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* 3. Date Received: 05/17/2021		4. Applicant Identifier: _____
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 811752380		5b. Federal Award Identifier: 2496662sn22
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: _____		7. State Application Identifier: _____
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Alternative Earth, Inc.		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 81-1752380		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0082918020000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 6123 Annan Way		
Street2: _____		
* City: los angeles		
County/Parish: _____		
* State: CA: California		
Province: _____		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 90042-1349		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: _____		Division Name: _____
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Chief Geronimo		
Middle Name: Thomas		
* Last Name: Langenderfer		
Suffix: _____		
Title: Chief Financial Executive		
Organizational Affiliation: Mendocino Indian Reservation		
* Telephone Number: 707-679-8229		Fax Number: _____
* Email: chief@altearth.org		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

I: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

M: Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*** Other (specify):**

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Veterans Administration

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program Special Need Grant

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

VA-GPD-SN-FY2021

*** Title:**

GPD Special Need Grant
Department of Veterans Affairs
Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Welcome Home Special Needs Veterans

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

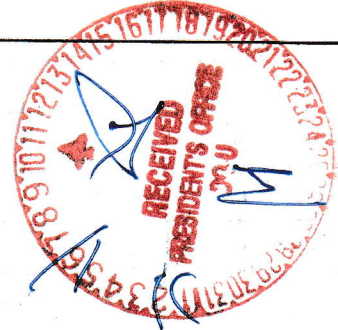
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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,100,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="175,000.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,275,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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Documents

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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Overview

Amount Requested: \$1,100,000.00

Station Number:

SITE NARRATIVE

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In addition to frail veterans, we will serve women veterans, then veterans with dependents, then if space is available, veterans without special needs.

HMS

We will participate with the HMS to maximize our efficiency and services.

APPLICATION DESIGN

We will accomplish the following objectives. First and foremost, we will become an active member of the Lake County Continuum of Care (LCCOC) because we realize that no single organization can reduce the amount of homelessness in any meaningful way given the plethora of factors which contribute to homelessness.

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to help us to identify veterans who meet the definition of special needs as well as registering with veterans hotlines and other agencies that service veterans. In addition, we will make routine visits to areas where homeless people congregate. Currently, we rely on church fellowship halls and community members with unused bedrooms to help us provide for the homeless people we service. The grant will enable us to provide not only for special needs veterans but also other homeless veterans and to change the revolving door to a permanent residence.

VA announces the availability of approximately \$5 million per year for three years in new special need grants to eligible entities for per diem payments to facilitate housing stabilization for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who are in one of the special need populations (i.e., chronically mentally ill, frail elderly, individuals who have care of minor dependents, terminally ill or women). This funding will provide assistance to cover operational costs including costs that would not otherwise be incurred, but for the fact that the recipient is providing supportive housing beds in private rooms with private bathrooms for a homeless Veteran population with special needs. VA expects to award per diem for approximately 135 beds across approximately 10-15 grants with this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Each application must include a minimum of five special need beds and up to a maximum of 10 special need beds per VA medical facility catchment area, per each applicant's Employer Identification Number (EIN). Each application must propose to serve one special need population. The various special needs populations are defined in 38 CFR 61.1 and are summarized in this NOFO.

Each applicant may request the lesser of one hundred percent of the daily cost of care for furnishing services to homeless Veterans with special needs; or two times the current VA State Home Program per diem rate for domiciliary care as set by the Secretary under 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 2012 and 38 U.S.C. 1741(a)(1), which at the time of this NOFO publication would be two times \$49.91 per day as shown on the GPD program website at: www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp. The per diem payment calculation may be found at 38 CFR 61.33. The maximum amount of per diem requested must not exceed the cost of care or \$1,100,000 total costs for the entire three-year grant period, whichever is less, based on variables such as the average number of beds to be provided as stated in the grant application and the current per diem rate maximum. Applicants may request no more than the cost of care or \$110,000 total costs per bed over the entire three-year grant period, whichever is less, based on variables such as the average number of beds to be provided as stated in the grant application and the current per diem rate maximum.

The special need beds supported under this grant must be in private rooms with private bathrooms including the following characteristics:

1. The minimum square footage for the private bedroom and private bathroom combined is 120 square feet. The bedroom and bathroom do not need to be attached, in which case the walkway would not usually count toward the square footage calculation.
2. The bathroom must include shower and/or tub, sink and toilet.
3. Neither the bedroom nor the bathroom facilities may be shared (e.g., no shared sink area outside the toilet room).
4. Rooms with partial walls are not acceptable. Walls must go floor-to-ceiling. Rooms must have a door and not involve unauthorized passage through another dwelling unit.

Open Date

Please note, the open date for applications are listed in **Eastern Time (ET)**.

03/04/2021 14:00

Due Date

Please note, all listed deadline dates and times are in **Eastern Time (ET)**.

05/05/2021 16:01

We will insure that all veterans present us with a DD214 which we will assist them in getting. In emergencies, we will accept a VA identification card or some other proof that they have received healthcare through the VA. GPD grant assistance will enable us to expand our services by providing a fixed place of residence for homeless veterans and by using community resources, help those veterans to transition to permanent housing. We have the land to erect permanent energy efficient housing on which we can help veterans realize the American dream of home ownership. The GPD grant will enable us to provide not only housing, but other services needed to assist veterans transition to permanent housing.

NEED

In the Committee Report to the “Ending Homelessness Act of 2019,” Congress declared the critical need for increased funding to deal with the United States’ homelessness crisis:

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reached a state of emergency; and

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The problem of veteran homelessness persists. We declare that not a single veteran should be homeless and sleeping under bridges, in alleys, or in empty and abandoned buildings. According to the Veterans Administration (“VA”), “The most recent PIT [Point-in-Time] Count was conducted in January 2018. This national snapshot of Veteran homelessness showed that:”

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And while the VA notes a decrease in homelessness among veterans between 2017 and 2018, the matter is still considered a crisis, id. In the eyes of our organization, even one homeless veteran is too many. Hence, the need for continuing to work hard and increase funding sources to combat homelessness among those who “... shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.” We seek to do just that in this grant proposal.

SPECIAL NEED

We have been involved in homelessness for many years so we are well aware of the persisting problem. The United Veterans Council of Lake County has noted the need

for for shelters for particular groups of peoples with special needs

(<https://www.uvcllc.org/lake-county-help/shelters/>). The LCCOC notes that Lake County has the second lowest rate of home ownership in California

(<https://www.lakecoc.org/housing-fact-sheet>). It notes further that "About one in ten Lake County public school children are homeless, more than double the state rate of 4% and higher than neighboring counties." Further, "Total homeless population in Lake County, [is]enough to fill about 50 school buses and about the same as the population of Kelseyville." Finally, the COC advises that "Average annual cost to taxpayers for a chronically homeless person can be reduced by about 50% when homeless individuals are placed in supportive housing." (Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness.)

The GPD grant will enable us to provide that supportive housing for veterans with special needs given that our survey did not reveal an existing homelessness program designed specifically for veterans.

PROJECT PLAN

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3. To open paths for the community to participate more regularly in meaningful, productive activities.

4. To discover resources and skills for solving personal and interpersonal problems.

5. To discover academic success through educational therapy skill builders that will promote self-esteem

in our community as well as offer tutorial assistance where needed.

6. To discover role models within the community, city, state, and nation.

7. To discover pride and awareness in each person's heritage.

8. To implement mentoring projects, retreats, cultivation of arts and humanities by participation in art festivals and similar endeavors.

We will use the definition of veteran contained in 38 CFR 61.41 and we will require a DD214 to ensure

eligibility. We will assist in the acquisition of the DD214. We will also use the definitions contained in 38

CFR 61.41 to identify frail veterans, women veterans, and veterans with dependents.

Services will be provided as regularly as needed. However, each veteran who is able, must attend a job

search activity at least three times a week and housing counseling at least once a week. Those who

reveal trouble with addiction will be required to attend weekly therapy sessions. We will provide

transportation to and from all activities as well as medical appointments. We will use existing resources

such as employment services, housing counseling services for our veterans.

We will have a part-time

dietician for meal planning, especially those whose condition or preference require special diets.

Ordinarily we would not be offering employment, permanent housing activities, and meal planning as

regular activities which are now needed for the special needs veterans we hope to be serving. All

persons associated with our activities and services will be required to meet the minimum qualifications

of their profession or craft.

In summary, we offer Housing, Housing Community Services connections, resume writing/Interview

practice, budgeting, and Christian education. Using professional personnel that are trained and skilled in

the above areas of concerns. In addition, we provide teachers/life skill coaches, business office/training center networking with like minded organizations in the community. We also provide procedures and processes ensuring we are maintaining the rules and guidance dedicated by our State concerning Covid-19 requirements for our daily operations in the home as well as the office.

PROJECT PLAN

Previously, we have provided housing services to whoever contacted us. Now, with the GPD grant, we will seek out veterans with special needs as defined in the requirements for the GPD. We will use the standard definition for homelessness and will screen each veteran to make sure we can accommodate and serve the needs of that particular veteran. Particular attention will be paid to frail veterans to make sure we can serve their needs and if not, we will seek placement in a VA facility or appropriate private facility.

PROJECT PLAN

We will employ a Veterans Coordinator who will develop an ISP for each veteran in conjunction with a RN and dietician. We will use an appropriate computer-based monitoring system to maintain data on each veteran as well as services provided, when

and by whom. The Program Director will review these notes from time to time to assess the progress of each veteran and will hold weekly review sessions with the Veterans Coordinator, RN and dietician to monitor the progress of each veteran and make any changes needed to keep the veteran moving forward.

PROJECT PLAN

We will provide policies to prohibit the use of alcohol and illicit drugs on site and during any of our programs. Smoking will be allowed only in designated areas. Violators will be given additional attention and treatment if needed. Discharge will be a last resort reserved for the most egregious and persistent violator. After all, our mission is to assist veterans to recognize and to overcome those factors which have contributed to their homelessness.

PROJECT PLAN

All of the services we are offering are because of the GPD grant because previously we were mostly a referral agency, though we did at times provide funds for a few nights in a motel for a homeless person when we could not find an available bed in a shelter. We will work with local agencies and organizations to develop a plan for transitioning veterans to permanent housing. For the frail veteran, we will strive to get them into assisted living facilities, including VA aged homes. We will be seeking additional funding to build energy efficient, environmentally friendly homes on our Reservation to house veterans where they can have a community garden to grow some

of their own fruits and vegetables. We anticipate a timeline of six to nine months to transition a veteran from homelessness to permanent housing.

OUTREACH

To reach our goals, we will become an active member of LCCOC. We realize that no single organization can reduce the amount of homelessness in any meaningful way given the plethora of factors which contribute to homelessness. LCCOC is a continuum of care (COC) for organizations serving homeless people and provides excellent resources with which to interact with those organizations. Another reason why joining LCCOC is critical is because of the need to modify how homelessness is counted. Those in transitional and stable housing should no longer be counted among the homeless. This means that those organizations which allow people to remain for six months or longer should count those persons as being in transitional housing rather than being homeless. Thus, because our program envisions keeping veterans for nine months, at six months those veterans will be removed from the homeless statistics which will contribute to the COC's overall mission of reducing homelessness.

ABILITY

Traditionally, we serve and support the poor and vulnerable population by providing quality, integrated services and housing. Our focus is on those underrepresented individuals, and communities struggling with poverty and homeless. However, we recently launched a more comprehensive housing strategy which includes providing direct housing services and care rather than our traditional strategy of being a referral agency. However, we have created the following as our plan of evaluation of our overall housing initiative. Program evaluation will occur in various ways. First and foremost, those who come to live at the community will be documented as having been homeless before their arrival. In addition, a file will be

established on each person and all activities and services engaged in by the person will be documented.

The executive director will publish online a report every six months outlining the progress of the organization and the number of people served. And of course, the organization's website will be enhanced so that those who spend at least one night with usI can post their own evaluations of our program.

In addition, each person who leaves the community will be followed and reported on for one year, three years, and five years and the goal is that the person has not lacked "a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence" since leaving the community. In other words, the person has not lapsed back into homelessness.

ABILITY

Our plan is still under development. We have an executive director who is well versed in all things related to Human Resources and we are confident we will have soon a fine-tuned plan.

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Application Summary

Total amount requested for the entire three-year period (cannot exceed amount described in Funding Restrictions Section B; **limited to \$110,000 per bed and \$1,100,000 total request**).

\$1,100,000

Station Number

Name and station number of the VAMC where the special need beds will be located.

662 - San Francisco, CA

VISN

VISN 22: Desert Pacific Healthcare Network

Continuum of Care

Name(s) and number(s) of the Continuum of Care (CoC) of where the special need beds will be located.

(CA-501) San Francisco CoC, (CA-529) Lake County CoC

Project Summary

SAM CAGE Code

Commercial And Government Entity (CAGE) Code is a **five-character ID number** assigned by the System for Award Management (SAM.gov)

7Q092

SAM Expiration Date

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VHA Homeless Grants: SSVF and GPD

Application Summary

Program: Grant and Per Diem

Due Date: 05/05/2021 16:01

Organization Name: Alternative Earth

DUNS: 8291802

Tax ID/EIN: 811752380

FAIN/Grant ID: -2496-662-SN-22

Instructions

Applications for grants must be received by the GPD National Program Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 5, 2021.

In the interest of fairness to all, this deadline is firm as to date and hour. VA will treat any application that is received after the deadline as ineligible. Applicants should take this practice into account and submit their materials early to avoid the risk of unanticipated delays, computer service outages or other submission-related problems that might result in ineligibility. Applications must be submitted as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected or not funded.

The required documentation for an application submission is outlined in the Application Documentation Required section of the NOFO. Standard forms, which must be included as part of a complete application package, may be downloaded directly from VA's GPD program website at: www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp. Questions may be referred to the GPD National Program Office at: GPDGrants@va.gov. For detailed GPD program information and requirements, see 38 CFR part 61. Submission of an incorrect, incomplete, inconsistent, unclear or incorrectly formatted application package will result in the application being rejected.

Overview

Amount Requested

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04/05/2022

Special need population proposed

Frail Elderly

Number of beds requested for the entire 3-year period

Must request a **minimum of 5 beds** and a **maximum of 10 beds**

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Site Address

Address(es) of sites where the special need beds will be located: address, city, state, zip code + four-digit extension, county, congressional district.

Site Address 1

TBD

State 1

California

Zip Code 1

95422

County 1

Lake

Congressional District 1

02

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Site Address 2 (optional)

If applicable, list a second site address where the special need beds will be located: address, city, state, zip code + four-digit extension, county, congressional district.

Site Address 2

City 2

State 2

Please Select

Zip Code 2

County 2

Please Select

Congressional District 2

Please Select

Site Narrative

Per location, a description of how the facility's participant living space will be configured. Include the square footage of the room, confirmation that each special need bed is in a private room with a private bath and other details about the private and shared spaces in the facility for these Veterans.

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Need

In approximately 500 words, describe how this project's proposed special need population and bed numbers are tailored to the particular needs of the CoC(s). Describe how this project will fit with the strategy of the CoC(s) to end homelessness. Cite reliable data from surveys of homeless populations or other reports or data-gathering mechanisms.

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Site Narrative

Per location, description of any additional populations or types of housing being served/provided from other non-GPD sources of funding at this location (e.g., children, women, permanent housing, contract care).

In addition to frail veterans, we will serve women veterans, then veterans with dependents, then if space is available, veterans without special needs.

Application Design

Abstract

In approximately 500 words, provide a brief abstract of the proposed project. As applicable, include a discussion of the population, multiple sites, multiple CoCs and/or other information relevant to an understanding of the overall project. Include a summary of how the project will accomplish the program goals and objective. Summarize how the proposed project will follow the population definitions that are stated in the GPD regulations (38 CFR 61.1). Summarize how grant assistance will support operational costs that would not otherwise be incurred but for the fact that supportive housing beds and services are proposed for a homeless Veteran population with special needs (38 CFR 61.41(c)-(g)).

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Project Plan

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In approximately 2,000 words, provide a list of the supportive services offered to the proposed special need population. This list should include a brief description of the service; the minimum frequency that the service will be offered; and the job title, including minimum credentials of the individual(s) that will be providing the service. Which of the supportive services, if any, are being offered because of the proposed special need population and would not otherwise be offered? Demonstrate how the population definition from the GPD regulations (38 CFR 61.1) is met, if applicable.

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In approximately 500 words, describe your agency's involvement in the Coordinated Assessment/Entry efforts of the CoC(s) named in Project Summary. How does the proposed special need project fit into each CoC's plan to end homelessness? Be specific about how the outreach efforts are tailored to the special need population and to the Coordinated Assessment/Entry efforts of the CoC(s).

To reach our goals, we will become an active member of LCCOC. We realize that no single organization can reduce the amount of homelessness in any meaningful way given the plethora of factors which contribute to homelessness. LCCOC is a continuum of care (COC) for organizations serving homeless people and provides excellent resources with which to interact with those organizations.

Another reason why joining LCCOC is critical is because of the need to modify how homelessness is counted. Those in transitional and stable housing should no longer be counted among the homeless. This means that those organizations which allow people to remain for six months or longer should count those persons as being in transitional housing rather than being homeless. Thus, because our program envisions keeping veterans for nine months, at six months those veterans will be removed from the homeless statistics which will contribute to the COC's overall mission of reducing homelessness.

Ability

In approximately 500 words, describe your agency's previous experience with evaluating the progress of both individual participants and overall program effectiveness through using quality and performance data to make changes. Describe your agency's experience with meeting past performance goals. Do not include with the application past inspection forms nor past VA performance reports.

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We will offer and coordinate a host of services that address the needs of each homeless person. These services include:

1. To help the hopeless feel loved and accepted.
2. To provide continuing education through recreation, crafts, academics, and indigenous self-leadership development.
3. To open paths for the community to participate more regularly in meaningful, productive activities.
4. To discover resources and skills for solving personal and interpersonal problems.
5. To discover academic success through educational therapy skill builders that will promote self-esteem in our community as well as offer tutorial assistance where needed.
6. To discover role models within the community, city, state, and nation.
7. To discover pride and awareness in each person's heritage.
8. To implement mentoring projects, retreats, cultivation of arts and humanities by participation in art festivals and similar endeavors.

We will use the definition of veteran contained in 38 CFR 61.41 and we will require a DD214 to ensure eligibility. We will assist in the acquisition of the DD214. We will also use the definitions contained in 38 CFR 61.41 to identify frail veterans, women veterans, and veterans with dependents.

Services will be provided as regularly as needed. However, each veteran who is able, must attend a job search activity at least three times a week and housing counseling at least once a week. Those who reveal trouble with addiction will be required to attend weekly therapy sessions. We will provide transportation to and from all activities as well as medical appointments. We will use existing resources such as employment services, housing counseling services for our veterans. We will have a part-time dietician for meal planning, especially those whose condition or preference require special diets. Ordinarily we would not be offering employment, permanent housing activities, and meal planning as regular activities which are now needed for the special needs veterans we hope to be serving. All persons associated with our activities and services will be required to meet the minimum qualifications of their profession or craft.

In summary, we offer Housing, Housing Community Services connections, resume writing/Interview practice, budgeting, and Christian education. Using professional personnel that are trained and skilled in the above areas of concerns. In addition, we provide teachers/life skill coaches, business office/training center networking with like minded organizations in the community. We also provide procedures and processes ensuring we are maintaining the rules and guidance dedicated by our State concerning Covid-19 requirements for our daily operations in the home as well as the office.

Outreach

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Traditionally, we serve and support the poor and vulnerable population by providing quality, integrated services and housing. Our focus is on those underrepresented individuals, and communities struggling with poverty and homeless. However, we recently launched a more comprehensive housing strategy which includes providing direct housing services and care rather than our traditional strategy of being a referral agency. However, we have created the following as our plan of evaluation of our overall housing initiative.

Program evaluation will occur in various ways. First and foremost, those who come to live at the community will be documented as having been homeless before their arrival. In addition, a file will be established on each person and all activities and services engaged in by the person will be documented. The executive director will publish online a report every six months outlining the progress of the organization and the number of people served. And of course, the organization's website will be enhanced so that those who spend at least one night with us can post their own evaluations of our program.

In addition, each person who leaves the community will be followed and reported on for one year, three years, and five years and the goal is that the person has not lacked "a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence" since leaving the community. In other words, the person has not lapsed back into homelessness.

Ability

In approximately 500 words, describe the organization's staff development plan to help staff gain and maintain the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide culturally competent and relevant related services to people impacted by racial inequity. Include details on how staff will participate in specific training activities.

Our plan is still under development. We have an executive director who is well versed in all things related to Human Resources and we are confident we will have soon a fine-tuned plan.

Coordination

Coordination—In approximately 500 words, describe how your process is designed to share information on available resources and reduce duplication among programs that serve homeless Veterans. Applicants who wish to provide a letter of coordination from the local CoC(s) may attach a letter(s) at the end of the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to allow as much time as possible, and no less than 30 days, for a CoC to provide a letter of coordination. All application materials must be submitted together in a single package by the due date and time. Any materials arriving separately or late will not be accepted as part of the application.

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By signing and submitting this application for Federal assistance, I agree to the following:

- a. Beds requested in this application do not duplicate beds awarded under any other GPD transitional housing grant (e.g., per diem only, transition in place).
- b. If awarded, the grant will be used principally to furnish Veterans the level of care described in the application.
- c. No more than 25 percent of the grant awarded beds will be occupied by non-veterans.
- d. The population definitions from the GPD regulations (38 CFR 61.1) will be met at all times as applicable.
- e. We are willing and able to comply with the requirements of 38 CFR part 61 and other applicable laws, regulations and policies, including inspections and Life Safety Code.

Yes

GPD Staffing Plan

	Job Title	Brief (1-2 sentence) description of responsibilities	Education Level	Hours per week allocated to GPD project (40 hours equals full-time)	Amount of annual salary allocated to the GPD project per year	Amount of salary for the full-time position per year
ex	Case manager	<i>Responsible for working with the Veteran to develop and monitor an individual service plan and to adjust the plan as needed. Coordinates support with other community agencies.</i>	BSW	30 hours	\$60,000	\$80,000
1	Executive Director	Overall program management, coordination, responsibility for outcomes and interaction with funding Agency.	MHC, BSW	20 hours	\$37,500	\$75,000
2	Case Manager	Responsible for working with the Veterans to develop and monitor an individual service plan and to adjust the plan as needed. Coordinates support with other community agencies.	BSW	20 hours	\$35,000	\$69,666
3	Houses Manager	Responsible for house activities ordering food and other household needs	H.S. 2 yrs. experience	40 hours	\$50,000	\$50,000
4	Drivers (2)	Responsible for getting the Veterans to and from appointments and other activities.	H.S.	20 hours each or as needed \$12.00 per hour		
5	Cook	Prepares meals in conjunction with the dietitian's meal plans and orders foods and supervises cook assistants.	H.S.	40 hours	\$38,000	\$38,000
6	Cook Assistants (2)	Prepares meals under the supervision of the Cook	H.S.	20 hours each \$15.00	\$31,200	\$62,400
7	Registered Dietician	Interviews each Veteran to determine if specialized meal plan is needed then presents recommendations to cook and sets broad guidelines for healthy cooking and eating.	B.S., preferably M.S.	Initially, 15 hours then as needed. \$75.00 per hour	\$20,000	N/A

GPD Staffing Plan

8	Registered Nurse	Interviews each veteran to assess needs to be identified in the ISP. Monitors vital signs of veterans and make sure they are taking medications as prescribed as well as establishing appropriate physical activities.	Graduation from an accredited nursing program and possess the required licensing.	40 hours per week	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
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