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## Application for Neighborhood and Community Development Funds

Applications should be submitted electronically to [cdbg@cityofmadison.com](mailto:cdbg@cityofmadison.com) by 12:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and will be reviewed by the CDBG Committee on the first Thursday of the following month.

Program Title: Emergency Homeless Property Storage  
Amount Requested: \$25,000.00 one year budget  
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1. **Program Abstract:** Provide an overview of the project. Identify the community need to be addressed. Summarize the program's major purpose in terms of need to be addressed, the goals, procedures to be utilized, and the expected outcomes. Limit response to 150 words.

402 East Washington Avenue is the perfect location for a primary/emergency necessities outlet for homeless person who must sleep outside, or are at risk for outdoor exposure, and a centralized office for emergency outdoor homelessness needs.

Project overview: An office location and storage area for emergency homelessness needs in the downtown area. What I plan to hold for homeless individuals is winter sleeping gear, and other associated homeless gear. Along with this, I expect to attain sleeping gear by donation, purchase, or a combination of both. Also, carrying items such as carts or wagons, and to try to keep that location specifically for the storage of emergency/overnight gear, plus a minimal amount of personal property space for each individual, adjusting according to space availability. I work closely with Occupy Madison, Sanctuary, and Shine 608, and do see that they are expecting to have more storage space available at the 1202 Williamson Street location. I foresee that as being an expensive sole location for homeless property storage, however, due to the excessive travel costs necessary for homeless persons to regularly avail themselves to it. The time inconvenience of that location being the sole storage option should be considered here, too. Homeless persons do, though, need space to store things like extra clothes, coats, personal/business property, files or other paperwork, etc., and the Williamson Street location is a good secondary homeless storage area, but, with Emergency Homeless Property Storage downtown, there will be: a). money saved, having less travel costs, because of less use of the Willy Street location for homeless property storage, and, b). more space being made available for that location, and it's purpose, by putting an Emergency Homeless Property Storage up here. (sleeping gear can take up a lot of space.) c). the community need to be addressed works two fold: 1. Outdoor homeless persons will no longer have to look homeless, by neither having to sit and watch their belongings instead of pursuing other alternatives, suffer the consequences of leaving their gear outside, nor having to carry excessive belongings with them, and will suffer less distress, having a spot to take their things each day, that is safe and dry. 2. The public will not have a constant reminder of the volume of persons in distress, due to outdoor homelessness, in fact, their distress regarding homelessness will reduce, seeing that the distress of outdoor homelessness is, itself, reduced.

I also hope and plan to have this space available as an emergency contact, where, persons who've suddenly become homeless outside (and it does happen), may have an available outlet, so that they are never left outside without proper gear.

My goals procedures, are to continue to work closely with Occupy Madison, Sanctuary, and Shine 608, to ensure that we, together, will meet all of the needs of the homeless, in Madison, if possible, all of Dane County, one step at a time, and to meet the most emergency needs first.

The expected outcomes: I express expected outcomes as reducing homelessness distress, fatigue, and, the actual health problems associated with homelessness. These are huge barriers in finding work and housing. Frustration, hopelessness, and restrictions beyond reason, cause a loss of incentives to search for work and housing. Many of these people have simply given up, have decided they are stuck, with no choices. It is it's own particular type of depression, and I intend to change that. Outdoor homelessness associated depression interferes with a person's progress in their life, and their life itself sometimes. This plan is sure to raise spirits, by giving a spot that is easy to get to, is open long hours, and will give the proper attention to persons who know how homelessness is.

2. **Target Population:** Identify the projected target population for this program in terms of age, residency, race, income eligibility criteria, and other unique characteristics or sub-groups.

The age of a homeless person can range from 18, to as old as one can survive without help from a nursing home. It can be new to them, or used by victims of chronic homelessness. Homeless persons can come in from outer cities, even outer states or countries. But Madison suffers chronic homelessness by plenty of our most rooted natives, too. It happens in all colors, races, sizes, genders and gender preferences. Most persons who can afford to live indoors will, and if they simply have other reasons for not having an indoor place to live. social services could come into play, as well as therapeutic counseling, goal orientated life planning strategies. Other homeless services for job training and housing searches fail to recognize the true problems associated with finding jobs and housing, the associated depression. I will set priority to persons who have been the most poor and have been outside for the longest period of time. Some people who are homeless have a small income, and can maintain some sense of integrity, although, are disabled. Many have no income, and that raises the depression level in most. The crime level is up, obviously from lack of income/available low income housing, which I also look to help alleviate. If it appears easier to be homeless than to commit crime, crime, drug sales and prostitution, will reduce. I have high hopes of success here. Once the worst of the crisis of homelessness is eliminated, persons of all homelessness types, can begin to move toward their goals in life.

# unduplicated individuals estimated to be served by this project.

25 to 75

Each person could have a 3' X 6" amount of space, in an approximate total of 300 square feet of floor space, this project location will serve at least 25 people, and could double or triple that, if shelving were to be put in. as needed.

# unduplicated households estimated to be served by this project.

It may reduce the stress and apprehension of fighting an eviction, to see that being homeless doesn't have to be the crisis that is currently is. The shock and trauma of an illegal eviction can lead a person from bad to worse, and live for years in the despair of homelessness and isolation. Even a legitimate eviction shouldn't have to cause a person to sink into a life of hopelessness and despair. It can also reduce the probability of "hostage housing" situations, leaving a better chance for persons to live in peace who have housing and don't want lose that to persons with reckless lifestyles, but don't have the strength to fight them. I can't give this a number, but effectively it is worth it to take notice to this category.

\* Re: duplicated proposal. I sent, by email, another application for this address, that asked for the rent, security deposit, and furnishings for an office space to study and assist in environmentalism, and, for a natural foods grocery store, two doors down. I'm a little confused. I do not know if this is an application for the Block Grant funds, or, if the possibility exists to use this fund for matching funds onto a block grant application., because of the fact that it may be left over funds from last year, that it may be funds geared toward homelessness specifically, or if there is yet another source that I must find for a match, or even if this one requires the 25% match.

Can you please help?

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