Responses are due NO LATER THAN MONDAY, March 11th at 5:00pm. The responses must be submitted as a Word Document using the format below. The responses should include both the Question and Answer. Responses must be submitted via email. Email should be addressed to Mike Goodison at mgoodison@cityofdavis.org. Responses should not be mailed.

**DEADLINE: RESPONSES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 5PM ON March 11, 2013.**

1. **What is the minimum amount of funding you could utilize to complete your proposed project or program?**

   Our minimum cost to have an AmeriCorps member serving CASA next year is anticipated to be $11,000. Our direct cost for the AmeriCorps member is 10,247, the remainder are costs related to supervision and administration of the program.

2. **By hiring a part-time AmeriCorps member, you expect that 30 additional children will begin the CASA program. How many of these are Davis residents?**

   Based on our best estimates of children we have served who were Davis residents in the past, I would anticipate that 7 or 8 of the new children we will serve would be Davis residents.

3. **Are you working exclusively with CAPC in Sacramento? Are you working with the Yolo County Children’s Alliance as well?**

   We are working with CAPC in Sacramento because they were awarded, by California Volunteers, the grant which provides AmeriCorps members to serve foster youth in target communities, such as Yolo County. We have a great relationship with Yolo County Children’s Alliance, and are always happy to work with them, but they do not have an AmeriCorps program at this time.

4. **What percentage of your organization's beneficiaries are from Davis vs. the rest of Yolo or another county?**

   When it comes to foster children, it becomes very difficult to define who is a Davis resident and who is not. In some cases we may know where they were living when they were taken into custody, but not always. Once they are in custody, children may be placed in a residential or group home placement in Davis, but they may also move in and out of towns and cities in Yolo County and beyond during the time that our advocates are assigned to them. That said, our best efforts to determine which children we serve have been residents of Davis indicate that about 25% of the children we serve are in Davis or lived in Davis when they were taken into custody. All of the
children we serve are from Yolo County, but they may be placed out of county while in foster care due to dearth of foster placements in Yolo County.

5. Please explain how the funds you are requesting will serve Davis residents.

The acute need for children in the foster care system to develop skills to live independently is readily apparent when looking at the statistics on this population. Locally, according to the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Sacramento, only about 50% of children in foster care graduate from high school. By focusing increased attention on the needs of this population, preparing youth for the transition to adulthood, and optimizing provision of resources resulting from AB 12 legislation, we can play an instrumental role in achieving better outcomes for foster youth transitioning to adulthood. We are fortunate in Yolo County to be able to utilize the national community service provided by AmeriCorps to increase the attention and supports provided to these youth as well as our capacity to serve them.

6. Will the funds you are requesting benefit more than just Davis residents?

The funds we are requesting benefit children from all over Yolo County. These are children who do not have a parent capable (at least temporarily) of providing for their needs and advocating on their behalf in school, mental health and dependency court systems. This is why the court appointed special advocate steps in. Our program benefits the most vulnerable children in our community, children who are likely to have lived very transitory lives before coming into care, and who, without the advocacy skills of our program, will continue to face multiple disadvantages including upheaval from their neighborhoods and communities unless someone supports their stability.

7. Do you receive additional funding that supports programs that serve residents from outside Davis?

All of the funding we receive supports our program to serve children regardless of where they were living when they entered foster care. When we speak to individuals and community groups about our work, we are explicit that we are serving children from the broad Yolo County community. We try to be very explicit in our presentations that our definition of community includes all of Yolo County. We believe this distinction is very important because defining the residence of a child in foster care can be very tricky and potentially detrimental if used to determine eligibility for resources and supports. Because of the transitory nature of foster care, the children we serve may live in multiple cities and even multiple counties during the time they have an advocate assigned to them. Our hope is that the number of moves they experience and the potential trauma associated with these moves is greatly reduced by virtue of the child having a consistent, supportive adult in their corner.

8. Please provide the actual operating reports for 2011/12(actual FY 11-12 budget); the budget for fiscal year 2012/13; and the projected budget for 2013/14.

Please see attached our statement of activities and functional expenses from our FY 2011-12 audit, as well as current year’s budget and projected budget for 2013-14.
9. In addition, please expand the grant sections to show individual funding/cost per beneficiary. Identify the sources of the other grants in your proposed budget in your application. What grants are they?

The cost per beneficiary was calculated by looking at the total number of children we anticipate serving in the 2013-14 fiscal year who are between the ages of 12 and 21(46) and will benefit from having a part time AmeriCorps member dedicated to supporting their advocate in connecting the youth with skills, information and resources that will increase his or her independent living skills. We have applied to Woodland’s CDBG program for the remainder of funds needed to engage another AmeriCorps member.

10. Also, if you are a past year recipient, please state how many (or what %) Davis residents were serviced last fiscal year (July 2011- June 2012), projections for the current fiscal year based on year-to-date (July 2012-present) and the projected increase for the grant application year (July 2013-June 2014).

In the 2011-12 fiscal year, 26% of the children we served were Davis residents. Currently, about 17% of the children we are serving or have served in this fiscal year are or were Davis residents, although we recently assigned 8 children from our waiting list to new advocates and we do not yet have good data on where they were from. In the 2013-14 fiscal year we anticipate recruiting and training 30 new advocates to serve our foster youth above the age of 12. In addition we anticipate continuing to serve 16 who currently have an assigned advocate. We expect the number of children we serve who are or were Davis residents will likely remain about average for the population as a whole (around 25% or 12 out of 46).