

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
PROGRESS REPORT
EPA AGING INITIATIVE

Today's Date: June 19th, 2007

Recipient (Your organization): NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Agreement Number: CH-83224901-0

No Cost Extension Period: November 1, 2006- April 30, 2007

Agreement Project Period: February 14, 2005- October 31, 2006

Recipient Contact Person: Edgar Butts, Assistant Commissioner Veterinary/Pest Control Services

Principal Investigator/Project Director: Edgar Butts, Assistant Commissioner

I. Planned Goals/Objectives for No Cost Extension Period:

Activities per work plan

- Conduct IPM assessment of pest infestation at five senior centers
- Take photographs to develop training aids and Power Point Presentation
- Distribute IPM materials to senior center staff

II. Project Accomplished Goals/Objectives, Outputs and Outcomes:

A. IPM Assessment of Senior Centers

- Renowned Rodentologist Dr. Bobby Corrigan conducted an on-site IPM assessment of pest infestation in five senior centers operated by the Department for the Aging (two centers in Brooklyn, two in the Bronx and one in Manhattan). This analysis included:
 - The senior centers' landscaping, maintenance, food storage and preparation practices as they impact on conditions conducive to pest infestation
 - Problems specific to senior center communications with the seniors and sensitivities to the seniors' concern (e.g. exposure and sensitivities to pesticide applications, fear of pest stings and bites)
 - The adequacy, effectiveness and proper application of pesticides under the senior centers' current pest control services
- Vendor took photographs and used them to document the operation and pest management issues of the centers for the development of training aids, and Power Point Presentation.
- IPM materials were distributed to senior center directors, cooks and maintenance personnel; these materials included IPM brochures "Rats Let's Stop Them," poster "Feed a Pigeon Breed a Rat," magnets "You Can Get Rid of Rats- Safely," brochures "How to Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus," fact sheet "Stop Bed Bug Safely," "How to Control Pests Safely."

B. Seminars for Senior Centers

The topics that were covered included:

- An overview of the city pests that invade senior centers and other buildings, such as cockroaches, mice, rats, flies.
- The role of the kitchen staff in preventing a few pests from becoming many pests.
- The role of maintenance staff in preventing pests from getting in, and hiding inside senior centers.
- The safest, yet most effective techniques for controlling these pests in senior centers.
- Pesticides should and should not be used in senior centers and how they should be applied safely.
- What a typical senior center should expect from a quality exterminator service.
- Dispelling myths about New York City pests

C. Evaluation of grant goals/outcomes

We accomplished the goals outlined in the grant contract, that is, to educate senior citizens on ways to maintain a healthy and pest proof living environment. The senior centers where our program conducted Integrated Pest Management seminars, have become aware of practical ways to pest proof their home and center. Center staff and senior citizens also learned about pesticide's proper and safe use and what to expect from their pest control professional.

An important result from the seminars is that the Assistant Commissioner for the Department of the aging would like our Pest Control Program to conduct this seminar on an on-going basis. The Commissioner would make it a mandatory training for his staff. Our program's Assistant Commissioner is willing to discuss this further.

D. Budget: Compare expenditures as a percent of the project completed to the project's planned schedule. Report any equipment purchased during the reporting period

	Total Amount for Seminar
Consultant	\$12,000

There was no equipment purchase.

Discuss and Project Terms and Conditions Required for this Agreement

- Submit quarterly reports
- Participate in conference calls

Report Key Personnel Changes Concerned with the Project:

Edgar Butts, Assistant Commissioner of Veterinary/ Pest Control Services replaced Dr. Gregory Carmichael as the Project Director. Dr. Carmichael left our agency over a year ago. Ms. Flavia Diaz is responsible for the status reports and budget issues pertaining to this grant.

Mr. Joseph Franklin and his assistants Ms. Mary Freeman and Ms. Caroline Hilton, and Mr. Yves Rene conduct the presentations at the senior centers. They also distribute the IPM brochures and pamphlets throughout the communities and senior centers. Dr. Robert Corrigan conducted the IPM assessment and seminar discussed above.

II. Difficulties Encountered: (As applicable, should include information on specific reasons why goals and objectives were not met, and analysis and explanations of cost overruns and high unit costs. Repeat format as needed).

Not applicable.

**Goal/Objective 1:
Problem(s) Encountered:**

Not applicable.

Resolution/Corrective Action Plan and Schedule:

Not applicable.

III. Activity Anticipated Next Reporting Period:

None- No Cost Extension expired April 30th, 2007.

Signature (Recipient Authorized Official): _____ Date: _____

List of Senior Centers where seminars were conducted:

- Fort Greene Citizens Council Senior Center
966 Fulton Street
Brooklyn, NY 11238
Contact: Claudette Macey, Director
718-638-6910
- ARC Ft. Washington Senior Center
4111 Broadway
NY, NY 10033
Contact: Fern Hertzberg, Director
212-781-5700
- PSS Andrew Jackson Senior Center
325 East 156 Street
Bronx, NY 10451
Contact: Katherine Martinez, Asst. Director
212-585-1640