

**Garcia Barbara**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2006 12:57 PM  
**To:** barbara.garcia@rcgov.org  
**Subject:** SS

Barbara,

We would like to request the use of our HUD funding be extended until March 2007. The number of youths passing through our program is less than expected as some have stayed longer than anticipated. This means that funds were not used due to fewer turnovers.

We would also like to request that funds be used for youths while in the program for purposes such as supplemental food purchases and clothing. There is a need to buy additional work clothing for some of the program participants who change jobs, due to the different dress requirements. Most participants do not earn much per hour and when working in food service or car detailing, hours can unexpectedly be cut, making it difficult to plan for expenses such as rent or restitution. Although food stamps are a big help, some participants find there is a need for additional food during the month.

Many of our young people are trying to be independent, have good work ethics, and follow the program rules. However, employment can be erratic through no fault of theirs and a little help can go a long way toward achieving their goals and their understanding of living in a compassionate community. Thank you for consideration of this request.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jeanmarie Heriba [mailto:Jeanmarie.Heriba@lsssd.org]  
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Barb,

I wonder if we could amend the CDBG grant further. The only thing standing between a construction company getting an employee (Scull) and some of our boys getting a job is tools. Our kids don't come in with funds to buy \$100 worth of equipment. It is very frustrating. We want them to be independent and they want to be, but the jobs they can get are so unreliable with hours. Though willing to work, they are told to go home because there are not enough customers. Can we try to get the council to let us use funds for employee equipment?

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