



Project Turnkey Grant Application

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Section 1: Organization Contact Information

Organization name:	Curry County Homeless Coalition	EIN:	61-1602933
Alternate name/acronym:	The Curry County Homeless Coalition		
Address:	PO Box 349 Gold Beach, Oregon 97444		
County:	Curry		
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Exec dir or board chair:	Mrs. Beth Barker-Hidalgo, Executive Director		
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Section 2: Organization Details

Organization mission and primary activities:

In respecting the innate dignity of all; the Curry Homeless Coalition provides education, advocacy, and coordinates supportive services for people with housing needs.

Year organization was established:

2017

Is the mission of your organization intended to benefit the general public, or is it intended to reach a specific demographic? (e.g. age range, race or ethnicity, gender, etc.)

Specific

If specific, which group or groups do you serve? Be specific.

The Curry County Homeless Coalition serves people experiencing extreme poverty and housing insecurity, people who are unsheltered.

How many unduplicated persons did your organization serve directly last year?

122

How many persons do you expect to serve this year?

A rough estimate is fine.

186

Counties where services are provided:

Curry

Section 3: Grant Request and Narrative

Project Contact Person's Information:

Project Leader: Beth Barker-Hidalgo, Executive Director	
Phone: 541-425-0426	Email: director@curryhomelesscoalition.org

OWNER: Describe your plan for developing a non-congregate shelter and/or transitional housing. What is your proposed model, and what other organizations will be involved?

The development plan for a non-congregate shelter is to acquire a 50-unit property in Gold Beach. Upon property acquisition, renovations will begin to develop 10 studio units and 25-30 one & two-bedroom units. Our model is to provide supportive housing for family reunification for children and parents with open active child welfare cases, and medically fragile or ER Diversion. Partners for this project will be ODHS Self Sufficiency, Child Welfare, APD, Adapt Oregon, ORCCA, Brookings Core Response, Brookings Harbor Community Helpers, and other support providers interacting with this population. At full capacity, we will staff the project with 4 FTE, with a maximum of 10-15 households per case manager, onsite manager, and administrative support.

OWNER: Describe your experience managing properties of a similar size or scale.

The Curry Homeless Coalition (CHC), in partnership with Brookings Harbor Community Helpers (BHCH), and Brookings Core Response (BCR), effectively ran a non-congregate shelter in Brookings for 8 months. Case management and day-to-day operations were managed by the three partner agencies. Curry Homeless Coalition was the administrator of a sub-recipient agreement with Oregon Coast Community Action. We managed invoicing and collection of documentation from partners for case management hours, payment to motels, and reconciliation with ORCCA for reimbursement of funds.

We established criteria for eligibility, contracts for behavioral health expectations, and modification contracts for those struggling to maintain rules and or expectations during their stay. We worked with the motel owners and case managers to address behavioral issues that arose during the operations of the non-congregate shelter.

OPERATOR: Describe the proposed operation plan for a facility. Please include a list of existing local resources that can be committed to the operation of this facility, if applicable.

It is the plan for the Curry County Homeless Coalition to hire and train 1.5 FTE over the next 90 days to increase capacity for case management of tenants. Renovations to the property will reduce the number of units to support 30-40 households total. Typical case management capacity is no more than 15 households per case manager. At this time our organization has 2.5 FTE, with .5 FTE being our outreach specialist. Our Outreach Specialist will be tasked as a part of staff for this project. This will bring staffing to a total of 4 FTE, with two case managers to support households.

Describe the population(s) intended to be served by this proposed facility. Include the planned referral process in relation to coordination with existing systems, and any specific referral processes that may be in place for underserved populations.

We intend to serve children and families with open child welfare cases wherein children are placed in foster care and the only barrier to reunification is the lack of safe, stable housing. We also plan to serve the medically fragile in an effort to reduce FUSE (Frequent User System Engagement), in our healthcare system in Curry County.

Ten units will be dedicated to medically fragile tenants, with 30-35 units dedicated to family reunification services and or as a prevention measure for families in danger of losing their children due to housing status. The planned referral process will be to work with ODHS, Child Welfare, Self Sufficiency and Aging and People with Disabilities and SCREL (South Coast Early Learning), and Every Child Curry to identify eligible households for our project. Agencies will submit a referral to our agency for intake and review. Selection will depend on whether a household meets most if not all eligibility criteria for placement. If criteria are met, staff will meet with each household to determine immediate needs for move-in, i.e. move-in costs, household items, including bedding, towels, clothing, hygiene items, etc.

As the OPERATOR, describe your previous experience in operating shelter services.

During the 2021 surge in the COVID-19 pandemic and after the County voted to close our Public Health Department, Curry County Homeless Coalition came together with Brookings Harbor Community Helpers and Brookings Core Response to run a non-congregate shelter for 8 months. Providing Isolation and Quarantine for community members who tested positive for COVID-19 and would otherwise have no other support.

At this same time, we kept homeless veterans, the elderly, families with children, and medically fragile community members warm and dry during the harshest part of our winter under our Winter Warming program.

Curry Homeless Coalition provided the infrastructure for this project by way of a sub-recipient agreement with ORCCA for Emergency Shelter Grant funds used to pay for rooms, food, hygiene supplies, and case management of the households.

Describe any partnerships and/or connections your organization has with supportive services and culturally-specific or culturally-responsive organizations.

Curry Homeless Coalition enjoys working relationships with the following organizations:

- Adapt of Oregon (behavioral and mental health specialists)
- Oregon Department of Human Services (all departments)
- Gold Beach Police Department
- Seventh Day Adventist Church (food bank)
- Christian help food pantry & thrift store, (food and clothing)
- Gold Beach BBQ (This restaurant often hires from within our clientele, and they provide affordable meals for our outreach program)
- Oasis Advocacy and Shelter (domestic violence shelter)
- Beyond Rejection Ministries in Gold Beach
- Brookings Core Response
- Gold Beach Community Center

Describe plans for offering navigation and/or pathways out of homelessness and into transitional or long-term housing.

We plan to hire and train 1.5 FTE to provide tenant navigation, case management, and support. Staff will be trained as CHWs (Community Health Workers), knowledgeable in systems of care, community partner supports, and other available support networks in the region.

Mayor Kaufman and the Gold Beach City Council have identified the need to develop additional subsidized units in Gold Beach. Mayor Kaufman's timeline is between 2-5 years from start to finish for development. Transitional housing typically allows a household to maintain tenancy for up to 2 years. CHC staff would continue to help tenants apply for all housing units wherein eligibility criteria are met by a household.

Curry Homeless Coalition has an MOU with the Coos/Curry Housing Authority to support applicants for EHV (Emergency housing vouchers). We would seek to enhance our MOU with the housing authority to streamline application processes for all properties and vouchers available to households in our transitional housing program.

Describe your organization's experience collecting and reporting client data.

Our agency has been using a specialized app program called Kintone, a stand-alone software program that is user-friendly, dynamic, and customizable. This is used with every new and returning client in order to gather information about them, their families, and their needs.

We are also working toward formalizing a relationship with CAPO and the ROCC to incorporate HMIS data tracking for client interactions and data collection purposes. We are now a member of the ROCC (Rural Oregon Continuum of Care), which provides support mechanisms for our agency from regional oversight agencies.

Describe your organization’s experience collecting and reporting on financial activities related to assets such as properties.

CHC recently hired a finance director that has over 20 years of accounting experience and has rapidly caught CHC up to speed by implementing fund accounting practices consistent with non-profit requirements including timekeeping for employees and in-house payroll for breaking out costs specific to each program. CHC also contracts with the well-respected accounting firm Cholwell, Benz, and Hartwick for financial guidance and tax services. CHC will expand services with our CPA from Cholwell, Benz, and Hartwick for financial advice on any new property acquired by the organization.

Describe how this proposed project will address racial equity and break down existing inequities.

Our agency serves everyone who comes to our outreach program and or calls for assistance. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religious affiliation, or employment status. We provide services to veterans, LGBTQIA, BIPOC alike.

Our agency is also a Community Based Organization serving households impacted by COVID-19. We have worked tirelessly to increase engagement with migrant farm-worker populations to educate and advocate for COVID-19 vaccination clinics, access to COVID-19 educational materials, and guidance for prevention.

Through our involvement with the community as a Continuum of Care member, we are able to rally resources from many other areas to serve all of our community equally. As community members move up from the bottom of Maslow’s hierarchy of needs, we recognize each situation may be different but the needs are similar. Basic needs of food and shelter come first, then safety becomes more complex with each person’s needs. CHC’s goal is to help our community feel like they are safe and belong and have the tools to move from there.

Do you have a prospective property identified for acquisition? If so, please provide approximate cost and number of units. (Note: The identification of a potential property in the RFA process does not net the applicant any preference points.)

Yes - we have identified the Motel 6 in Gold Beach as a site for our project. This property consists of 50 up to date, 300 square' units, and on-site management living quarters above the main office. Laundry facilities as well as vending machines are operable on site. The owners of the property are asking \$10 million. Considering the size of each unit, to renovate ten units into studio apartments eligible for subsidies, would be a matter of adding an additional sink for dishwashing, microwave and hot plate to meet minimum standards for HUD subsidies.

What demonstrated, tangible local support exists for the proposed project from community leaders and regional/Continuum of Care homelessness systems?

The City of Gold Beach held a workshop on 7/15/22 to discuss Time, Place, and Manner/HB3115 and its impacts on current City ordinances and practices. The outcome of this workshop resulted in forming a workgroup to establish a rural campground/legal place for unsheltered community members to be able to rest, sleep, eat, and congregate. The Curry County Homeless Coalition is expected to be the leaseholder of as yet TBD City-owned property and be the lead project manager once it’s built.

Mayor Kaufman is approaching these activities as stop-gap measures to allow the city time (2-5 years), to develop additional subsidized units for low-income households.

Mayor Kaufman is aware of our intent to apply for Project Turnkey funds and has encouraged us to do so. The Chief of Police is also supportive of the development of an encampment and or transitional housing for Gold Beach.

The discussion during the July 15th workshop was directed at a rural campground, however, there was dialogue regarding transitional housing that was positive. Curry Homeless Coalition is encouraged by the city’s swift call to action for this urgent need in our community.

By submitting and signing this application, I certify the following:

- The above information is correct;
- I am authorized by the governing board of this organization to submit this grant application to Oregon Community Foundation;
- This organization is in good standing with the IRS, retains its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, and is further classified as a public charity and not a private foundation;
- This organization does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical circumstances, age, status as a veteran, or national origin.

Signed: Beth Barker-Hidalgo

Date: 7/22/2022