



Lake County CDBG Project Funding Request Residential Step Down 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 \$35,000 to provide the following items and renovations that are needed for a Step Down Program group home located at 215 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Lake Villa, IL 60046:

Complete outfitting of six living units including furniture and bedding; living room furniture and a television set for the common area; dishware, small appliances, kitchen tables and chairs, etc. for the dining room area; minor renovations throughout the home and cosmetic treatments for three bathrooms; and a commercial washing machine and dryer. OHU has an agency-wide commitment to environmental sustainability practices and will ensure that all items and materials purchased with this funding, as appropriate, will be energy efficient in order to reduce long-term operating costs and diminish our environmental footprint.

Residents of the residential Step Down Program are all male wards of the State of Illinois ages 16-19 who are being stepped down to a lower level of care. These youth have mental health diagnoses and related issues, and some may have been previously homeless. This program will better meet the needs of these clients in terms of creating a space that is home-like and welcoming - one that reflects the overcoming spirit of the youth who will reside in the home and takes into account their developmental needs. The home has six individual bedrooms and it is anticipated that six to nine clients will receive serves each year.

CDBG funds are needed because Illinois remains in a state budget crisis which has limited OHU's ability to address many of its programs' capital needs and the reimbursement rate for step down services doesn't fully cover actual costs. If the request is denied, we would continue to seek private funding from individuals, foundations, local businesses and churches. This project can be completed within a few months of receiving funding.

All residents are at or below CDBG-eligible income levels as they are wards of the state with limited resources.





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Residential Step Down Program Budget

| Item | Cost |
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| Living room furniture, television set for the common area, adjoining bedrooms | \$2,000 |
| Tables, chairs, etc. for dining room area | \$500 |
| Cosmetic treatments for 3 bathrooms | \$500 |
| Commercial washing machine and dryer | \$2,000 |
| Minor renovations, dishware and small appliances for kitchen | \$1,000 |
| Complete outfitting of six living units, including furniture and bedding | <u>\$29,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$35,000 |