

To: Mayor Boughton and the Common Council  
From: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold for The Dream Homes Community Center  
Collaborative  
Date: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Re: Point of Entry, first monthly report

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### **Program Funding**

Dream Homes received a grant from the City of Danbury for the Point of Entry in the amount of \$13,625. The grant was received on May 10, 2006.

Additional funds have been raised that total \$ 12,500, as follows:

- \$ 5,000 Anonymous Gift
- \$ 5,000 Housing Authority
- \$ 2,500 Prestamo Latino

A grant application was completed to apply for funding from HUD to operate the point of entry and provide HMIS services. The application was given to Deborah MacKenzie at City Welfare for compilation with other applications applying through the Continuum of Care.

### **Program Staffing**

Classified Ads were publicized in local papers and also sent to partners in the region by email. Several candidates were interviewed for 2 positions: Dream Homes Program Director (full-time) and Point of Entry Program Coordinator (part-time). The Coordinator will report to the Director. An offer was made but not accepted as the compensation package was felt to be too low for the prospective candidate. New classified ads are again being placed in the papers and by email.

### **Program Outreach**

An Outreach Worker at Catholic Family Services invited a representative from the Point of Entry to meet with a coalition of homeless service providers at the Spring Street Shelter. Rev. Leopold participated in the meeting. Once hired, the Program Director and Point of Entry Coordinator will participate in future meetings that may be coordinated.

### **Program Cases**

Two weeks after receiving funding from the City, and without formalized outreach, the Point of Entry had its first client on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The client received three services:

- Emergency Aid from ARC to purchase food at C-town
- Referral to Salvation Army for clothing voucher
- Explanation of the Key Rings and Security Deposit process