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To: Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Planning Board Members

From: Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

Date: June 1, 2023

Re: PY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Each year with the assistance of Church Community Housing Corp. the town develops, and the Town Council approves a CDBG application for submission to the state. One component of the review process is a determination by the Planning Board of the consistency of each proposed project with the goals and policies of the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan. The attached package includes a list of proposed projects, as well as some supporting documentation regarding the projects. The list of projects is subject to change prior to the June 14th Planning Board meeting. Based on my review of the proposed projects submitted to date, I have not found any projects to be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The Board should review this information and determine if it concurs with this determination. Please let me know if you require more specific information on any of the projects on the list.

CDBG is a federally funded program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds must be used for projects that directly benefit the low-income population. Senior Centers are categorically eligible for this funding. Other funding requests included in the town's application will promote maintenance of affordable housing, as well as benefit various established nonprofit agencies which provide important services to Middletown's low-income population. All funding requests approved by the Town Council for submission with the town's application will be submitted to the state Office of Housing and Community Development, which evaluates all projects submitted by smaller communities around the state and determines which will receive funding.

Please contact me with any questions.

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
PY2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Town of Middletown is preparing a Community Development Block Grant application to undertake the following activities:

1. Public Facility: Provide funding for outdoor events pavilion at the Middletown Senior Center facility on Green End Avenue.
Amount: \$ 71,036
2. Public Facility: Provide funding for parking pad installation at Looking Upwards' 20 Dexter St. and 93 Eustis Ave., Newport residential facilities, and awning/ pergola installation at 20 Dexter St.
Amount: \$ 26,338
3. Public Services: Provide operating support to Lucy's Hearth to provide shelter and services to homeless women and children.
Amount: \$ 50,000
4. Public Services: Provide funding to East Bay Community Action Program to provide essential services at its Dental Clinic at 19 Broadway, Newport.
Amount: \$ 35,000
5. Public Services: Provide funding to Three Angels Fund to provide rental assistance to local cancer patients.
Amount: \$ 25,000
6. Public Services: Housing Hotline of Newport County to continue to provide emergency housing of homeless persons in motels when no other options are available.
Amount: \$ 100,000



Three Angels Fund
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Ron Wolanski, AICP
Town Planner
Town of Middletown
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June 1, 2023

Dear Mr. Wolanski,

I am writing on behalf of Three Angels Fund to express our intent to apply for funding through Middletown's CDBG application.

Three Angels Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping ease the financial burden of our community members after a cancer diagnosis. We have been serving our community since 2010 and have donated over \$680,000 to date. We have funded programs for cancer patients at both the Newport and South County Hospitals. These programs have funded comfort bags that are given to patients starting chemotherapy, reiki treatments, transportation for patients, and help with household bills. Through our Community Giving Program, we have provided financial assistance to over 100 individuals. The grants these individuals receive have been used for housing assistance, utility bills, transportation expenses, wigs, and medication assistance.

We intend to apply for this grant to provide emergency housing assistance to low-income or homeless individuals in our community with cancer. We have recently had an increased number of emergency requests to provide housing assistance for people receiving cancer treatment at Newport Hospital. Our goal is to fund an initiative titled "Three Angels Fund: Dignity After Diagnosis", aimed at meeting these emerging housing needs. This initiative aligns perfectly with the goals of the CDBG.

We are respectfully requesting a grant of \$25,000 through Middletown's CDBG application. We pledge to utilize these funds responsibly and transparently, to maximize their impact on our community. We commit to providing regular progress updates on our project, adhering to all reporting prerequisites.

We appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out. My email is, abulk@threeangelsfund.org and my phone number is 401-862-1111.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bulk
President, Three Angels Fund



east bay community action program
THE BRIDGE to SELF-RELIANCE

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Robert Plain
CDBG Director
Church Community Housing

Ronald Wolanski
Town Planner
Town of Middleton

May 22/2023

Dear Bob and Ron,

This letter is to notify you of EBCAP's intention to apply for \$35,000 in CDBG funds to provide essential services at its Dental Clinic at 19 Broadway, Newport. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you for your help.

Jim Dealy
Grants Writer

May 25, 2023

Robert Plain, CDBG Program Manager
Church Community Housing Corporation
50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Mr. Plain,

I'm writing to inform you that Looking Upwards, Inc. is interested in submitting a CDBG Public Facilities grant request in the upcoming cycle. We plan to request \$26,338.00 (includes a 10% construction contingency) in CDBG support for several much-needed projects at 20 Dexter Street and 93 Eustis Avenue in Newport, RI: parking pad installations at both residences and a pergola/awning at Dexter. These homes are part of Looking Upwards' residential services for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and are Public Facilities eligible under HCDA Section 105(a)(2). The homes are owned by Looking Upwards as part of its residential program. They are shared residences for adults with I/DD, with Looking Upwards' staff providing 24-hour support.

These projects will benefit 8 low-income adults with disabilities, 4 of whom reside at 20 Dexter Street and 4 of whom reside at 93 Eustis Avenue. Built in 1950, the Dexter Street home is 1,498 square feet and is in need of a parking area behind the house, near the garage. This parking pad will serve a dual purpose: 1.) it will be a place for visitors/staff to park, which will free up the space behind the residents' van, allowing for easier and more efficient access when residents are traveling in and out of their home; the pad will also provide them with an even surface to walk upon when bringing trash/items out to the garage; 2.) in the temperate months, the pad will be used as a patio where residents can gather for outdoor cookouts and enjoy spending time with friends and family. By installing a pergola/awning above the pad, residents will have a canopy to protect them from the sun. Built in 1945, the Eustis Avenue home is 1,762 square feet and is in need of a parking pad on the side of the house. Freeing up parking spaces behind the residents' wheelchair lift van will allow for easier and more efficient access when traveling in and out of their home.

As all 8 residents in these homes have mobility challenges/difficulty ambulating and/or use adaptive equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, gait belts). All have family members and friends who want to visit more often, but can't due to the difficult parking situation. There is no parking allowed on Dexter Street during the school year, as Pell Elementary School is located on Dexter, and there is limited parking on Eustis Avenue. There are no available spaces for guests in the driveways at these homes, as staff have to park behind the residents' vans. When residents are going out to enjoy activities in the community or to doctor's appointments, staff have to move their cars, so the vans can get out and then move their cars back into the driveways before leaving the homes for outings. Upon return, the cars need to be moved back and forth again to allow the vans to be pulled back into the driveways near the homes' entrances.

Completing the above projects will improve the quality of life for the 8 residents at Dexter and Eustis, providing them with easier and more efficient access to their homes. It will also allow their family members and friends to visit more often, as there will be spaces available for guests and parking will no longer be a deterrent.

Looking Upwards is a non-profit agency that offers a wide array of services to adults with I/DD and children with special health care needs. We currently serve over 1,200 children, adults and families throughout Rhode Island. Providing a safe, healthy and comfortable living environment, assisting residents to create an enjoyable home life and to find satisfaction in all areas of their lives are the primary goals of the residential program.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me: development@lookingupwards.org; 401-864-2163.

Sincerely,

Heather Sullivan

Heather Sullivan
Director of Development



Lucy's Hearth

From Homeless to Home

May 11, 2023

Rob Plain
CDBG Program Director
Church Community Housing Corp.
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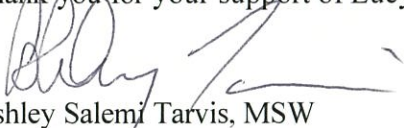
Dear Mr. Plain,

Thank you for this opportunity to confirm our intent to apply for CDBG funding in the amount of \$50,000 to support continued provision of essential services.

As you may know, Lucy's Hearth is one of only five shelters for families experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island, and the only one in Newport County. We serve approximately 170 individuals from anywhere in the state - moms, dads, grandparents and children; in fact, the majority of our residents are children. Our residents are Rhode Island's most vulnerable - 100% are considered low- to moderate-income. Most are persons of color who have experienced systemic discrimination and have personal histories filled with domestic violence and other tragedies.

Lucy's is more than a shelter to our residents. Our role is to care for their immediate needs and prepare them to transition to living independently and avoid falling back into homelessness. We provide housing assistance, case management, life skills coaching, community resource referrals, financial literacy education, connection to parenting classes, stress management, connection to GED programs, job search assistance, victims' advocacy, access to mental health/substance use disorder counseling and linkages to state benefits. For our child residents, we provide school attendance support, after-school activities, homework assistance, educational and recreational summer programming, mental health counseling, and more.

Thank you for your support of Lucy's Hearth!


Ashley Salemi Tarvis, MSW
Director