§ 548-c. Neighborhood based initiatives project; services and activities. 1. Project establishment. Neighborhood based initiative projects shall be established pursuant to this article. Each approved project shall have as its primary components an action plan, the creation of a council, and the provision of programs and services as described in this section.

2. Programs and services. a. Projects shall provide for coordinated, accessible services, which shall include:

i. comprehensive crisis intervention services on a twenty-four hour-a-day basis which shall provide for information and referral services and case management services, and may provide for mental health services, alcohol and substance abuse services, child care services, preventive services, and other services as identified by the project, to individuals and families who are experiencing an emergency due to homelessness, eviction, domestic violence, child abuse, alcohol or drug abuse, mental illness, or other emergency situations identified by the project; and/or

ii. comprehensive case management services to assist clients in accessing quality services and to expedite and ensure the receipt of such services. In addition, two or more needed services as determined by the applicant and approved in the project application, such as services listed in paragraph b of this subdivision, shall be provided.

b. Projects also may include any other specific local initiatives which may be necessary to assist in stabilizing and improving the neighborhood such as early intervention services, education, employment and training services, intensive home based prevention services, parenting education, comprehensive prenatal care, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, treatment, and aftercare services.

3. Strategic neighborhood action plan. The council for each approved project shall identify and quantify neighborhood needs on both a short and long range basis. Such plan shall include the council's assessment of the neighborhood's present and long range needs for economic

development, job development, housing, and such other improvements and needs as may be identified by the project. Such plan also shall include a description of the actions and resources necessary to meet the needs as identified in the plan over the next five year period. The plan subsequently shall be submitted to the committee for review and the committee shall provide assistance as prescribed in section five hundred forty-eight-e of this article to the council to help enable the project to achieve its goals.