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I am a neighbor of the property at 11280 Hegel Rd. I became aware that the property was being renovated into a facility for homeless veterans. While doing some research, I came found the Continuum of Care application for My Brothers Keeper. The application states that "many of these clients " have "severe mental challenges or extreme trauma". This obviously concerned me for the safety of our grandchildren who are frequently at our home and spend much of their summers playing outside in our backyard, as well as concern for my family, and our neighborhood.

I could not find anywhere in the application which stated how potential clients for the 11280 property would be selected, the vetting process, which if any clients would be considered ineligible, or any kind of consideration to the impact or risk to the neighborhood.

My concern is that if this is approved there are no guarantees that this facility can't in the future become a facility for individuals with other issues such as violent crimes or sexual offenses.

I also question how a facility like this could be placed in an area zoned residential/agricultural. When I inquired about this I was told by a My Brothers Keeper staff member that the issue had been addressed. I have since learned that there is a Rezoning application before the Atlas Township Planning Commission. It is confusing as to why this wasn't addressed when the permits for the renovation were requested or how the construction is allowed to continue to this day after the denial of use was issued.



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1D-7. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has identified increasing non-congregate sheltering as an urgent and emerging need to address. Our Street and PATH Outreach and case conferencing case managers have strongly stated that increasing non-congregate sheltering would significantly reduce the unsheltered population. Many of these clients, due to severe mental challenges or extreme trauma, choose to stay in a place not meant for human habitation, such as an abandoned house or building, their car, or on the streets instead of in a traditional shelter. It would also create a safer environment in the congregate settings. Non-congregate sheltering is the preferred option for our most vulnerable clients with severe mental challenges. The CoC voted unanimously to approve the GPD Capital Proposal request to move My Brother's Keeper Veteran GPD program from our current location to 11280 Hegel Rd, Goodrich MI. This opportunity provides independent style rooms to increase the standard of living for 18 veterans by decreasing congregate living in the current 18 beds allotted for veteran. Ten of the eighteen veterans beds moved to a different location in Genesee County. These veterans will have their own bedroom and bathroom, this move allows the 8 remaining veterans access to a non-congregate sleeping area, but shared bathrooms. Reducing shared living space in Genesee County aligns with the national goal to meet social determinates by providing a better quality of living and reducing the harm of being expose to communicable viruses in a safe environment in Genesee County.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:

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| 1. | develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and |
| 2. | prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. |

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ID-8.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC collaborates with public health agencies to respond to and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We also forward CDC information to the CoC.

ID-8.2. The Emergency Shelters and Outreach employ strategies recommended by MSHDA, CDC, and HUD to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 1. | shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and |
| 2. | facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants. |