

Family Promise of Juneau request for \$300,000 for Day Center Facility

Family Promise of Juneau interrupts the trauma of family homelessness by providing shelter and wraparound services to families so they may move into sustainable housing. The COVID-19 pandemic closed the congregations where we normally shelter families. We are currently doubled up at Chapel by the Lake with our day center and shelter for two families.

Consequences of COVID-19 to mitigate:

- Normal capacity of four families is reduced to two because of limited space (moving the day center opens two more classrooms for hosting families until Chapel wants that space back or other congregations are prepared to host again)
- Day center and shelter at Chapel are at risk as Chapel by the Lake opens and wants to return to the expanded space they let us use temporarily
- We have increased staff to deal with increased demand as we seek to keep people housed through our homeless prevention program and that has made sharing office space a necessity

A permanent building for our day center is an appropriate use of CARES funds because as it says in the AK Community Foundation Grant site:

Other expenses reasonably necessary	▪Other expenses reasonably necessary that can be tied back to COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prioritize childcare and summer programs that will enable parents/caregivers to return to work.• Prioritize organizations working under increased pressure due to the impacts of COVID-19 to prevent domestic violence and child abuse.
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-The day center provides a place where parents/caregivers who are experiencing homelessness can maintain working while making sure their children's needs are met

-The day center is the space where the staff encourages families through the increased pressure and impacts of COVID-19 on top of homelessness

We would be able to move quickly on a purchase and the building is ready to move into right away. Since we are not housing families overnight, the permit process is much easier.

AWARE and St. Vincent's support the proposal.

Request for \$300,000. Benito and Frances C. Gaguine Foundation has committed to \$50,000.

Property is located at 2221 Jordan Creek and should not require a conditional use permit.

Thank you,
Tari Stage-Harvey
Board Chair, Family Promise of Juneau