like to continue working with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department, Gorham, Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth Police Departments in providing these services. EPIC started in five communities (Scarborough, Gorham, Cape Elizabeth, Standish and Naples) at its inception. FCS expanded the program as of July 1, 2012 to three other communities including: Gray, Raymond and Casco.

EPIC would create a warm referral system for the parents of children who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence. FCS recently has partnered with Community Counseling Services on an initiative that provides trauma based counseling to children who have experienced or witness domestic violence. A trained domestic violence clinician is assigned to work specifically with children who have been referred by FCS advocates. Any family that the EPIC advocates deems appropriate for services would be provided the referral for additional support for their families.

FCS proposes to continue the EPIC program in the eight communities and four law enforcement departments. FCS asks for monetary assistance in providing a full-time experienced advocate to continue the work and expand victim services to help identify children who have experienced/witnessed domestic violence in their homes. The Town of Cape Elizabeth has agreed to continue as the lead town in the proposal. All communities and law enforcement departments fully support the continuation of this program.
2. Need for Activity

a. Domestic violence has no barriers. It happens in our communities regardless of race, age, socioeconomic backgrounds, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or education level. In 2012 fiscal year, Family Crisis Services received 5,198 hotline calls (nearly 1,600 more hotline calls than the previous year), helped 2,414 individuals with advocacy services, provided 934 individuals with court advocacy and sheltered 86 families including 31 children in our shelter.

By providing immediate collaborative responses to families experiencing domestic violence, the advocate is able to provide safety plans quickly, provide resources for additional needs and offer support. Working closely with law enforcement departments provides better communication and support for the victims. It also allows the departments to utilize FCS services quickly and efficiently.

b. The EPIC advocate worked with 215 victims in the 2012 fiscal year. The advocate was able to either do a home visit with a law enforcement officer for follow-up or connected with the victim by phone. (Advocates connect with victims via phone when there may have been no crime initially and therefore the abuser wasn’t arrested with bail conditions.) The advocate makes every attempt to provide face-to-face contact with victims but will attempt to connect in other ways if possible and deemed safe.

It is difficult to determine how many people are affected by domestic violence. National statistics state that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. It is an issue that many are afraid to report to law enforcement. FCS works with hundreds of victims who may never utilize their local police department. However, FCS finds it vital to the outreach efforts to work collaboratively with law enforcement as consistently as possible.

The numbers of domestic violence arrests from each department reflects the need to have an EPIC advocate assigned to these departments. In 2011 calendar year Scarborough Police Department made 41 domestic violence related arrests. Gorham Police Departments arrested 35 people and Cape Elizabeth arrested 10 regarding domestic violence. Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department went to 803 calls of services related to domestic violence throughout the county and made 207 arrests.

The EPIC II program works specifically with “battered spouses” and “abused children” which are two groups that HUD deemed to meet eligibility requirements for low/moderate income household. Therefore FCS is not required to meet income guidelines. FCS does believe that a majority of the families we serve are from low/moderate income households.
c. Family Crisis Services is the only domestic violence program in the state that works with law enforcement departments in providing immediate in-home support services to victims. FCS has worked very hard at connecting with victims in safe, low-barrier ways. This program allows victims to know about services that they could utilize as well as helping them address immediate safety concerns. In one incident this past year, a woman called CCSO for help but the abuser was unable to be located for an arrest. The deputy contacted the EPIC advocate and they did a follow-up to the home the next morning. The woman had no phone, no transportation and was in a dangerous domestic violence relationship. The advocate and CCSO deputy helped secure the woman in the FCS shelter the same day. This case exemplifies the purpose of this program. FCS partnering with law enforcement can reach many more victims who wouldn't have the ability or the courage to live independent of abuse in their relationships.

3. Management of EPIC II

a. The EPIC II program will be managed under the supervision of Jen LaChance Sibley, Outreach Services Director of Family Crisis Services. The Outreach Services Director will provide quarterly progress checks with Cape Elizabeth Chief (Chief Neil Williams) and Cape Elizabeth Town Manager (Michael McGovern). Bi-annually the Outreach Service Director and EPIC advocate will meet with each department to evaluate the progress of the program. The EPIC advocate will meet regularly with the Outreach Service Director to ensure the quality of the grant program. The advocate will also meet monthly with the other EPIC advocates for peer support. Accounting for this grant will be managed by FCS Accountant Sheri Morrison, CPA, under the auspices of Lois Galgay Reckitt, Executive Director.

b. The EPIC program is going into the fourth year of existence. It started originally as a pilot project with the Portland, South Portland and Westbrook Police Departments in 2009. Due to its success, FCS decided to seek funding to expand the program to other communities. The next four departments that FCS focused on were due to the number of people FCS served in their communities each year. The need was extremely high for FCS to send an EPIC advocate to work with Scarborough, Gorham and CCSO. FCS has hired experienced advocates who have worked in the domestic violence field for many years. The EPIC II advocate is also a state-wide known domestic violence trainer that specializes in law enforcement, dispatch and EMS trainings.

Family Crisis Services has been provided services to victims of domestic violence since 1977 in Cumberland County. The agency has a strong court advocacy program that works beside the EPIC advocates on many cases. The Outreach team has had long-standing, positive relationships with many law enforcement departments. The EPIC program is a true testament to these
relationships. FCS management team has had the experience and longevity to manage multiple funding services and data/reporting requirements.

c. Family Crisis Services is very committed to continue to maintain the EPIC program. The expansion of the program has proven to be very successful. The advocate is currently working with a Sergeant from Gorham Police Department on trainings at multiple locations for the law enforcement departments in regards to domestic violence, new strangulation laws and enhanced policing on predominant aggressor. The advocate also recently developed High Risk Case Review Teams with Gorham and CCSO. These teams focus on high risk cases that the department is involved with. The EPIC advocate and select officers from the department review the cases and see where there can be improvement on response as well as support for the victim. The CCSO team just completed its third month and will be making a report to CCSO administrators to help strengthen the department's response on domestic violence related cases.

4. EPIC II Project Readiness

Family Crisis Services is prepared to continue the EPIC II program with all eight communities. The EPIC II advocate was hired for the position in July 2011 and is committed to the program and the departments she partners with. The Town of Cape Elizabeth has agreed to be the lead agent for this grant. FCS has spoken to the four law enforcement departments and they fully support the work as we hope to move forward for another year. FCS also has obtained the support of all eight town managers for the program as well. The advocate will maintain office space at the Cape Elizabeth Police Department and spend the majority of her time on the road with officers/deputies.

FCS does not foresee any existing or potential impediments for this program to continue.

Project Match – please see attachment

5. Budget for Project - please see attached budget form

CDBG Funds will be used to fund the direct service advocate at Family Crisis Services that works directly with survivors and police officers in the towns where police have been called to the scene. The in person home visits are done within the 48 hour follow-up period mandated by public safety police protocols. The budget figures reflect salary, fringe, transportation and cell phone usage.

Municipal funds reflect the office in the Cape Elizabeth Police Department donated by the Town for her work.
Other funds are a contribution to the program by FCS of 2.5 hours per week of supervisory time (salary and benefits) as well as time by the FCS accountant utilized for reporting and billing duties. These funds are contributed by state funds and private sources. See attached latest signed state contract for verification.

6. Implementation Schedule - please see attachment

7. Need for CDBG Program Funds

a. CDBG funds are critical for the EPIC II program to continue working in the towns of Gray, Raymond, Naples, Casco, Standish, Scarborough, Gorham and Naples. This funding would allow a designated advocate to work directly with the four law enforcement departments: Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, Gorham, Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth Police Departments. Having an advocate assigned to specific departments allows immediate follow-up support services to victims and their children. The funding would also allow for on-going trainings for law enforcement as well as the continuation of the high risk case reviews for some departments.

b. Family Crisis Services will continue to actively seek other funding sources through federal and local grants as well as the public and private sectors. The other EPIC advocates are funded through STOP grants awarded to the South Portland Police Department (for South Portland, Westbrook and Portland) and directly to Family Crisis Services for the third advocate (working in Brunswick, northern Cumberland County, Bridgton and Fryeburg).

c. The EPIC II program would be cut drastically if it is not funded by CDBG for another year. FCS would not have the ability to staff this initiative and dedicate hours to the collaborative work with the law enforcement departments. FCS would not be able to outreach to victims and their children in an immediate and low barrier way as well.

8. Distress Score – See attached

9. Multi-Jurisdictional Bonus

c. The low/moderate income residents in the eight communities would benefit from receiving services in a collaborative approach with FCS domestic violence advocate and law enforcement. A follow-up visit after a call of services has been made to law enforcement allows victims and their children support services if they choose to utilize them. These services would include (but are not limited to): referrals to the domestic violence children’s clinician, safety planning,
housing, food, financial issues and other community resources. Many people we serve have no transportation or are isolated and have limited contact with service providers. By connecting with families where they are at helps eliminate many barriers that victims face.

All eight of Town Managers have been contacted and fully support the EPIC II program. The four law enforcement agencies are very willing to continue the program and have taken on additional responsibilities to help make this program successful (including the High Risk Case Review Teams).

CCSO has assigned deputies for the towns of Gray and Standish. The towns and the department have agreed that the EPIC advocate can provide services with these deputies as needed. The other deputies assigned for Naples, Raymond, and Casco will make themselves available when the advocates needs to follow-up on cases.

The other police departments have agreed to provide an officer to perform the follow-up home visits. These departments rotate the officers that are available and no specific officer is assigned to this program. This works well as it allows the advocate to connect with multiple officers from each department. The Cape Elizabeth Police Department will also continue to provide office space for the advocate.

d. The eight town managers have endorsed this grant application by signing the “Multi-Jurisdictional Signature” form

e. Distress score for multi-jurisdictional - 6
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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Agreement to Purchase Services

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 1st day of October, 2012 is by and between the State of Maine, Department of Health and Human Services, hereinafter called "Department," and FAMILY CRISIS SERVICES, mailing address PO BOX 704, PORTLAND, ME 04104, physical address 100 HUMPHREYS ROAD, CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE, hereinafter called "Provider," for the period of 10/1/2012 to 3/31/2013.

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the Department, the Provider hereby agrees with the Department to furnish all qualified personnel, facilities, materials and services and in consultation with the Department, to perform the services, study or projects described in Rider A, and under the terms of this Agreement.

The following Riders and Attachments are hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made part of it by reference:

Rider A - Specifications of Work to be Performed
Rider B - Payment and Other Provisions
Rider C - Rider B Exceptions
Rider D - Additional Requirements
Rider E - Program Requirements
Rider F - Budget; F-1 Agreement Settlement Form; F-2 Agreement Compliance Form
Rider G - Identification of Country In Which Contracted Work Will Be Performed
Rider I - Assurance of Compliance

WITNESSETH, that this contract is consistent with Executive Order 01 FY 11/12 or a superseding Executive Order, and complies with its requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department and the Provider, by their representatives duly authorized, have executed this agreement in one original copy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
By: ________________________________
William W. Boeschenslein, Jr., Chief Operating Officer

And

FAMILY CRISIS SERVICES
By: ________________________________
Lois Galgay Racklit, Executive Director

Total Agreement Amount: $399,030
Approved: __________________________
Chair, State Purchases Review Committee

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Phone is actual annual cost of $39.58/month. Transportation is 3000 miles at $.40/mile. Salaries are based on actual, 100% of EPIC 2 advocate and 2.5 hours/week for supervisor. Fringes are based on actual, including FICA, health insurance, dental insurance, life & disability insurance, workers comp, and retirement.
Linda Eastman  
100 Chapel Street  
South Portland, Maine 04106  

January 3, 2013  

Lois Galgay Reckitt Executive Director  
Family Crisis Services  
PO Box 704  
Portland, Maine 04104  

Dear Lois,  

I authorize you to apply for funding through the Community Development Block Grant monies for FY 2013-2014 in South Portland (to support EPIC I) and also in Cumberland County (to support EPIC II).  

Thanks for your continued good work,  

Linda Eastman  
Board President  
Family Crisis Services
January 11, 2013

Community Development Program
Cumberland County – Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

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For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Scarborough Police Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 91 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 40 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the police department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Scarborough Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert A. Moulton
Chief of Police
Community Development Program
Cumberland County Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Gorham Police Department is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Gorham Police Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 123 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 81 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the police department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Shepard
Chief of Police
Cumberland County
Community Development Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department it is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and one half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department to provide services to victims in our community. In the past calendar year, Family Crisis Services has reached 33 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 18 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the police department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Neil R. Williams
Chief of Police
Community Development Program
cumberland County - Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 33 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 18 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the sheriff’s department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The town of Cape Elizabeth is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our support for Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Michael K. McGovern
January 8, 2013

Community Development Program
Cumberland County - Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 02
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Scarborough is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Scarborough Police Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 91 families affected by domestic violence in our community. 40 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the police department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Scarborough Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Hall
Town Manager
January 11, 2013

Community Development Program
Cumberland County - Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Naples is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 47 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 11 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the sheriff’s department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The town of Naples is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our support for Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Derik Goodine
Town Manager
Community Development Program
Cumberland County - Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

January 14, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Casco is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 39 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 11 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the sheriff's department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our support for Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

David P. Morton
Town Manager
Casco, Maine
January 10, 2013

Community Development Program
Cumberland County - Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Standish is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 115 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 45 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the sheriff’s department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our support for Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Gordon Billington
Town Manager
January 9, 2013

Cumberland County
Community Development Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Gorham is pleased to support Family Crisis Services in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

This past year, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Gorham Police Department to provide services to victims in our community. The goal of the project has been to enhance services to victims quickly after there has been police intervention and to help safely plan, provide referrals and to create a bridge for victims needing additional support. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Gorham Police Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during followups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping access the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our work with Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David O. Cole
Gorham Town Manager
January 8, 2013

Community Development Program
Cumberland County - Executive Office
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, Maine 04101

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Raymond is happy to support Family Crisis Services (FCS) in their request for continuation of funding for the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration II (EPIC II). The EPIC II program would allow an experienced advocate from Family Crisis Services to continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers when providing follow-up visits after a domestic violence incident.

For the past year and a half, Family Crisis Services has been working closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to provide services to victims in our community through this initiative. In this past calendar year, FCS has reached 43 families affected by domestic violence in our community, 6 of these victims were connected directly to the EPIC advocate and the sheriff’s department. The coordinated community response has been extremely beneficial for not only victims but for the law enforcement officers and Family Crisis Services.

The Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department is committed to participating with the Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration by providing the services of an officer to accompany the Family Crisis Services advocate during follow-ups. This initiative is a vital tool in helping assess the needs of domestic violence and stalking victims. We look forward to continuing our support for Family Crisis Services on this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Don Willard
Town Manager

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Sheriff Kevin Joyce, CCCS

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Additional Community Applicant: _______ Town of Scarborough _______
Additional Community Authorized Official _______ Tom Hall _______
Signature of Authorized Official _______ 

Additional Community Applicant: _______ Town of Gorham _______
Additional Community Authorized Official _______ David Cole _______
Signature of Authorized Official _______ 

Additional Community Applicant: _______ Town of Standish _______
Additional Community Authorized Official _______ Gordon Billington _______
Signature of Authorized Official _______
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CDBG GENERAL PROGRAM APPLICATION – 2013

Lead Community Applicant: Town of Cape Elizabeth

Lead Community Authorized Official: Michael McGovern

Signature of Authorized Official: [Signature]

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Naples

Additional Community Authorized Official: Derek Goodline

Signature of Authorized Official: [Signature]

Additional Community Applicant: Town of Casco

Additional Community Authorized Official: David Mattson

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Additional Community Applicant: Town of Raymond

Additional Community Authorized Official: Don Willard

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Additional Community Applicant: Town of Gray

Additional Community Authorized Official: Deborah Cabana

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