

Panel Summary Report

Agency: St. Vincent de Paul

Date: 5/27/05

Program: Second Chance Renter Rehabilitation

Panel #: 5

Allocation recommendation: \$13,900

Previous Allocation (2003/2004): \$13,377

1. Was allocation recommendation: (please check one)

XX Increased? Decreased? Kept Level?

2. Describe primary reasons for decision

This is a fantastic program which educates people with poor rental and credit histories on how to become successful renters. It stabilizes people at risk of being evicted and becoming homeless and supports them to develop self-esteem, responsibility and self-sufficiency. The panel was very impressed with the accountability required of participants. The program does a great job of networking and leveraging resources from other agencies and businesses. The representatives of HACSA and Jennings real estate were extremely enthusiastic supporters. The 2nd Chance total funding request is not large and the increase requested was also very modest. The panel thought the small increase requested would be a worthy, efficient, prevention-oriented use of funds.

3. Describe specific concerns of panel relating to funding request, operation of agency or use of funds expended by agency:

The panel recommends 2nd Chance program make more effort in outreach and expansion, particularly in outreach to Hispanic and other diverse populations. Also, they could increase the number of customers who would pay for the service, enabling program expansion. They fell short of a goal to increase participation and had a passive response to a question about reaching Spanish-speaking populations. The panel had a sense that it's time to ramp up to the next level to take fuller advantage of the tremendous potential for improving lives and preventing human crises.

4. Describe any limitations or conditions on funds imposed by panel:

None.

5. Panel members present at deliberation:

Amy Callahan	Sandy Serpas
Lynn Greenwood	Andrea Splonskowsi
Kirstin Lee	Marion Sweeney
Jan Bohman, chair	Donna Mannila, UW staff

6. Agency representatives present at site visit:

Gaylene Glidewell, Hugh McCauley, Betty Meadows (graduate/client), Tim Breen (Jenning & Co.), Chuck Hauk (HACSA)

Signature:

Janice Bohman