



Lake County CDBG Project Funding Request Rebound Residential Treatment Program

One Hope United (OHU) is submitting this application to the Lake County Housing & Community Development Commission for a CDBG grant in the amount of \$84,326 to provide the following much-needed building and exterior facility improvements for the Rebound Transitional Living Program located at 1901 N. Lewis Avenue in Waukegan, IL 60087:

- Acoustic panels for areas in the building that have cathedral height ceilings. These areas are the common areas for Rebound youth to gather as a community for recreation, meals and service needs. Due to the ceiling height and the cinderblock construction, sound travels and echoes in these areas. The din from the conversational (or confrontational) tone of the youth appears to increase agitation among the boys and disrupts office work of the Rebound and foster care staff. Detention and prison environments in Illinois have problems with sound management as congregate areas often have high ceilings. The loud noise in these areas could act as an emotional trigger for the youth served by Rebound and heighten anxiety and agitation. Rebound needs a more soothing environment for traumatized youth. Acoustic panels will help absorb the sound and make the environment less cacophonous.
- The Rebound Program's common areas are in significant need of painting. It has been over a decade since the facility's interior was painted. Doors and door frames are chipping and the common area walls are dirty and worn looking. Providing a clean, calm and soothing environment for Rebound's traumatized youth assists the therapeutic interventions of the staff members. The youth served by the Rebound program have been "throw-away" kids in the foster care system. Having facilities that are warm and attractive lets the youth know that their feelings and comfort is important to the staff members and the agency.
- The facility's exterior needs additional lighting for safety and risk management issues. Rebound youth typically have a history of assaultive behavior and substance abuse. Preventing and knowing who might be lurking around the building or potentially hiding weapons or drugs is essential to the safety of the youth and staff. Increased lighting will help deter the Rebound youth and neighborhood players from engaging in risky and/or illegal behavior.
- The fencing that surrounds the Rebound building is the original dating back to when the facility was first built. The wood and is rotting and falling apart at various points around the facility. These vulnerable parts of the fence line allow community members to enter the Rebound property and doesn't prevent Rebound youth from trespassing on adjoining private property.
- The driveway and parking lot have seriously deteriorated over time leaving gaping potholes and loose gravel. It is not only unattractive and presents a misleading perception about the overall quality of the program and services, but poses a danger to residents, staff and guests of the facility who could misstep and fall into one of the holes and potentially cause an injury.

The postponement of needed repairs and improvements due to budget limitations has gone on for years to the point where former "cosmetic" and regular upkeep of the building and grounds has become a hazard in some circumstances, a detriment to treatment, and an increased risk and liability to the agency. The State of Illinois has failed to stay current with cost of doing business increases for the past two decades. This lack of funding has created the problems cited above.

In FY16, 28 clients were served by Rebound. Currently there are 12 clients who will benefit from the improvements identified along with additional clients who are expected to be served in FY17 and onward, as well as staff, foster care families who use the facility for visits, and members of parenting classes that are held in the Rebound conference room.

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CDBG funds are needed because Illinois remains in a state budget crisis which has limited OHU's ability to address many of the programs' capital needs. If the request is denied, we would continue to seek private funding from individuals, foundations, local businesses and churches.

Following is the proposed implementation schedule for this project:

- Painting of Rebound's Common areas: Completed by 11/30/16
- Installation of acoustical panels: Completed by 12/31/16
- Installment of security exterior lighting: Completed by 11/7/16
- Replacement of fence around Rebound property: Completed by 4/1/17
- Repair of pavement: Completed by 11/15/16

All Rebound residents are at or below CDBG-eligible income levels; some clients work part-time, but the salary they currently receive would qualify them at the poverty level.





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Rebound Residential Treatment Program Budget

Item	Cost
Acoustic panels (20 boxes at \$266.32 each)	\$5,326
Painting of shared residential areas including communal living/group meeting room, kitchen, shared washrooms, entertainment room and hallways/entry areas	\$10,000
Exterior lighting	\$10,000
Fencing	\$10,000
Driveway and parking lot resurfacing	\$15,000
HVAC System	<u>\$34,000</u>
TOTAL	\$84,326