

**PROPOSAL REVIEW: Individual Staff Review for 2011-2012
For Community Resources Proposals to be Submitted to the
CDBG Committee**

1. **Program Name:** Housing Operations (also combines SRO Housing & Support Services)

2. **Agency Name:** Porchlight, Inc.

3. **Requested Amounts:** 2011: \$89,636
combined amts 2012: \$91,428 **Prior Year Level: \$87,026**

4. **Project Type:** New Continuing

5. **Framework Plan Objective Most Directly Addressed by Proposed by Activity:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Housing – Owner – occupied housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Improvement of services to homeless and special populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Housing – Housing for homebuyers | <input type="checkbox"/> X. Access to Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Housing – Rental housing | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Physical improvement of community service facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Business development and job creation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Economic development of small businesses | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> L. Revitalization of strategic areas | |

6. **Anticipated Accomplishments (Proposed Service Goals)**

65% of residents in scattered-site transitional housing will move into stable housing; 77% of residents in scattered-site supportive permanent housing will maintain housing at 12 months; and 80% of formerly homeless residents living at 306 N. Brooks Street SRO housing will maintain housing at 6 months.

7. **To what extent does the proposal meet the Objectives of the Community Development Program Goals and Priorities for 2011-2012?**

Staff Comments: Outcome objective J. Stabilization or improvement of the housing situation of homeless individuals. Porchlight's supportive housing program provides affordable housing and case management for formerly homeless individuals and families with children, many with AODA and mental health issues; funds will be used to provide support services to increase the probability that formerly homeless households obtain and maintain stable housing meeting the CD objective.

8. **To what extent is the proposed program design and work plan sufficiently detailed to demonstrate the ability to result in a positive impact on the need or problem identified?**

Staff Comments: Porchlight combines affordable housing with supportive services provided by qualified staff supervised by staff with Master's Degree in Social Work and 19 years experience working with target population. Outcomes reported by Porchlight have or met or exceeded the standard of 75% housing stability at 6 months and 65% housing stability at 12 months.

9. **To what extent does the proposal include objectives that are realistic and measurable and are likely to be achieved within the proposed timeline?**

Staff Comments: Outcomes are measurable and enhanced by the use of a homeless information management system (WISP) used statewide by agencies providing services to homeless.

10. **To what extent do the agency, staff and/or Board experience, qualifications, past performance and capacity indicate probable success of the proposal?**

Staff Comments: Porchlight has a small staff turnover rate with case management staff; supervisors have 10-20 years working with target population.

11. **To what extent is the agency's proposed budget reasonable and realistic, able to leverage additional resources, and demonstrate sound fiscal planning and management?**

Staff Comments: City funds are 10% of Porchlight's housing program with a large portion of funding from Porchlight fundraising efforts and rental income from participants. Porchlight's annual fiscal audit has not indicated any outstanding issues, nor have any issues been uncovered in previous monitoring visits.

12. **To what extent does the agency's proposal demonstrate efforts and success at securing a diverse array of support, including volunteers, in-kind support and securing partnerships with agencies and community groups?**

Staff Comments: Porchlight has partnered with a number of health care providers and the UW School of Medicine to provide medical treatment to many of their residents. Volunteers are also part of maintenance and improvements the scattered sites. Porchlight has a history of strong partnerships with faith communities and service organizations.

13. To what extent does the applicant propose services that are accessible and appropriate to the needs of low income individuals, culturally diverse populations and/or populations with specific language barriers and/or physical or mental disabilities?

Staff Comments: Porchlight has many housing units that are accessible to physically handicapped. Porchlight staff is educated in working with the targeted population, many of whom suffer from mental illness, physical illness and/or addictions.

14. To what extent does the proposal meet the technical and regulatory requirements and unit cost limits as applicable? To what extent is there clear and precise proposal information to determine eligibility?

Staff Comments: Porchlight is used to complying with funding rules and regulations and have been monitored and audited by the City and HUD with no significant findings or concerns.

15. To what extent is the site identified for the proposed project appropriate in terms of minimizing negative environmental issues, relocation and neighborhood or public concerns?

Staff Comments: Program has 23 scattered sites with 240 units of housing plus SRO units at 306 N. Brooks Street.

16. Other comments:

Questions:

17. Staff Recommendation

Not recommended for consideration

Recommend for consideration

Recommend with Qualifications
Suggested Qualifications: