

**2014 STAFF REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR  
COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUNDS  
(Housing Development Funds, Affordable Housing Trust Funds, Facility Acquisition/Rehab Funds, Futures Funds)**

1. **Project Name/Title:** Emergency Homeless Property
2. **Agency Name:** Vegan Haven Central, Inc.
3. **Requested Amount:** \$150,000
4. **Project Type:**  New  Continuing
5. **Framework Plan Objective Most Directly Addressed by Proposed Activity:** Improvement of services to homeless and special populations.  
**Product/Service Description:** Creation of a downtown facility for a multitude of functions for homeless individuals. Facility includes a 24 hour emergency shelter, an emergency family shelter, a resource center and a small business start-up space.
6. **Anticipated Accomplishments (Numbers/Type/Outcome):** 90 individuals
8. **Staff Review**

The applicant submitted an email on January 9 describing a large project including a bus hub, an office for homeless service planning, an agriculture project and an environmental project. The applicant was advised to complete a Reserve Fund application and was given several copies for her reference. The applicant submitted the first page of the application on January 26. On February 26, the applicant submitted a memo outlining a more robust project.

CDBG staff met with Ms. Elkinton to respond to her requests to apply for funds for her proposed projects as well as saw her on a walk in basis to explain the process for applying for funds including the need to complete a full application and the CDBG Office Goals and Priorities and accompanying procedural requirements for developing a project eligible for funding..

The proposed project activity has varied over time but each continues to focus on serving the homeless. It appears that the most recent memo of February 26 requests assistance with establishing a downtown shelter facility that would include a 24 hour shelter for men, a shelter for homeless families, a resource center and an experimental small business start up center.

Dane County has the lead, with coordination with the City, for planning for the new Daycenter facility that would accommodate many of these same functions.

The request is for \$150,000 but no budget is provided.

It is unclear if this is a 501(c)(3) organization. There would need to be a functioning Board of Directors that is overseeing this project.

**Total Cost/Total Beneficiaries Equals: unknown**  
**CD Office Funds/CD-Eligible Beneficiaries Equals: \$150,000 / 90 individuals = \$1,667 per person**  
**CD Office Funds as Percentage of Total Budget: unknown**

9. **Staff recommendation:**  
 Recommend funding at \$0.

