

Date: October 21, 2020
From: Linda Thomas, Co-Chair
To: Task Force Members for 10/22/20 meeting
Re: Nonprofit Grant and Food/Shelter Programs

At our last ESTF meeting, there were three food/shelter programs discussed as potential new programs for CARES Act funding. These included a presentation from the following organizations:
Family Promise of Juneau for a grant supporting a shelter for homeless families.
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on behalf of several churches for a safe space program for children
Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority for purchase of a building for a youth homeless shelter.
We also discussed SE Food Bank potential needs.

Subsequent to the meeting, we requested that Juneau Community Foundation send a notice out to other nonprofits that may have additional program needs in the food/shelter program. There were 2 additional requests for funding:
St. Vincent DePaul for maintenance to enable additional Covid related housing
Glory Hall for health insurance needs due to covid exposure

These are listed on the attached summary spreadsheet from Juneau Community Foundation, with supporting documentation also in the packet.

We will be updating the status of each of these and requesting recommendations to the Assembly at the 10/22/20 meeting.

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

The Glory Hall

Health Insurance for TGH Employees

Health Insurance for employees has been an ongoing organizational priority and challenge for the Glory Hall. The Glory Hall does not offer employees health insurance. This results in employees leaving often for other jobs which do offer health insurance as well as in recruitment difficulties.

Providing employees with health insurance during the time of the pandemic is critical. Glory Hall employees interact directly with the patrons inside the Glory Hall facility, inside the Housing First Facility, outside of the hotel used for quarantine and isolation, while delivering Juneau medical respite meals, and while providing other support to individuals experiencing or in danger of homelessness such bringing individuals to get IDs to appointments, etc.

\$260,000 is needed to provide coverage to 23 employees. The Glory Hall has been working with Shattuck and Grummet to determine coverage costs and levels. The process of determining insurance numbers has been complicated by trying to ensure that current employees with other coverage will not lose coverage superior to what the Glory Hall can offer as a result of the Glory Hall offering insurance and weighing what is being offered through the Affordable Health Care Act and ensuring that coverage can match what employees can purchase on the market place as well as comparing employee tax subsidies to insurance and wages.

Overall, it seems clear that offering health insurance is necessary to operate during the pandemic and generally.

Safe Space for Schooling

We are requesting CARES funds for a "Safe Space for Schooling" program hosted at three or four different congregations for the first semester of school in Juneau. We have received \$80,000 from Alaska Community Foundation. That was half of our request/ need because our initial request was for the first quarter and it is now apparent we will run the first semester.

We are requesting \$70,000 from CBJ CARES funds

Spending time with youth during the pandemic revealed to us some needs not being met:

- Safe space
- Human interaction
- Assistance and encouragement with learning
- Consistent WiFi access
- A reason to get out of bed and get dressed
- Play
- Food

We know that older siblings are watching younger ones. This was difficult enough during the summer, but trying to do school and tend younger siblings seems impossible. The pandemic has stressed youth and their families greatly.

Juneau School District will be distance learning. There will be some concessions made for especially vulnerable youth to learn on-site at the schools, but there are many more youth whose lives are in disarray because of the pandemic and need to be in a safe space.

We have now run a Safe Space for Schooling program at Shepherd of the Valley for three weeks with an average of 13-20 youth a day. Juneau Christian Center and Resurrection Lutheran are committed to opening on Thursday, October 22. Douglas Methodist is in the final stages of approval from their regional superintendent. We now have a better idea of funds needed to actually run this program.

The spaces will be open from 7:30 am-3:30 pm Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday for up to 20 youth. We will serve breakfast and lunch.

Because of our interactions with children during the pandemic, we have seen their precarious situation. Our Safe Space for Schools addresses enabling parents/ caregivers to return to work and prevents child neglect/abuse.

Shepherd of the Valley budget (Accountant and insurance are to cover all sites):

Accountant	\$640
Insurance	\$500
Payroll	\$24,839
Utilities	\$1600
Food	\$8000

Safe Space for Schooling

Internet \$2500
 Air purifier \$399
 Headsets \$450
 Total for 11 weeks \$38,928



ESTIMATE

Juneau Christian Center
 8001 Glacier Hwy
 Juneau, AK 99801
 United States

Estimate #: 0001
 Estimate date: Oct 15, 2020

Phone: +1 907-789-2176
 info@jccalaska.com

Bill To:

Safe Space for Schooling

Ship To:

Description	Quantity	Price	Amount
Facility Utilities - 32 days	32	\$250.00	\$8,000.00
Industrial Cleaning after Semester	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Trash Disposal Increase - 3 months	3	\$50.00	\$150.00
Internet Upgrade - 3 months	3	\$144.00	\$432.00
Supervisor Position (\$20/hr x 32 hr/wk) - 8 weeks	8	\$640.00	\$5,120.00
Sanitizer Position (\$15/hr x 32 hr/wk) - 8 weeks	8	\$480.00	\$3,840.00
Roamer Position 1 (\$15/hr x 20 hr/wk) - 8 weeks	8	\$300.00	\$2,400.00
Roamer Position 2 (\$15/hr x 20 hr/wk) - 8 weeks	8	\$300.00	\$2,400.00
Roamer Position 3 (\$15/hr x 20 hr/wk) - 8 weeks	8	\$300.00	\$2,400.00
Weekly Food Budget - 8 weeks	8	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00
		Subtotal	\$33,742.00
		Total	\$33,742.00

Safe Space for Schooling

Resurrection Budget	Cost per Week	Program Total
Supervisor (32 hrs a week @ \$20)	\$540.00	5,120.00
Staff Members (3 x 30 hrs a week @ \$16)	\$1,440.00	11,520.00
Internet (\$500)	\$500.00	4,000.00
Food (Breakfast & Lunch)	\$200.00	1,600,00
Deep cleaning (x2)	\$300.00	2,400,00
Recertification of RLC Kitchen	\$	1,000.00
Carpet Cleaning (2x)	\$	500.00
Staff Computer	\$	700.00
Program Printer	\$	500.00
Mesh Router	\$	800.00
Air Cleaner	\$	1,000.00
Program mini-fridge	\$	300.00
Shelving, storage boxes,	\$	500.00
Operating Total	\$2,088.00	29,940.00
Refurbishment of RLC Downstairs Hall and Scout Room		25,000.00
TOTAL		54,940.00

We are waiting to hear from Douglas Methodist, but want to assume at least a \$20,000 budget.



October 20, 2020

Economic Stabilization Task Force
City and Bureau of Juneau (CBJ)
155 S. Seward Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Updated CARES Act funding request

Dear Task Force,

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is requesting COVID-19 funding from the CBJ for renovations to the property located at 9290 Hurlock in order for it to be used to house homeless youth unable to find safe shelter during this pandemic. As you know, THRHA is working with the CBJ and Alaska Legacy Partners to transfer ownership of this property back to the CBJ to be operated by THRHA under a long term lease to provide housing for youth in need of transitional housing. However, given the current increasing COVID numbers and the cold weather, this shelter needs to open as soon as possible and before year end. Our conditional use permit was approved at the October 13th CBJ Planning Commission meeting and we have included their required provisions in our proposal.

Juneau has been without an emergency youth shelter for the past year. In and of itself this presents many safety issues for youth; however, these issues have been exacerbated by the global pandemic we find ourselves living in. Access to safe emergency shelter for youth is now more critical than ever. Many homeless youths hopping from place to place, staying with friends and strangers who may put them in unsafe situations, and bartering with their lives for a place to stay. The pandemic has made this type of “couch surfing” considerably less safe and many previously safe places to stay are no longer willing to let a youth crash on their couch due to social distancing needs. Because of this, we are already seeing an increase in teens using adult shelter spaces that are simply not safe or appropriate for them. We anticipate this need increasing as the social and economic impacts of the pandemic continue to hit our community. According to reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, youth experiencing homelessness have a higher risk of being in a gang, using heroin, feeling depressed, attempting suicide, or experiencing trauma and violence than their housed counterparts.

There is no official census that has been conducted to determine the total number of runaway and homeless youth (RHY) in Juneau. The Juneau School District has consistently reported between 100-150 identified homeless students for the past several school years. A recent change in the McKinney Vento definitions lowered this number in the 2019-2020 school year to 85. This number is a known dramatic undercount of the RHY population in school. The school numbers also do not take into account youth who have dropped out or been expelled. We know the ratio of RHY in this population to be significantly higher than for those attending school, due to the social and economic hardships associated with high-school dropouts. Zach Gordon Youth Center (ZGYC) provides outreach and navigation support to homeless teens and averages 40-60 teens annually, many of whom are not in school, again, we expect this number to rise in light of the economic impacts of the pandemic. During the period of June 1 – October 1, 2020 the outreach staff at ZGYC has seen six times the number of youth over last year, with 25 youth under the age of 20 who were homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness. By contrast, in 2019 for the same period, staff were working with four youth who fit this category. This pandemic is having an immediate and real impact on Juneau’s youth.

Our target population for the shelter includes RHY ages 10 to 18. Currently, RHY spend time at ZGYC for meals and support, but most couch surf. The primary goal of the shelter is to provide RHY with immediate access to shelter and comprehensive services to maximize their safety, well-being, self-sufficiency, and adult permanent connections. Our shelter services will include emergency shelter, food, clothing for up to 21 days, counseling and support services, referrals, and aftercare—all within a Culturally Responsive, Trauma Informed, and Positive Youth Development framework.

Each youth will receive an initial health and safety screening and assessment, an individualized plan of care, counseling, and support services. We will actively engage parents and legal guardians, and provide family mediation to facilitate re-unification. Youth will receive educational and employment supports, skill development in areas such as basic living skills, anger management/positive communications, and substance abuse education. Youth will also receive referrals for behavioral health treatment as needed. The ZGYC drop-in center, which is already a popular place for RHY youth to spend time, will provide critical support pre and post discharge as well as serve as a place of intake.

In order to provide the above services in a safe environment during this pandemic, updates to the building will include remodeling bedrooms to be single occupancy spaces in order to meet social distancing needs. Staff offices and youth congregate areas will be designed for social distancing needs as well. The building needs some repair work before it can be occupied. There is rot that needs to be repaired, and the roof ultimately needs to be replaced. The cost of replacing the roof and trusses on only the main building is \$500,000. There are plumbing and electrical repairs needed, and the bathroom and kitchen need to be converted to ADA accessible. The budget for the renovation is \$910,580.

We have already applied for and received a HUD CARES Act grant for part of the renovations that must be expended by 6/30/21. We have applied to the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) for funding and are awaiting their decision. The ACF funds cannot be used for the roof replacement. The operations will be funded by the HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program grant. We plan to be operating and housing youth by the end of the year.

Project Funding Summary:

Reimburse Alaska Legacy Partners	\$165,000
Renovations	\$910,580
HUD CARES Act grant received	\$150,000
Funds remaining to be secured	\$925,580

THRHA is committed to the housing needs of Juneau and the outlying communities in Southeast and believes this proposal is a step in the right direction not only for the Hurlock property but for CBJ to address the needs of our homeless youth during this pandemic. Please feel free to reach out directly to me at jpata@thrha.org or 202-277-9146 with questions or concerns. We look forward to the CBJ's response.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Pata
President/CEO
Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority

St. Vincent de Paul – Funding for Ensuring Housing Units are Available

St. Vincent de Paul operates 101 units of low income housing within the Juneau community. Paul's Place, Strasbaugh, and HillView apartments are LIHTC apartments with strict income limits and requirements to serve the neediest of our community. The Teal Street shelter has 26 units of transitional housing, 13 for families and 13 for individuals. Ages in our shelter currently range from 3 months to 89 years old. Agreements are limited to two years. Attendance in the shelter can range from 45 to 70 people. These units are for people fresh off the streets and homeless. They have an agreement to follow month by month that includes chores, no violence, no substance abuse, and over the course of 10 years over 500 homeless individuals will be served in the shelter alone. Many will transition into other housing units.

COVID has added extra turnover for several reasons. Some large families who have stabilized while living in our shelter have found regular rental options. The stress of the pandemic has led some individuals to return to old unhealthy habits, which has led to greater turnover in the shelter and increased maintenance expenses as we are having greater room damage in some cases. Over the summer we added three homeless couples with newborn infants, at least four homeless adults who had previously been at the Warming Shelter, including an 89-year-old woman, and four seniors into our senior housing unit. Twenty-five-year-old buildings also have maintenance repairs that are necessary to continue housing.

The challenges of maintaining these units is daunting. In the last month we have had two water heaters fail. One, located at Strasbaugh Apartments, is currently replaced by an older version while the replacement is ordered at a cost of \$9500. A second oil-fired water heater had a pump overflow valve malfunction that led to a significant oil spill. We are in the middle of spill mitigation and need to convert the water heater to electric. This water heater heats 7 units in Paul's Place and 13 units of our shelter as well as 2 kitchens, 2 laundry facilities and a shower facility. Replacing this water heater is estimated to cost \$9500 as well.

Next to the water heater utility room is siding that one can stick a finger through. We have taken steps to repair the siding, but to replace the worst of the siding left is estimated at \$48000. We already have had two construction companies look at this siding and are awaiting bids.

There is also some important ventilation improvement needed, both to improve the airflow within kitchens and shared common areas, where improperly installed vents were once an inconvenience but are now a health hazard. We had a recent rainstorm that deposited a significant amount of rain into our attic and would have ruined a newly renovated apartment if not for the quick actions of our maintenance workers who live on site. Ventilation repairs are estimated at \$18,000. Improving airflow will prevent the unnecessary spread of disease within our shelter

These repairs will allow 40 units to remain occupied, most of which are occupied by recently homeless or people who would otherwise be homeless. All these actions can be completed before December 31, 2020.



Juneau Economic Stabilization Task
155 S. Seward St.
Juneau, AK 99801

October 12, 2020

Dear Ms. Thomas, Mr. Mertz, and Task Force Members,

The Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (JCHH) would like to voice support for several projects under consideration at the Juneau Economic Stabilization Task Force. These projects fill gaps exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we believe fit the criteria for CARES Act funding. They also serve Juneau's most vulnerable populations, and those hit hardest by the trauma of COVID.

The JCHH determined the Youth Emergency Shelter is our top priority:

Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority's Youth Emergency Shelter at 9290 Hurlock Ave.

The JCHH has prioritized this project as there are currently no emergency shelter facilities for unaccompanied minors in Juneau. COVID-19 has decreased options for many young people; staying with friends or family is often not possible. Homeless youth are forced to access adult shelters, which are unable to accommodate their age group and can expose vulnerable young people to increased risks. In the face of no safe option, youth must make terrible choices that often compromise their safety in order to have a place to stay.

The following projects are also important in order to safeguard those experiencing homelessness as winter approaches and as the pandemic continues to threaten health and wellness. These projects are not in a priority order, but all have the support of our membership.

St. Vincent de Paul Teal St. Shelter Repairs. Emergency maintenance is required at the SVdP Shelter facility. SVdP needs to replace two water heaters that failed in the last month, fix inadequate siding, and make additional ventilation repairs. Without these repairs, 40 housing units may not be available for recently homeless individuals, including at least 8 people who have transitioned directly from the streets and the Warming Shelter this summer.

Family Promise Day Center. The COVID-19 pandemic limited gathering spaces within congregational spaces, and Family Promise has been operating solely out of Chapel By The Lake, relying on this one facility for day activities, office space, and shelter. Family Promise wants to continue to responsibly utilize congregational spaces for shelter, but requires additional space for daytime activities with families and office space. This request will build in additional resources for Juneau families already struggling with housing instability and COVID related trauma.

The Glory Hall (TGH) Health Insurance. Health Insurance for employees has been an ongoing organizational priority and challenge for the Glory Hall. The Glory Hall does not offer employees health insurance. This results in employees leaving for other jobs which do offer health insurance as well as in recruitment difficulties. Providing employees with health insurance during the time of the pandemic is critical. Glory Hall employees interact directly with the patrons who have been exposed and/or are positive for COVID. They work inside the Glory Hall facility, inside the Housing First Facility, outside of the hotel used for quarantine and isolation while delivering Juneau medical respite meals, and while providing other support to individuals experiencing homelessness. It has become clear that offering health insurance is necessary to operate during the pandemic.

The JCHH is proud to be member-led coalition that values cooperation among providers and community members. We are enthusiastic about these projects because they help provide vulnerable families and youth with food and shelter, which we believe to be basic human rights. COVID has made so many things more difficult for our community; we urge you to consider using CARES funding to help ensure safety for those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Marx". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

Gus Marx, JCHH Co-Chair