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Economic Development Grant Application - Submission #301

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Title of Project*

A Gathering Place; Family Relief Nursery

Funds Requested*

12000

Grant Manager/Contact*

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Organization Applying*

Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Applicant Type*

Please check one

Non Profit

Private Business

Public Body

Other

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Brief Description of Project*

This project will create a healthy environment for our community's most at risk children, and foster a lifestyle that assists individuals to contribute to the economic growth and stability of our community. Requested funds will be used to purchase furniture and/or supplies to operate a valuable community resource; a Relief Nursery. Relief Nurseries are therapeutic programs that serve families with children ages 0-6 who are at high risk of abuse and neglect. We would work with families to address their risks and needs using a combination of classroom education, parent support, and individualized services. This prevents and reduces child abuse and neglect in the community. Relief Nurseries are designed to prevent or shorten a child's stay in foster care by strengthening and nurturing the family by using a holistic approach that relies on evidence based practices.

Our Relief Nursery project will bring at minimum four new jobs to Klamath County. It will elevate our community by helping to create self-sufficiency and safety within the families that need it most. This is a crucial resource to keep our community members out of poverty. The project will also spend dollars locally whenever possible. We will purchase or lease a facility within Klamath County. Construction/remodel, maintenance, furniture and supply purchases will remain local as long as it is competitive/comparable pricing. The opportunity to create jobs, and foster an environment that creates long term improvements to our local workforce is part of the mission of any prevention service.

Also provide a project schedule if possible.

Explain the source of all funds for this project*

Oregon Association for Relief Nurseries (OARN) has approved LCSNW to open a new Relief Nursery with start-up and on-going funding. We will operate with a blend of public and private grants, individual donations, and local business contributions. Our budget to start this project totals \$190,00. Each classroom costs approximately \$75,000 to operate. LCSNW has assessed the community needs in Klamath County and have determined that we will begin our Relief Nursery by offering two classrooms. The remaining \$40,000 in budgeted costs are various start-up expenses for the first year. We plan to expand as necessary to facilitate the needs in our community. If only partial funding is received from this grant, we will continue seeking other funding sources to supplement financial needs.

In addition to this answer, a project budget is necessary. A detailed budget is not required; in the box below provide a general financial description. Identify how this project would be modified if only partial funding from the County is obtained. Be sure to include the required 30% cash match in your budget

Explain what exactly the project funds (and especially the county funds) will pay for*

We will use County funds to purchase furnishings and supplies for an early learning classroom. Furnishings and supplies consist of items that include but are not limited to; a changing table, classroom tables and chairs, shelves, sensory equipment (sandbox, water table etc), art items (paper, glue, pencils, markers, crayons, etc.), and toys (dolls, blocks, bikes, manipulatives, etc).

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Identify the specific economic development benefits from this project*

A minimum of four jobs will be created to include: a Relief Nursery program manager, lead teacher, teacher interventionist, and classroom aide.

Our project benefits the community with short- and long-range economic development benefits. The short range benefits are the addition of living wage jobs and the influx of program money into our local economy for costs associated with start-up and implementation of the Relief Nursery program. Each classroom added will require an additional two to three full time positions. Long-range economic benefits include supporting families and individuals to be healthy, contributing members of our community who are able to be successful employees. Research has shown direct correlations between the effects of child maltreatment and adult functioning and employment. Our project will increase adult functioning that will in turn increase the labor pool in our community. Untreated childhood trauma costs business' and communities over \$144,000 in productivity losses over the lifetime of one victim. The estimated earnings gap for victims of child abuse and neglect is \$5,890 annually. Klamath county has one of the highest child maltreatment rates in the state, with 458 children in foster care in 2017 (2017 Child Welfare Data Book-revised 8-27-18). When these children enter the workforce it is estimated that their wages will add over \$2,000,000 to our economy over a lifetime. Relief Nurseries reduce the impact of trauma and increase future employability and wages of children and families, which will have long-range economic impacts in Klamath County.

Reference to economic development objectives in section 5 in grant memorandum

Identify how this project is consistent with regional or local economic development plans*

This project is consistent with regional and local economic development by creating new jobs, and will expand our current business capacity to include a Relief Nursery. The development and education to families participating in this project will create quality employees that can contribute to our local workforce. This will promote economic equity and support development in our County.

<http://www.scoedd.org/docs/2013%2020CEDs%20Final.pdf>

Describe the prospective applicant's experience in administering and/or delivering similar types of projects*

LCSNW successfully implemented a Relief Nursery in Yamhill County in 2012 to address their high child abuse and neglect rates. With strong community partnerships and backing, our Yamhill office created success in the community and among high risk families to effectively reduce child abuse. In Klamath Falls, we have performed studies, have connected with our community and have followed the necessary steps to have a successful implementation in this County. We have built strong partnerships and community buy-in as well as support from our Yamhill staff to help us identify challenges and solutions. Once we have the needed funds, we plan to open our first classroom in January, 2019.

Describe how the prospective applicant intends to publically acknowledge the assistance received from the County:*

LCSNW plans to provide a press release to our local newspaper as well as in our monthly newsletter. In our office, we will post a plaque stating that funding from Klamath County Economic Development Grant made this Relief Nursery possible. We will also announce the funding on our Facebook page and twitter feed.

At a minimum, the applicant will provide a press release to local media

Let us know of any questions, comments or concerns that you would like to give us about the Economic Development Grant Program or any feedback you would like to offer

LCSNW has identified a direct correlation between these funds that will help open a Relief Nursery in Klamath County, and increased productivity and economic growth in our region. While the proposed outcomes may take time to see the economic impact, LCSNW believes that this investment is worth waiting for to increase the overall health and well-being of parents and children throughout the community. Happier community members make a more productive economy. Thank you for taking the time to consider this crucial need.

Supporting Docs (put them all in one file)*

LCSNW Grant Documents.pdf

***Proof of federal tax id (if one is issued, do not upload docs for SSN) ***Entity's W-9 form (omit SSN) ***Grant Budget - Use the grant budget template provided
***Support letters - All entities are required to obtain support from 3 businesses/organizations ***If your grant project involves signage of any kind, you are required to gather and submit letters from all required local, regional or state sign authorities involved demonstrating approval to place signage on their land/property during the timeframe of the grant ***If your grant project involves infrastructure development/construction you must include plan drawings and approval from permitting authorities if required locally

Insurance Requirements

Insurance Acord 25-S with County required minimums, Klamath County as additional insured, additional insured endorsement, proof of workers comp and auto coverage (if needed). If no employees or autos will be used for grant fulfillment, a document on letterhead stating no employees or autos will be used for grant fulfillment must be submitted.

Electronic Signature Agreement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I agree.

Electronic Signature

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