



# CITY OF BASTROP 2024 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING APPLICATION

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc.		June 5, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
500 West Ben White Boulevard	Austin	TX	78704
Address	City	State	Zip
Kate Reznick	kreznick@ahfh.org		
Contact Person	E-mail		
512-472-8788 x117	512-476-1304		
Phone Number	Fax Number		
74-2373217	73651401		
Federal ID #	State ID #		

\$ 15,000  
Funding Amount Requested

If additional space is needed when filling in the application, please attach a separate sheet to the application.

If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$ 15,000                      Amount Funded: \$ 10,000

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

Austin Habitat for Humanity has empowered families to reach the American Dream of safe, stable homeownership for nearly 40 years. In addition to building high-quality homes that are sold at affordable cost to hardworking local families and increasing the financial knowledge and confidence of local residents through education, we also offer the Home Repair Program to support low-income homeowners whose homes need critical repairs they cannot afford. We work with skilled contractor partners to provide critical repairs -- like a new roof, accessible bathroom or new plumbing -- to help local homeowners, mostly older adults and people with disabilities, stay safe and independent. Our work helps prevent falls and other in-home injuries that require resources like first-responder involvement and emergency-room care.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

Since the launch of the Home Repair Program in 2006, Austin Habitat has provided critical health and safety repairs for 400 low-income homeowners. We currently provide approximately 25 repairs per year to a population of homeowners who is low-income (averaging less than 50% of the median income for the area), with the majority of households having at least one member over 60 (85% in 2022) and/or at least one member with a disability (70% in 2022). Each homeowner indicates satisfaction with the work performed by signing a statement of completion, and we also offer a pre- and post-repair survey to capture increases in accessibility, ease of navigation and pride in the home. More than 95% of homeowners indicate satisfaction.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

All funds received from the City of Bastrop will be used to support the direct costs of providing critical repairs to one or more low-income Bastrop homeowners. These costs include payments to skilled local contractors who will perform the bulk of the repairs, as well as labor costs for our direct-service team as applicable.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

Austin Habitat is requesting \$15,000 to assist in performing more critical repairs for one or more families in Bastrop. As the cost of materials and labor has continued to rise, and the families we serve have needed more intensive repairs, we have found that we need additional support to perform the comprehensive and critical repairs our families need, including families in the City of Bastrop.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

We are not currently receiving in-kind services and have not identified a need for such services at this time. We will inform City staff immediately if such a need does arise.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

Austin Habitat's Home Repair team maintains a detailed file for each homeowner/family assisted with home repairs, as well as tracking each family's demographics, progress and contractor payments. We also maintain an interest list of homeowners who have reached out to us or been referred by our partner organizations. Our system easily allows us to track the locations of each family, including those located in the City of Bastrop. In the past 12 months, we have performed repairs for one family in the City of Bastrop -- a 79-year-old woman who lives alone and needed significant bathroom accessibility upgrades and flooring repairs to live safely at home -- as well as a number in Bastrop County (supported by other funding including USDA, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, and Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation).

The information contained herein and attached to this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby acknowledge that any funding received from the City of Bastrop must be expended as I have represented in this application and according to any requirements set by the City of Bastrop City Council and to the program guidelines. I agree that if funds are not expended accordingly, said funds will be returned to the City of Bastrop within ten (10) days from the date the City of Bastrop demands such.

Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Michele Anderson
Digitally signed by Michele Anderson
DN: cn=Michele Anderson, o=Austin Habitat for Humanity, ou=Chief Executive Officer, email=mmanderson@ahfh.org, c=US
Date: 2023.06.05 10:32:28 -0500

June 5, 2023

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Date

Michele Anderson

Chief Executive Officer

Title

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[checked] Verified current 501(c)3 Status
[checked] Good standing on contract reporting requirements



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City of Bastrop  
Attention: Elisha Perkins  
1311 Chestnut St.  
Bastrop, TX 78602

Dear Ms. Perkins,

Please see the attached application and documents for the 2024 Community Support Funding for Bastrop Cats Anonymous TNR Society – Bastrop CATS. We hope to work with together with the City, so that we may continue our efforts in making a difference in the lives of the people in the community and saving animals lives through humane efforts.

Attachments:

- Application with additional information included on separate page
- List of all Board Members
- A list of other sources of funding
- Copy of 501(c)3 letter from the Internal Revenue Service (if new applicant)
- Proposed Budget FY2024 (10/01/2023 – 09/30/2024) as directly related to funding requested
- Last fiscal year's IRS Form 990 EZ

Respectfully,

Launa Johnson  
Fundraising Coordinator Bastrop CATS



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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Bastrop Cats Anonymous TNR Society - Bastrop CATS Inc June 23, 2023
Official Name of Organization Date
PO Box 561 Cedar Creek TX 78612-0000
Address City State Zip
Launa Johnson kittens@bastropcats.org
Contact Person E-mail
5129144095 NA
Phone Number Fax Number
47-1461221
Federal ID # State ID #

\$3500.00
Funding Amount Requested

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If your organization received funding last year:
Amount Requested: \$0 Amount Funded: \$0

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

Bastrop Cats was started in 2014 by two women who saw a need in the community for the overwhelming number of unaltered community/feral cats in Bastrop County. Both were volunteers for the shelter and saw the numbers of kittens coming through the doors. Today, BCats is still run solely on donations and by volunteers. As the program has become more well known within Bastrop County we have begun working with 4 low cost spay/neuter clinics and 5 private vets to provide services. We are limited only by funding & the number of appointments available within those clinics. Since 2014 more than \$163,322 has been spent on TNR by BCats.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

BCats has had more than 5,376 cats fixed since 2018 (this is when more accurate records started being kept). As of 6/21/23 775+ cats have been fixed for Bastrop County residents in 2023, 365+ females; a female can begin breeding at 6 months of age & can produce an average of 3 litters per year with an average litter of 4 kittens. With those numbers in mind, 4,248+ kittens were prevented this year alone. In 2022 BCats fixed 1073 cats. Since 2018, the program has TNR'd 2,911+ female cats & prevented at least 34,932 cats from being born to feral/community cats that would then end up in the shelter, continuing the breeding cycle, dying or being nuisances to the community of Bastrop.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

All funds will be used for the TNR program for Bastrop County with a focus of these funds to be used in the City Limits. We have spoken with the ACO for City of Bastrop regarding possible "hot spots" and how we can be of greater assistance within the City Limits. Our average cost for TNR Spay/Neuter is \$65. We ask the caretakers for a suggested subsidized donation of \$45 per cat, however the majority of people seeking our assistance are often unable to pay \$45 per cat, and we may receive \$0.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

This is the first time BCats has requested funding from the City of Bastrop.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

None

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

For each TNR request we ask for addresses and contact information. We will be using Google forms to streamline this process beginning August of 2023. We currently do most of our requests by email but the requests have grown substantially year over year. With these forms we can track locations more quickly and accurately within a spreadsheet. We currently track manually and that is quite time consuming. Per our records we have TNR'd 63+ cats within the Bastrop City Limits in the last 12 months.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes  No

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Launa Johnson

6/23/2023

Date

Fundraising Coordinator

Title

<b>City of Bastrop - Finance Department Use Only</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Verified current 501(c)3 Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Good standing on contract reporting requirements

## **Board Members**

Eileen Haag

Terrielynn Bach

Daena Bruce

## **Key Volunteers:**

Martha Granger – TNR Coordinator

Launa Johnson – Rescue/Fundraising Coordinator

## **Other sources of funding**

1. Periodic Grants; Community Cats Podcast, Bissell foundation, On Shore Foundation, Juried family Foundation
2. Individual donations
3. Business donations and sponsors
4. Fundraising events
5. Amplify Austin: I Live Here I Give Here

## **Additional information:**

We need help funding free or low cost spay/neuter appointments through our “Trap, Neuter, Return” (TNR) Program. Most residents feeding stray cats can barely afford to feed the cats let alone sterilize them to prevent more cats from being born.

Bastrop Cats follows a “No cat left behind” model. We make every effort to ensure that we get all the cats fixed on the property so that there are none left to continue breeding. This includes assisting community members with options for kittens, up to and including making surrender appointments with the shelter on behalf of the citizen or taking kittens into foster care with our volunteers to socialize them. In rare cases we will assist with rehoming adult cats to new barn or porch homes or seek rescue options for friendly homeless cats and kittens.

I have spoken to Amy Jordan, City of Bastrop ACO & our TNR Coordinator Martha to identify “hot spots” within the City Limits. Amy Jordan says she gives out information regarding Bastrop Cats 5-10 times a month to City of Bastrop residents. The City policy for cats is that they are “free roaming” and the ACO does not pick up cats/kittens in the City Limits unless they are injured. If the population is not reduced through humane methods such as TNR the cats can multiply very quickly and become a nuisance to residents. We will

Key Spots we have already started on over the last year and what we are working towards include: Lost Pines Toyota, Popeyes, the Headstart Building/Mina Elementary/Popeyes area, Burleson Crossing to Hunters Crossing (tunnels run under HWY 71 between those areas), Downtown areas of North Main and Pine St. areas, Pecan Park, neighborhood behind Billy's BBQ/Dairy Queen.

Below is a story about one person we helped that significantly impacted her life for the better:

We met Mrs. R in Paige two years ago when we trapped, sterilized and vaccinated the 34 stray cats and their offspring that she was feeding outside of her home. When we came to pick up the first 16 trapped cats she cried and told us "You saved my life". She was spending the bulk of her food budget on cat food and could not afford to feed any more cats or kittens. She didn't always have that many stray cats in her yard, it started out with 2 and increased to 34 in 2 years. She saw this population growth spiraling out of control and without our intervention she would be feeding just under 100 cats within the next month.

It's because of kindhearted citizens like Mrs. R that our all-volunteer group was created. Bastrop Cats Anonymous TNR Society (Bastrop C.A.T.S.) was formed in 2014 and we have served over 6,000 Bastrop County residents. We provide financial assistance, support and spay/neuter appointments for people who have become overwhelmed by feeding and caring for stray cats. Our motto is "We help the people who help the cats". The cat population in our county was increasing and residents were struggling to care for these community cats – at their own expense, often without tending to their own needs. By spaying and neutering these cats we have stabilized and decreased the number of free-roaming cats which removes the financial and emotional burden of these caretakers AND improves community health.



City of Bastrop  
Attention: Elisha Perkins  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, Texas 78602

Dear Ms. Perkins,

Please find enclosed the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry (BCEFP) 2023-2024 City of Bastrop Application. The Food Pantry is requesting the same amount of funding from the city as they have in the past. They are also offering an open invitation to any city council members and the mayor to have a tour of the Food Pantry and hear about the impact food insecurity is having in our city. This includes an invitation to attend our June 21, Lunch and Learn at the Food Pantry. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tresha Silva".

Tresha Silva

Executive Director

The mission of the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center is to serve Bastrop County residents going through periods of transition by providing emergency food assistance, education and support.

P.O. Box 953, Bastrop, Texas 78602 | 512-303-0033 | Fax: 512-321-4544 | [www.bastropfoodpantry.org](http://www.bastropfoodpantry.org) | [info@bastropfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@bastropfoodpantry.org)



**SIGNED APPLICATION**



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### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry		May 24, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
P.O. Box 953	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address		City	State
Tresha Silva		director@bastropfoodpantry.org	
Contact Person	E-mail		
512-303-0033	512-321-4544		
Phone Number	Fax Number		
74-2485884			
Federal ID #	State ID #		

\$ 33,685  
 Funding Amount Requested

If additional space is needed when filling in the application, please attach a separate sheet to the application.

If your organization received funding last year:	
Amount Requested: \$ 33,685	Amount Funded: \$ 33,000

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center (BCEFP) respectfully requests a total of \$33,685 from the City of Bastrop to provide food, basic needs, and emergency assistance to the most impoverished and disadvantaged in our city. They are also asking for in-kind support to help maximize the impact the Food Pantry has on the community.

The Food Pantry is the leader in the community for battling food insecurity. They are open six hours a day, five days a week, and provide emergency and ongoing food and support services to the most vulnerable members of the community. They go beyond what other food pantries do and provide families with enough food for 30 days. They also provide more fresh and nutritious foods to the families to ensure they are not just fed but nourished. The Food Pantry is also the steward of the City's Good Neighbor Fund and assisted 35 individuals with utility assistance through this fund, which amounts to \$3,500.

Your support will be actively used for programming, direct services, and operational support so they can provide for the most vulnerable members of our community (seniors, children, disabled, and homeless) who need this kind of assistance the most. Last fiscal year the Pantry provided 4,000 individuals in need with emergency and ongoing food and support services of that over half (2,272) lived within the city of Bastrop. Half of those served need only occasional support with the other half needing assistance six or more times in a year. Hunger continues to be on the rise in Bastrop. In the first half of 2023, they have already served 40% more of their neighbors than they did during the same time period in 2022. The staff and

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

The Food Pantry proudly serves the residents of the city of Bastrop. Last fiscal year they provided 2,272 unduplicated city of Bastrop individuals with over 200,000 pounds of food. They provided information and referrals to individuals, delivered food to at-risk and homebound seniors, and provided 272 school-aged students with out-of-school time food (20 more than the previous year). The residents of the city of Bastrop rely on the Food Pantry in their time of crisis. Without the Food Pantry, thousands of city residents would go without meals. The assistance they receive from the Food Pantry allows them to feed their families and get back on their feet. Support from the City helps people like "Alice", who came to the Food Pantry in need of emergency food; rent, and utility assistance; and help with information and referral. We were able to provide her food assistance, application assistance for rent, and utility assistance, connected her with Wesley Nurse and Lone Star Circle of Care for her medical problems. She is now in an exercise class and has a more positive outlook on life. It also helps people like "Meg", who came to the Food Pantry in need of emergency food and assistance in filling out a SNAP (food stamp) application because she was experiencing unemployment because of a health crisis. Staff worked with her to get SNAP benefits as well as provided information and referral for employment information. With the Food Pantry's help, she applied to and got employment on the CARTS route since she had

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

The Food Pantry's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) provides a nutritious 30-day supply of food based on USDA recommendations to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Clients also receive referral information, counseling, system navigation, and financial literacy. The Brown Bag and Open Arms Programs assist low-income seniors and individuals with physical or mental disabilities with weekly food and support services on an ongoing basis. Clients enrolled in these programs receive a monthly supplement of a nutritious bag of food, and access to healthy whole grain, protein, and fresh produce three times a week through our Whole Grains distribution. The seniors also get to participate in monthly activities that include socialization, exercise, and presentations on things like health, financial health, disaster preparedness, or how to avoid senior scams. Seniors that lack access to transportation can also receive transportation assistance or food delivery. The Fresh Food for Families Program, which is an open distribution, gives ALL City of Bastrop residents access to



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

N/A; despite a 29% increase in requests for services and a 150% increase in the cost of purchasing food to meet this need, the Food Pantry is asking for the same amount that they asked for last year.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

The City of Bastrop has always been an essential partner to the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry's mission. The most recent in-kind support that BCEFP received was in 2022. The City provided the Food Pantry with in-kind support by allowing them to host the Empty Bowl Project in the Bastrop Convention Center.

The Food Pantry is also requesting in-kind support from the City of Bastrop. One of the in-kind items is to be given in-kind support to cover the cost of the convention hall for the popular Bastrop Empty Bowl event in 2024. This event draws in between 400-700 people from all over Texas and even some from out of state. This in-kind line item would allow more of the profits to go towards feeding and caring for the most vulnerable members of the city. The Food Pantry is also requesting in-kind support in the way of waiving banner fees for the event, as well.

The Food Pantry is also requesting some in-kind support for its vital capital campaign project. The Food Pantry currently operates all of its programs out of five aging structures, one of which is an over 100-year-old home. While this current setup has allowed the Food Pantry to serve the community for over 36 years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to do. The facilities are falling apart and aren't able to support the amount of food needed to be distributed to those in need. The Food Pantry is requesting a dedicated person with the city during the permitting phase and for the construction phase for us to have

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

Over 50% of the Food Pantry's resources benefited the City of Bastrop and its citizens. Each day, children and families throughout our city wonder where their next meal will come from. In the summers, when children can no longer access free lunches at school, the need for healthy foods is exceptional. With limited resources and little hope, families turn to cheap, fast-food options or go without. Many low-income residents in our community live in rural pockets, where access to grocery stores, Austin-based nonprofits, and other support services is incredibly limited. No child in Bastrop should wonder where their next meal will come from, and the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry is the largest community food pantry exclusively serving Bastrop - ensuring our community's most vulnerable receive the guidance, sustenance, and support they need. All of those served by the Food Pantry are tracked through their Food Bank Management system, which creates

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Yusha Silva
Authorized Signature for the Applicant

5/31/23
Date

Tresha Silva

Executive Director

Title

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[checked] Good standing on contract reporting requirements

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## APPLICATION NARRATIVE

- 1. Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:** The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center (BCEFP) respectfully requests a total of \$33,685 from the City of Bastrop to provide food, basic needs, and emergency assistance to the most impoverished and disadvantaged in our city. They are also asking for in-kind support to help maximize the impact the Food Pantry has on the community.

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- 2. Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:** The Food Pantry proudly serves the residents of the city of Bastrop. Last fiscal year they provided 2,272 unduplicated city of Bastrop individuals with over 200,000 pounds of food. They provided information and referrals to individuals, delivered food to at-risk and homebound seniors, and provided 272 school-aged students with out-of-school time food (20 more than the previous year). The residents of the city of Bastrop rely on the Food Pantry in their time of crisis. Without the Food Pantry, thousands of city residents would go without meals. The assistance they receive from the Food Pantry allows them to feed their families and get back on their feet. Support from the City helps people like "Alice", who came to the Food Pantry in need of emergency food; rent, and utility assistance; and help with information and referral. We were able to provide her food assistance, application assistance for rent, and utility assistance, connected her with Wesley Nurse and Lone Star Circle of Care for her medical problems. She is now in an exercise class and has a more positive outlook on life. It also helps people like "Meg", who came to the Food Pantry in need of emergency food and assistance in filling out a SNAP (food stamp) application because she was experiencing unemployment because of a health crisis. Staff worked with her to get SNAP benefits as well as provided information and referral for employment information. With the Food Pantry's help, she applied to and got employment on the CARTS route since she had limited transportation. She is now employed and receiving

health care services that she desperately needed. The City's support also helps kids like "Sam", who is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader that participates in the NIBBLES backpack program. This weekly food support means that he and his younger siblings have food to sustain them over the weekend.

3. **Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop Citizens:** The Food Pantry's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) provides a nutritious 30-day supply of food based on USDA recommendations to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Clients also receive referral information, counseling, system navigation, and financial literacy. The Brown Bag and Open Arms Programs assist low-income seniors and individuals with physical or mental disabilities with weekly food and support services on an ongoing basis. Clients enrolled in these programs receive a monthly supplement of a nutritious bag of food, and access to healthy whole grain, protein, and fresh produce three times a week through our Whole Grains distribution. The seniors also get to participate in monthly activities that include socialization, exercise, and presentations on things like health, financial health, disaster preparedness, or how to avoid senior scams. Seniors that lack access to transportation can also receive transportation assistance or food delivery. The Fresh Food for Families Program, which is an open distribution, gives ALL City of Bastrop residents access to fresh fruits and vegetables once a month. Funding from the city also supports our vital NIBBLES program, which provides 272 low-income students with weekend meals and snacks. Without this program, the children would likely go without food during the weekend.

**If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:**

N/A; despite a 40% increase in requests for services and a 150% increase in the cost of purchasing food to meet this need, the Food Pantry is asking for the same amount that they asked for last year.

**Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:**

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is an over 100-year-old home. While this current setup has allowed the Food Pantry to serve the community for over 36 years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to do. The facilities are falling apart and aren't able to support the amount of food needed to be distributed to those in need. The Food Pantry is requesting a dedicated person with the city during the permitting phase and for the construction phase for us to have expedited meeting requests. They are also asking for expedited review time for all permitting and inspection requests. Also, they are requesting that the City waive all permit fees, pre-development fees, completeness check fees, site development plan fees, building permit fees, city admin fees, city legal fees, construction development fees, installation fees, inspection fees, and utility impact fees. This will allow the Food Pantry to lower the project costs and use that money instead towards serving the vulnerable members of the community.

**Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens who benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.**

Over 50% of the Food Pantry's resources benefited the City of Bastrop and its citizens. Each day, children and families throughout our city wonder where their next meal will come from. In the summers, when children can no longer access free lunches at school, the need for healthy foods is exceptional. With limited resources and little hope, families turn to cheap, fast-food options or go without. Many low-income residents in our community live in rural pockets, where access to grocery stores, Austin-based nonprofits, and other support services is incredibly limited. No child in Bastrop should wonder where their next meal will come from, and the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry is the largest community food pantry exclusively serving Bastrop – ensuring our community's most vulnerable receive the guidance, sustenance, and support they need. All of those served by the Food Pantry are tracked through their Food Bank Management system, which creates reports to show what benefits the city of Bastrop residents receive when they come to the Food Pantry for help.



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**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Bastrop County First Responders, Inc.		June 23, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
P.O. Box 888	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address		City	State
James Green			Zip
Contact Person		president@bc-fr.org	
512-387-0911		E-mail	
Phone Number		512-800-7846	
74-2491063		Fax Number	
Federal ID #		17424910630	
		State ID #	

\$ 11,904.81  
Funding Amount Requested

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Amount Requested: \$ 17,500.00                      Amount Funded: \$ 17,500.00

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

The Bastrop County First Responders was formed in 1988 and is a registered First Responder Organization with the Texas Department of State Health Services that provides emergency and non-emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of the city of Bastrop and Bastrop County. We are requesting funding to purchase 3 new AED's with extra defibrillation pads and spare batteries. This will allow us to

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

So far this year, our organization had 837 responses to incidents in Bastrop County with more than 775 volunteer hours logged. In terms of support specifically to the citizens and visitors of Bastrop, we provided medical stand-by services at the Big Bang Festival, Veterans Car Show, and the Bastrop Homecoming Rodeo.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

This funding will allow for the purchase of 3 new AEDs to replace 2 units that have exceeded their service life and the third one will allow us to equip a new first responder and continue to expand our services. Additionally, extra defibrillation pads and spare batteries will ensure that we can continue to provide and support these units for the next couple of years.





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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

Our funding requests vary in scope significantly every year and are dependent upon the identified need each year. Since last year, we were fortunate to receive a significant increase from the previous year, we are maintaining a fiscally responsible / conservative posture and significantly lowering our request.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

In 2017, we were loaned and still utilize 6 portable radios from the City of Bastrop.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

We report the number of emergency medical calls within the city limits of Bastrop. Moreover, many Bastrop residents may receive our services while located in Bastrop County outside the city limits at the time of their emergency. Additionally, we provide and can report the many hours of volunteer coverage at large public gatherings located within the city limits.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

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Authorized Signature for the Applicant

James M. Green

6/23/23

Date

President

Title

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## BASTROP COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY TEAM

*Renewing Bastrop County One Family at a Time*

June 22, 2023

City of Bastrop  
c/o Elisha Perkins, Executive Administrative Assistant  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602

Dear Ms. Perkins,

Please find attached our City of Bastrop Community Support Funding Application for FY 2024. All required documents are included except for our 2022 IRS Form 990. Our organization has requested and been approved for an extension. We have provided the letter of approval from IRS, along with our 2021 Form 990, and will submit our filed form for 2022 as soon as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sheila Lowe  
Executive Director  
Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team



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TX 78602

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CITY OF BASTROP
2024 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team June 22, 2023
Official Name of Organization Date
P.O. Box 1975 Bastrop TX 78602
Address City State Zip
Sheila Lowe ed@bcltrt.org
Contact Person E-mail
512-521-3001 512-521-3001
Phone Number Fax Number
45-4463754 801545916
Federal ID # State ID #

\$ 10,000
Funding Amount Requested

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If your organization received funding last year:
Amount Requested: \$ 10,000 Amount Funded: \$ 10,000

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

1)Community Preparedness events including but not limited to:
- Neighborhood meetings
- Annual Preparedness event focused on residential and commercial preparedness
- Planning and Preparedness trainings at Houses of Worship and other City of Bastrop non-profits
2)Assisting with support of first responders during disasters. This could be the coordination of volunteers, to prepare, serve or deliver meals to the first responders. It could also allow the procurement of meals for those responding.
3)Temporary lodging for families affected by personal disasters
4) Financial assistance for families recovering from a public health disaster
5)Coordination of service and materials for clean-up, repairs or rebuilds of primary housing for families that have been affected by a declared disaster.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

1)During our last Disaster Preparedness event we had approximately 100 Bastrop residents visit and participate in the event at the Bastrop Evacuation Center. During our 10 anniversary event we saw about 250 people.
2)Prior to COVID we hosted preparedness neighborhood meetings in Pecan Park, Hunters Crossing and Riverside Grove. We also presented at 3 churches. In the past 2 years we have presented preparedness workshops at 3 partner events in the City of Bastrop.
3)In the last year we have coordinated meals for over 150 first responders staged in Bastrop.
4)During the winter storms of 2021 and 2022 we were able to provide assistance for families that were affected financially. We provided blankets, space heaters, food and utility assistance. During and post COVID we have offered mortgage assistance.
5)In past winter storms and floods we have repaired homes that required flooring, sheet rock, roof and fence repairs.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

Because disasters, public and personal are unpredictable we have to always be prepared to assist where necessary. During the next grant cycle we will provide disaster preparedness events in our neighborhoods as well as a city-wide event, continue to provide emergency lodging, support emergency response teams staged in Bastrop and coordinate recovery for families that have been affected by declared disasters that fall within the City of Bastrop. Funds awarded by the City of Bastrop will be used for program expenses, including supplies, materials, salaries for staff time designated to Bastrop residents.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

N/A

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

We are planning community event for early spring 2024 and would like to have the usage fees waived or reduced for the convention center or permit fees for use of Fisherman's Park.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

We track participation in our programs by case management database reports and call logs. We keep files and records of all our program participants past and current to complete reporting requirements, assist clients with questions regarding their projects, and future funding request. The files are divided by disaster/incident and demographically in our database.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [ ] No [ ]

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06/22/23

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Date

Sheila Lowe

Executive Director

Title

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**CITY OF BASTROP  
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**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Bastrop County Women's Shelter, dba Family Crisis Center		June 22, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
P.O. Box 736	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address	City	State	Zip
Catherine Henzen	cathyh@familycrisiscenter.us		
Contact Person	E-mail		
512-321-7760	512-321-7771		
Phone Number	Fax Number		
74-2304542	17423045420		
Federal ID #	State ID #		

\$ 12,000  
Funding Amount Requested

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If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$ 12,000                      Amount Funded: \$ 12,000

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

The Family Crisis Center requests \$12,000 in funding from the City of Bastrop to support services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Bastrop, TX. Programs and services provided by the Family Crisis Center include: community violence prevention programs for youth and adults; crisis intervention and advocacy; safety planning; emergency shelter; counseling; transitional housing; hospital and court accompaniment; assistance filing assault charges, seeking protective orders, and applying for Crime Victims' Compensation; and mandated violence intervention programs including a state-accredited Batterer's Intervention & Prevention Program (BIPP) and the Protective Parenting program. The Center provides a continuum of care through its core victim service programs, which are aimed at creating sustainable change in the lives of individuals impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

In fiscal year 2022, the Family Crisis Center provided the following services to City of Bastrop residents: 209 individuals received crisis intervention services; 15 adults and 1 child received counseling services; 1,338 nights of emergency shelter were provided for 24 adults and 19 children; transitional housing was provided for 9 adults and 11 children; 10 adults were provided with violence intervention and prevention services through the Batterers Intervention & Prevention Program (BIPP); 5 adults were provided with violence intervention and prevention services through the Anger Management Program; 7 adults were provided with parenting education through the Protective Parenting Program; 46 anti-violence & anti-victimization presentations were made to 18 elementary and 412 middle and high school students, and 131 community members. The agency collaborates with other social service agencies, representatives of local government, members of the criminal justice system, and community groups and participates in several community initiatives aimed at increasing victim safety and maintaining offender accountability.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

By providing comprehensive victim services, the Family Crisis Center works to provide victims of domestic and sexual violence a safe refuge, support and information in times of crisis and access to community resources that will aid in their recovery and help them reach self-sufficiency. Crisis intervention services focus on victim safety and providing survivors with support, information and options. Counseling services address the dynamics of intimate partner violence and provide tools and activities that help survivors identify what is important to them. Emergency shelter services are a vital resource for individuals and families fleeing their homes due to domestic or sexual violence. Transitional housing provides families with the time and support necessary to begin rebuilding their lives free from violence. In addition to victim services programs, the agency is actively engaged in community initiatives that focus on enhancing the work of local service systems in place to respond to victims of domestic and sexual violence.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

Funds will support access to core victim services for City of Bastrop residents including crisis intervention services, 24/7 crisis hotline, and on-call advocacy and accompaniment; emergency shelter; transitional housing; and counseling for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. These forms of violence can have an impact on every aspect of a survivor's life and health, including the cognitive, emotional, physiological, psychological, and environmental. Beyond the immediate physical and emotional trauma resulting from an incident of abuse, survivors often report prolonged physical and social isolation, economic abuse, and verbal and emotional abuse perpetrated by their offenders over the course of the relationship. Without comprehensive services to address the variety of needs represented and the barriers created by abuse, victims often face the choice between staying in violent situations or homelessness.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

The City of Bastrop provided the agency with use of the Convention Center for a community luncheon in 2022, 2021, 2019 and 2018 and waived fees for the agency relating to various projects including construction of the agency's community thrift store in 2005, construction of the transitional housing apartment complex in 1999, and construction of the agency's direct service/administrative office in 1996.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

The Family Crisis Center's staff will track and record services provided to residents of the City of Bastrop through client files, service logs, group sign-in sheets, and other supporting documentation of project activities. Client data is recorded in client files and service data is recorded on service logs, which are submitted daily to the Database Specialist for entry into the agency's client database. Data entry is evaluated on a monthly basis in order to verify accuracy and address any discrepancies. Client and service data is maintained in the Center's client database. Client data includes demographic information such as address, city of residence, county of residence, and postal code for statistical and reporting purposes.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Catherine Henzen

6/20/2023

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Date

Catherine Henzen

Executive Director

Title

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**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center		May 22, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
2007 N. Main Street	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address	City	State	Zip
Jennifer Bezner	Jen@Bastropprc.org		
Contact Person	E-mail		
512-409-3400	n/a		
Phone Number	Fax Number		
27-0665145	3-20402-1222-0		
Federal ID #	State ID #		

\$ 12,550 (\$2,300 in-kind request)  
Funding Amount Requested

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If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$ 15,650                      Amount Funded: \$ 7,500

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

In November of 2009, two women decided that young women in the Bastrop area who find themselves pregnant unexpectedly need to be cared for, listened to, and informed about their options. Since that time, over 1,000 women (and families) have come through our doors and used our 100% free services, and BPRC has been able to empower families by providing resources and education for each client. BPRC also provides real-time help for our families with material assistance, including but not limited to infant formula, diaper, cribs, clothing, etc.

In the past year BPRC has hired 1-FT-Dir. of Operations, 1-FT Dir. of Development, and 1-FT client coach, as a result BPRC met with our clients over 700 times in 2022. In October 2022, BPRC received a new Ultrasound machine, and our services increased again for our clients. When you ask our clients about the impact our Center has made in their lives, a lasting legacy, the answer is simple. "You (BPRC) were there when I needed you the most, no judgement, just providing support, prayer and love."

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

With a 50% increase in clients (serving 167 clients since Oct 2022) and a 58% increase in client visits (709 client visits since Oct 2022), the BPRC is busy daily meeting with families in need of support. With the increase in staffing, the BPRC is now open 5 days a week, with over 38 available client coaching hours. Since last Oct, 87 women have come in for our free pregnancy tests, pre-natal resources and education. In addition, 53 free sonograms were completed with our clients.

As the BPRC sees more clients, the number of parenting classes taken also increases. Since last Oct, 435 parenting educational classes have been taken, which includes 1-1 personalized client coaching. An important part of our coaching services is that we connect our clients to local resources, with 46 clients receiving direct referrals to community/state/federal services. We have also identified that 96 of our clients would be at increased risk of homelessness due to their living situations.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

The funds received help support Bastrop families, reducing the strain on other city services. By providing the basics of support (food and clothing) and education on parenting, BPRC is impacting the quality of life for many of our residents.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

We are not requesting an increase in funding from last year, but we have changed the designation of funds requested. Due to going "paperless" with our client services, we are able to reduce our need for as many printed supplies. In addition, the local community has been wonderful in supplying many of our material resources, so we have reduced our funding request. We have requested new funding to support our pregnancy testing services and our sonogram program, and we are still requesting help in covering some of our operational costs (insurance and utility costs).

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

This past year (March 2023) we had our first banquet in many years. We used the Bastrop convention center and it was a great event. We did not receive in-kind services in 2023, but would like to request an in-kind donation for the cost of rental of the Bastrop convention center for our 2024 banquet.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

All BPRC services are tracked and monitored with eKYROS digital programs. eKYROS is designed specifically for pregnancy resource centers and allows for database management. Since Oct 2023, BPRC has seen 32 City of Bastrop residents.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations?

Yes [checked] No [ ]

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Authorized Signature for the Applicant

5-24-2022
Date

Director of Development

Title

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**Children's Advocacy Center**  
Serving Bastrop, Lee and Fayette Counties

The City of Bastrop  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, Texas 78602

6/21/2023

Supplemental Letter for the Children's Advocacy Center's FY 2024 Community Support Application

Dear City of Bastrop,

The Children's Advocacy Center, Serving Bastrop, Lee and Fayette Counties exists to provide a coordinated, family-focused approach to the crisis of child abuse in our community. We strive to reduce trauma, seek justice, foster healing, and cultivate empowerment for children and families.

The Children's Advocacy Center is a safe, child-friendly organization where child abuse victims can receive comprehensive services, including forensic interviews, medical exams, therapeutic counseling, and victim advocacy services. The goal of our CAC is to minimize the trauma experienced by the victims we serve by providing them with a supportive environment and ensuring that all their needs are met in a coordinated and efficient manner.

The CAC is staffed by multidisciplinary teams of professionals, including law enforcement officers, child protection workers, medical personnel, mental health professionals, and family advocates. These professionals work together to ensure that child abuse cases are investigated thoroughly, and that victims and their families receive the services and support they need to heal and recover.

The Children's Advocacy Center is nationally accredited and is among the first of more than 70 CAC's across Texas, and is a registered nonprofit charitable organization funded by grants and donations. Most of our funding comes from federal, state, and local governments with the remainder from local fundraising activities, foundation and corporate grants, and the generosity of individual donors within the communities we serve. We have been a part of the community since 1992, and our services are bilingual and free of charge.



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[www.childrensadvocacycenter.org](http://www.childrensadvocacycenter.org)

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation, Federal Tax ID #74-2633011





**Children's Advocacy Center**  
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When a child makes an outcry of abuse, it deeply affects the entire family and home dynamic. Families and caregivers arrive at the CAC in crisis mode and feel strong emotions that can range from pain, sadness, and fear to anger and confusion. A critical component of our clinical team is our family advocates. These specialized professionals assess the needs of the children we serve and their family or caregivers from the moment they arrive at the CAC. They look not only into the immediate needs of the child's recovery, but at the family's needs for moving forward into recovery manageably and sustainably.

A family advocate will remain with the child and family throughout the forensic interviewing and medical examination process, providing information, insight, and comfort during what can be an extremely stressful time. They'll work with the family and caretakers to assess the needs of the household – financially, emotionally, and strategically – and provide resources and relief to those in need. They'll keep the family apprised of developments and updates, and work with our clinicians to move the child and their family into the therapeutic healing process.

Our family advocates also work hard to help create happy childhood memories, by assisting our families with birthdays, holiday meals, clothing, toys, household essentials, and Christmas presents.

As our community grows, the Children's Advocacy Center is working hard to increase the quantity and accessibility of our services, while retaining the high-level of quality and individualized care our community deserves. We've come a long way from our little yellow house on Chestnut Street in Historic Bastrop in the past few years, but as our footprint grows to meet the needs of our clients right in the communities where they live, the spirit of the CAC remains rooted in being the place where hope and healing begins.

As we move into Fiscal Year 2024, our critical need is to once again expand our Family Advocacy staff by adding a bilingual family advocate. We humbly request an increase in our Community Funding this year to support the hiring and salary of an additional bilingual family advocate for the Children's Advocacy Center.



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**Children's Advocacy Center**  
Serving Bastrop, Lee and Fayette Counties

The Children's Advocacy Center provided the following integral services to the community in 2022:

- 1169 Individual child clients served
- 395 Forensic interviews
- 3867 Hours of therapeutic services provided

The addition of a family advocate to our team would greatly improve the Center's ability to manage our growing caseload and increase response time, while providing the utmost quality of services to our children, their families, our partners, and the community. We sincerely appreciate your consideration, and can provide additional details, reporting and statistics to supplement our request.

Warm Regards,

Meagan Webb  
Executive Director  
Children's Advocacy Center, Serving Bastrop, Lee and Fayette Counties



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**CITY OF BASTROP**  
**2024 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING APPLICATION**

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Children's Advocacy Center, Serving Bastrop, Lee and Fayette Counties		June 21, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
59 TX 150 Loop	Bastrop	Texas	78602
Address	City	State	Zip
Cynthia Eck	cynthia.eck@cacbastrop.org		
Contact Person	E-mail		
512-321-6161			
Phone Number	Fax Number		
74-2633011			
Federal ID #	State ID #		

\$ 15000  
 Funding Amount Requested

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If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$ 15000                      Amount Funded: \$ 9000

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

The Children's Advocacy Center, Serving Bastrop, Lee and Fayette Counties exists to provide a coordinated, family-focused approach to the crisis of child abuse in our community. We strive to reduce trauma, seek justice, foster healing and cultivate empowerment for children and families.

The CAC is a safe, child-friendly organization where child abuse victims can receive comprehensive services, including forensic interviews, medical exams, therapeutic counseling, and victim advocacy services. The goal of our CAC is to minimize the trauma experienced by the victims we serve by providing them with a supportive environment and ensuring that all their needs are met in a coordinated and efficient manner.

We are staffed by multidisciplinary teams of professionals, including law enforcement officers, child protection workers, medical personnel, mental health professionals, and family advocates. These professionals work together to ensure that child abuse cases are investigated thoroughly, and that victims and their families receive the services and support they need to heal and recover.

In addition to providing direct services to child abuse victims, the Children's Advocacy Center also plays a critical role in preventing child abuse by providing community education and outreach programs. We also work to promote collaboration among professionals and organizations involved in the response to child abuse, including law enforcement agencies, child protective services, and the legal system.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

Please see attached supplemental letter.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

Please see attached supplemental letter.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

We will use these funds for the purpose of hiring and paying the salary of an additional Family Advocate.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

We have in previous years received use of the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center as an in-kind donation for local law enforcement/first responder and child services training and continuing education, and would like to begin receiving that again.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

Our intake software tracks clients by jurisdiction and physical address, and those clients whose cases fall in City of Bastrop's jurisdiction are reported accordingly. Our organization has a reporting system to the City of Bastrop in place already, and would continue with that quarterly reporting model. For specific numbers, please see the attached supplemental letter.

The information contained herein and attached to this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby acknowledge that any funding received from the City of Bastrop must be expended as I have represented in this application and according to any requirements set by the City of Bastrop City Council and to the program guidelines. I agree that if funds are not expended accordingly, said funds will be returned to the City of Bastrop within ten (10) days from the date the City of Bastrop demands such.

Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

6/22/2023
Date

Title

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June 7, 2023

Elisha Perkins  
City of Bastrop  
1311 Chestnut St.  
Bastrop, TX 78602

Dear Elisha,

Please find attached the 2024 Community Support Funding Applications for Meals on Wheels Rural Capital Area/CCA. We are requesting \$10,000 from the city to continue to provide meals to older adults in Bastrop.

I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 979/540-2999 or via email at [KJFranke@ccaaction.com](mailto:KJFranke@ccaaction.com).

Sincerely,

Kelly Franke  
Executive Director

**2024 Community Support  
Funding Application  
Combined Community Action  
Meals on Wheels/Rural Capital Area**



# CITY OF BASTROP 2024 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING APPLICATION

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Combined Community Action, Inc/Meals on Wheels Rural Capital Area			June 7, 2023
Official Name of Organization			Date
165 W. Austin St.	Giddings	TX	78602
Address	City	State	Zip
Kelly Franke			
Contact Person		kjfranke@craction.com	
979/540-2999		E-mail	
		979/542-9565	
Phone Number		Fax Number	
74-1548511		N/A	
Federal ID #		State ID #	

\$10,000.00  
Funding Amount Requested

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If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00      Amount Funded: \$8,000.00

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

CCA/MOWRCA is a private non-profit agency chartered in 1966 as Bastrop County Community Action. Since that time the agency has grown to cover 12 counties through various programs. Programs administered by CCA include: Meals on Wheels, Utility Assistance, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Weatherization, Case Management for At Risk Youth and Pregnant Women, Rental Assistance. CCA is requesting \$10,000 in support of the Meals on Wheels Program. MOWRCA provides hot and frozen meals, 5 days a week to older adults in Bastrop. Our congregate site is located at the Settlement Apts. In 2022, MOWRCA provided hot and frozen meals to participants. MOWRCA is a volunteer driven program, our trained, caring volunteers deliver meals to older adults in the community and also check on their well-being.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

MOWRCA provided 18,431 meals to 156 older adults in 2022 in Bastrop. This program allows the older adult the ability to remain at home and independent by providing nutritious meals 5 days a week. The meals provide 1/3 of the daily dietary requirements for older adults. A licensed dietician prepares all the menus.

Research shows that the home delivered meals program significantly improves diet quality, increases nutrient intake, reduces malnutrition, improves quality of life and provides a human connection. It is reported that 17% of all seniors in Texas are at risk of hunger and seniors remaining at home, out of hospitals and nursing homes, saves billions in Medicare and Medicaid costs. During our recent client surveys of seniors we serve, 64% report they are not able to cook healthy meals for themselves, 70% are not able to go to the grocery store, 67% report they do not always have enough money to buy healthy food and 96% reported that the meals helped with their nutritional health.

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

Funds received from the City of Bastrop will be used to purchase meals for older adults and to provide shelf stable meals in the event of a disaster. We saw an increase in participation during COVID so these funds are even more important to our current clients and new clients that may need these meals. We are also seeing an increase in program participation due to inflation. The services we provide allows Bastrop Citizens to remain at home and independent, avoiding nursing home placement.





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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

MOWRCA is requesting the same amount of funding as last year, \$10,000. Rising food cost and gas prices have increased our expenses for the program. We do not have a waiting list and provide meals to any older adult who requests them.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

In the past CCA staff has utilized rooms at the city office for face-face appointments. At this time, most of our appointments are being handled by telephone. If we see a need to utilize these offices again, that would be most helpful. We appreciate the quarterly meeting with our counterparts who also provide valuable services to the city of Bastrop residents.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

MOWRCA has a client tracking software that tracks the number of participants and number of meals served. The local site manager completes the daily nutrition reports, those reports are sent in weekly to the central office in Giddings. The daily nutrition reports are then input in the client tracking software to generate monthly reports by site, city and county. We report monthly to the Capital Area Planning Council-Area Agency on Aging. CAPCOG/AAA monitors MOWRCA annually for compliance, we have had no findings, corrective actions in the last 8 years. MOWRCA served 156 older adults in Bastrop in 2022.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations?

Yes [checked] No [ ]

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Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Kelly Franke

6/7/2023

Date

Executive Director

Title

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[checked] Good standing on contract reporting requirements



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**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Bastrop County INC			June 16, 2023	
Official Name of Organization			Date	
507 Water Street (physical)	P.O. Box 623 (mailing)	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address		City	State	Zip
Kristi Bauer		kristi.bauer@casabfl.org		
Contact Person		E-mail		
512-303-2272		512-303-9637		
Phone Number		Fax Number		
74-2522961				
Federal ID #		State ID #		

\$ 9,000

Funding Amount Requested

If additional space is needed when filling in the application, please attach a separate sheet to the application.

If your organization received funding last year:	
Amount Requested: <u>\$8,000</u>	Amount Funded: <u>\$9,000</u>

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

For the last 35 years, CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties has advocate for children in the foster care system. CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties mission is to improve the lives of children who experience child abuse and neglect in Bastrop, Fayette and Lee Counties by providing CASA trained Advocates to support children and families involved in the child welfare system. CASA is requesting funding to continue efforts to ensure that every young citizen in the City of Bastrop, who experiences child abuse and neglect and who is removed from their parents/guardian with a legal case by Child Protective Services, will have a CASA Volunteer to advocate on their behalf. CASA Volunteers are people from the child's community who are highly trained and are responsible to get to know the child and their family and advocate for their safety, permanency and well-being while in foster care. CASA Volunteers provide a consistent presence in the child's life while working collaboratively with everyone involved in the case. CASA Volunteers stay by the child's side during their time in foster care, advocating for the child's voice to be heard and for the needs of the child and family. (see additional attached)

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties serves 100% of children in the Temporary Managing Conservatorship (TMC) of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). These are children who have experienced child abuse and neglect and have been legally removed from their parents/guardian. Attached is a chart showing the number of children served by our organization over a five year period. The chart shows the breakout of children served in the communities of Bastrop County and the other counties served by our local CASA organization. During the fiscal year, although not over, a total of 157 children have been served, 117 are from Bastrop County with 50 being removed from the City of Bastrop. In addition there are 75 active volunteers, 57 which are from Bastrop County, 35 are from the City of Bastrop. At the time of this grant submission, there are a little over two more months left in the fiscal year. We anticipate that there will be more children removed through the remaining of the fiscal year. (Please see the attached report)

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

Funding requested will be applied towards the following line items:  
 \* Recruiting and Training New Volunteers and Retention of existing Volunteers: New CASA Volunteer Training supplies and materials; Professional Development opportunities for Volunteers and Staff; Volunteer Retention Activities.  
 \* CASA Operations: Utilities, office phone and internet; staff cellphones  
 \* Child & Family Placement Assistance: Support for children for essential items; Support for Family placements caring for children. For example: (food, gas card to support transporting children to therapy and/or doctors appointments; registration for extracurricular activities; clothing/shoes/diapers etc.)  
 (please see attached for continuation)



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

CASA is requesting the same amount of funding as last years award.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

CASA typically holds its annual fundraiser at the Bastrop Convention Center. This past March we were able to secure the Convention Center. The City did provide CASA with a "non-profit" for the use of the facility. CASA in partnership with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) held its first Annual SpringFest in April of this year at Fisherman's Park. The City of Bastrop allowed the use of Fisherman's Park, support from the City Police and Recreation Departments to provide this family event focused around Child Abuse Prevention. In addition, CASA participates in the quarterly City Non-Profit Community Grant Recipient Meetings. These meetings allow the grant recipients to network and collaborate across organizations to best serve the City of Bastrop citizens. The City of Bastrop also includes information for our organization on the the City's website under the "Social Services" Tab. Visitors to the City of Bastrop website are then able to access our information to learn more about CASA and our efforts in the community.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties will track information through the OPTIMA database:
\* Monthly tracking of the number of children entering the system
\* Monthly tracking of the number exiting the system and the outcome of the exit (reunification, adoption, again out, etc)
\* Monthly tracking of the number volunteers to program and those who exit the program.
\* Number of volunteers assigned to cases
\* Number of Professional Development Opportunities; number of volunteers attending
\* Quarterly Tracking on the number of community awareness events
Since the beginning of the fiscal year (September 1, 2023)CASA advocated for 50 children who experienced child abuse and neglect from the City of Bastrop: 35 CASA Advocates from the City of Bastrop are serving children who have experienced child abuse and neglect; There is an untracked number of citizens in the City of Bastrop that are effected by the work of our CASA Staff and Volunteers. To name a few: schools, families of children, City of Bastrop Community, virtually anyone who comes in contact with the children we serve, benefit from CASA

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

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Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Kristi Bauer

6/8/2023
Date

Executive Director

Title

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**Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for: (continued)**

A CASA Volunteers works to:

- Identify and address risks to the child's safety
- Establish supportive connections for the child and provide information on support available to those connections for better placement stability
- Ensure appropriate physical and mental health assessments are completed and any health needs are understood by the family, and everyone involved in the case
- Verify educational assessments are completed and educational supports are in place
- Advocate what is in the Best Interest of the child and family.

**Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens: (continued)**

- **Volunteer Background Checks:** Every Volunteer goes through a series of background checks to ensure the safety of our children. The following are the checks that take place: Social Security Number Verification, Child Abuse and Neglect Registry, the State and National Criminal History. Every new volunteer, staff and board member completes this process.  
Once a volunteer, staff or board member has been through this process a name-based background is conducted every 2 years.
- **Mileage for CASA Staff:** Traveling is a necessary and important part of CASA Advocacy. The crucial contact needed with the children, foster families, biological families, schools, therapists and doctors allows CASA to make the best-informed recommendations to the courts.

**Addition:**

It is our hope that children will NEVER have to experience child abuse and neglect, however, to reach this goal CASA needs the support of the communities and its citizens it serves. With that being said, we want to ensure that as we work towards that goal, the children are provided the adequate and necessary advocacy to ensure that their needs are being met while they are in the foster care system. CASA is the ONLY organization that provides this level of advocacy. The City of Bastrop citizens and all the communities we serve are benefiting from the advocacy that is being provided to the children we serve. Research shows that children who have been assigned CASA volunteers tend to spend less time in the foster care system than those who do not have a CASA Volunteer. Judges have observed that children who have a CASA Volunteer also have better chances of finding permanent homes. Judges who appoint CASA Volunteers agreed that CASA Volunteers influence the court's decisions regarding children and that children and families are better served because of CASA Volunteers.



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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Feed the Need Missions			June 20, 2023
Official Name of Organization			Date
PO Box 1542	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address	City	State	Zip
Sean Tangen		sean.tangen@feedtheneed.org	
Contact Person		E-mail	
512-985-9041			
Phone Number		Fax Number	
27-3419631			
Federal ID #		State ID #	

\$ 10,000  
Funding Amount Requested

If additional space is needed when filling in the application, please attach a separate sheet to the application.

If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$ N/A                      Amount Funded: \$ N/A

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

Attached

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

Attached

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

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Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

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Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

Attached

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

06/21/2023
Date
President
Title

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[ ] Good standing on contract reporting requirements

**1. Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:**

Feed the Need Missions was established as a 501(c)3 in 2010. After the Bastrop wildfires in 2011, we recognized the need for a multilayered approach to addressing the poverty of our community. With a population on the rise and needs that extended beyond capacity, Feed the Need Missions decided to take a dual approach.

First, we created a consistent weekly cookout where we could meet physical needs by providing a hot meal to anyone that wanted one and meet spiritual needs by sharing the gospel with anyone looking beyond to burger. What started in 2011 as a single location has grown to 7 active locations and nearly 130,000 meals served each year.

The training and relational interaction that volunteer and staff acquire through our weekly sites has afforded us the ability and understanding to also provide disaster relief when those opportunities arise. We have responded to 24 disasters since our inception in 2011. Several right here in our own community.

Feed the Need Missions is requesting \$10,000 for our Bastrop South location and seed money to launch our newest site (Bastrop Central) planned for downtown Bastrop coming this winter.

**2. Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:**

Consistently meeting every week, by providing a hot meal, has made a great impact in the community. Over the last 12 months, we provided an average of 342 meals per week at the Bastrop location, this helps to fill the physical need, but it also fosters community to help meet the social, emotional and spiritual support to the community. This comes from the volunteers who provided 3432 volunteer hours over the past 12 months.

**3. Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop Citizens:**

The City of Bastrop funds will be used to provide food, supplies and equipment for the current and future site. This program benefits the community by providing a hot meal to anyone in need, consistently every week, to help with the social, spiritual, emotional, and physical needs amongst those impoverished. These funds will help to double our impact not only with the guests we serve but also with the volunteers that serve. Unity happens around meeting needs.

**4. If requesting larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:**

The funds will be used for two locations in Bastrop. Bastrop South located at Primera Baptist Church and our new launch, Bastrop Central, located in the heart of town. Funds will be used to provide food, equipment, training and support. We have experienced nearly a 100% increase in operational costs in the last 4 years. These funds will help lay the foundation in an ever-changing world.

**5. Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the city of Bastrop:**

Feed the Need Missions has not received any in-kind services from the city of Bastrop.

**6. Describe how you will track the number of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide a number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months:**

Feed the Need Missions Site Coordinators track the number of meals served every week. In the last 12 months we have served the following:

Bastrop South Site (Primera Baptist Church): 17,784 meals

We are planning to launch the new Bastrop Central Location in early 2024: 15,000 Budgeted number of meals we estimate our first year of operation.

Between the consistency of our current site and the addition of our new site, we anticipate an estimated 4000 community service hours be served by our Bastrop citizens over the correlating year.





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## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

In The Streets Hands Up High Ministry		June 22, 2023	
Official Name of Organization		Date	
PO Box 1921	Bastrop	TX	78602
Address	City	State	Zip
Roland Nava	smile@itshuh.org		
Contact Person	E-mail		
512-317-7503			
Phone Number	Fax Number		
27-2515162			
Federal ID #	State ID #		

\$ 15,000.00  
Funding Amount Requested

If additional space is needed when filling in the application, please attach a separate sheet to the application.

If your organization received funding last year:

Amount Requested: \$ 12,000.00      Amount Funded: \$ 8,000.00

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:

In The Streets Hands Up High Ministry offers multiple services to the citizens of Bastrop. Open Door Soup Kitchen provides free breakfast & lunch meals, Monday - Friday. SAFE Family Shelters assist housing instability families free of charge for up to three months. Our veteran shelters provide the same for military veterans, but for up to six months free of charge. Our Open Door Mobile Soup Kitchen, is utilized to travel to different areas in the city of Bastrop to hand out free meals once to twice a month. Feeding citizens who are, or may be on the verge of being, without food and/or are financially insecure. Lastly, during the season of extremely cold or freezing temperatures, we open Shelter of Grace Emergency Shelter as a warming station. It accommodates up to 25 people who may have inadequate heating or are without a home, keeping them warm and also feeding them. The requested funds will be used throughout all these programs.

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:

Being the economic deficiency occurring rapidly, we have had increasing numbers of meals to prepare to be handed out. 100% of the families who stay at SAFE are able to save and move into a home of their own in the three months allowed or sooner.

Statistics at Open Door Soup Kitchen:  
 Within City = 50%; Out of City limit = 50%; Ethnicity/Race: White = 47%, Black = 27%, Hispanic/Latin = 21%, Other 5%;  
 Gender: Male = 37% , Female = 63%  
 Age: Under 5 = 9%, 5-17 = 30%, 18-54 = 42%, 55-64 = 16%, 65+ = 3%,  
 Statistics for SAFE families:  
 Ethnicity/Race: White = 42%, Black = 19%, Hispanic/Latin = 36%, Other = 3%;

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens:

The funds for which we are requesting, will be made use of by purchasing items necessary to operate each program. For the soup kitchens, both free standing and mobile, foods, beverages, paper goods, supplies for proper hygienic serving and cleaning (cleaning supplies for all programs). Also to assist with utility costs for maintaining programs operational. Our program goals is to assist the city of Bastrop citizens by feeding those who are going through a rough period in their lives, or living paycheck to paycheck and providing shelter to families and veterans who are in the middle of transitioning from one home to another or may have fallen on hard times and need assistance to help save until they can acquire another dwelling they can call home.



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

Inflation. Increase in costs of foods, paper supplies and utilities. And for the additional program added to our mission, Open Door Mobile Soup Kitchen that will provide food free of charge to citizens within the city of Bastrop.

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

Since 2016 ITSHUH Ministry has received City of Bastrop funding to date, minus fiscal year 21-22. In-kind services we would most greatly benefit from, if by the generousness of the city, assisting with permits and the use of its parks and properties for outreach of the mobile soup kitchen at least twice a month, and for our annual thanksgiving dinner and Christmas toys and groceries distributions.

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

We retain files of all families and veterans who enter the shelters for temporary housing. For meals that we provide daily at the facility, we use sign in sheets for both breakfast and lunch and for dinners we prepare for guests sheltering in the on-site cabins. As for our off site outreach meals, we take count per number of to go containers utilized. And during warming station season, there is also a check-in sheet each person has to sign. We keep all records three years or longer.

Number of citizens assisted:

SAFE = 23 families

Vet Shelter = 4 individuals

ODSK = 13K+ meals (please note: personal information is not required of those needing a meal, we only take count of meals served)

Shelter of Grace warming station: 7 individuals

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations?

Yes  No

**Roland Nava** Digitally signed by Roland Nava  
Date: 2023.06.22 20:57:12 -05'00'

June 22, 2023

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Date

Roland A Nava

Pastor/Founder/Owner

Title

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Form with fields for Organization Name (Pines and Prairies Land Trust), Date (June 23, 2023), Address (PO Box 737, Bastrop, TX 78602), Contact Person (Laurie Mason), E-mail (laurie@pplt.org), Phone Number (512-202-5464), Fax Number (74-2989863), Federal ID #, and State ID #.

Funding Amount Requested: \$ 12,000

If additional space is needed when filling in the application, please attach a separate sheet to the application.

If your organization received funding last year: Amount Requested: \$ Amount Funded: \$

Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for: Please see attached

Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics: Please see attached

Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop citizens: Please see attached



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If requesting a larger funding amount than last year, what specifically will you spend the increase on:

NA

Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:

Please see attached

Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.

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Will you commit to quarterly meetings and leveraging with other non-profit organizations? Yes [checked] No [ ]

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23 June 2023

Authorized Signature for the Applicant

Date

Laurie Mason

Outreach Manager

Title

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[ ] Good standing on contract reporting requirements

## **CITY OF BASTROP COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING APPLICATION**

### **Pines and Prairies Land Trust**

#### **Additional Questions:**

- 1. Provide a brief summary of your organization and the program you are requesting funds for:**

#### *About Pines and Prairies Land Trust:*

Pines and Prairies Land Trust (PPLT) was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2001. The founding members created the land trust as a means to protect land in their communities. PPLT has since conserved 1,530 acres of land over seven conservation easements in Central Texas. These easements protect important landscapes, riparian corridors, never plowed Blackland prairies, and working agricultural lands.

PPLT was given the land that is now the Colorado River Refuge (CRR) in 2004 and has transformed this land by clearing dump sites, rehabilitating a gravel pit mine and building miles of trails for the community. PPLT then acquired two more properties between 2004 and 2008 and transformed them into nature preserves as well. Yegua Knobbs Preserve showcases many unique features including a spring fed bog, unique geology, rare plants, endangered species habitat and significant cultural resources. Billig Ranch is a working cattle ranch, and an example of how native prairie restoration, endangered species habitat and modern agriculture can coexist with holistic ranch management techniques. In total, PPLT owns and manages 1,044 acres of land for wildlife habitat and public education in Bastrop County.

In addition to land conservation, Pines and Prairies Land Trust also provides community education and engagement programs at all our preserves. Yegua Knobbs Preserve and Billig Ranch are open to the public for Open Preserve Days and special programs. The Colorado River Refuge is free and open to the public daily. At each of the preserves, we offer hands-on volunteer opportunities for community members to engage in land stewardship and educational programs such as birding hikes, native plant identification and other naturalist-led tours.

#### *About the Colorado River Refuge:*

The Colorado River Refuge (CRR) consists of 65-acres of riparian forest and upland woodland along the Colorado River within the Tahitian Village neighborhood. This location along the river makes it an important feature in flood mitigation, as well as for community recreation. The preserve has over three miles of hiking trails with a handicapped accessible paved trail leading to a picnic area which allows people of all physical abilities to access the wonders of the CRR. These trails are

popular with hikers, bikers, runners, dog walkers, birders, fishers, families and nature lovers of all kinds. PPLT and our dedicated volunteers strive to keep the trails clean, safe and accessible for all. Last year, a team of Youth Conservation Corp members were hired to install a series of cedar steps at our Two Bridges Trailhead, vastly improving erosion concerns and trail stability. This spring, we teamed up with the Lost Pines Master Naturalists to replace a wooden pedestrian bridge that had been badly damaged by vandals, as well as placing new cedar check steps to aid in traction along the Cliffhanger Trail.

Most of PPLT's community programs occur at the CRR. One of our most beloved programs is our free nature education program for kids, presented in partnership with the Lost Pines Master Naturalists. Each spring and fall, Bastrop area children learn about different Texas ecology topics in an outdoor classroom setting, explore the refuge, and engage in a creative activity. This spring, our Mushroom class drew in over 40 eager students!

The CRR is home to several other free community events each year, such as birding appreciation hikes through Bird City Bastrop and the Bastrop Audubon Society. This year, we also held a Community Clean Up Challenge in partnership with Keep Austin Beautiful and Trash Free Texas, and we launched a new program in partnership with the Bastrop Public Library. This program, Books and a Blanket, encourages early childhood literacy and a lifelong love of nature by hosting a children's story time and nature walk along the trails at the CRR.

Coordinating such valuable community events and maintaining this public preserve takes significant effort. PPLT is incredibly proud of the volunteers that give their time and energy to help maintain the Colorado River Refuge. Because it is a City asset, many visitors of the refuge soon become volunteers who help trim the trails and pick up trash. However, the list of needs and expenses for the CRR is ever growing, and PPLT needs more help to achieve all our goals!

## **2. Describe the results you have experienced with this program and include statistics:**

It is not possible to precisely track the number of visitors to the Colorado River Refuge because there are no attendees or gates to admit visitors. We estimate approximately 1,000 people visit the refuge monthly for hiking, fishing, picnicking and bike riding. The CRR currently has a 4.6-star average on google maps from 146 visitors indicating it is well appreciated by neighbors and visitors.

Since 2020, the city of Bastrop has experienced a 20% increase in population and we have estimated a 300% increase in CRR visitation based on the accumulation of trash in the trash receptacle and the rate at which it needs to be emptied. There has also been a noted increase of vandalism throughout the preserve. Because we do not charge admission to the refuge, there is no source of income for the inevitable increased maintenance needs caused by increased visitation. We are seeking funding to support the ongoing maintenance and

management of this nature preserve which has become much more heavily trafficked in the last few years.

Pines and Prairies has around 30 regular volunteers which attend our monthly Service Days and many more people who volunteer for special projects, including erosion mitigation projects and revegetation days where we replace invasive plants with native species. Our nature classes are always filled to capacity with 35-40 students, and with six 3-hour classes a year that equals between 630 and 720 hours of student learning outdoors for that program alone!

**3. Specify how the funds will be used for the program and how the program services benefit City of Bastrop Citizens:**

Because the Colorado River Refuge is free, there is no regular income for management and upkeep. Pines and Prairies Land Trust is requesting \$12,978 from the City of Bastrop to maintain and enhance this asset for the entire community. The funds will be used for:

- I. Staff time to manage the preserve. This includes assessing needs at the refuge, planning and executing improvements and running the CRR programs including the volunteer program and nature education program. In the 2021 draft of the Bastrop Parks and Open Space Master Plan, community members expressed a strong desire to volunteer at their area parks. PPLT currently fulfills some of this need for the community, but additional funding would allow us to host additional volunteer opportunities.  
Ongoing maintenance costs and preserve enhancements like removing graffiti, repairing trails, placing informational signs, repairing bridges and increasing trash service. These costs have increased with the growth of the City of Bastrop, and with increased visitation to the CRR. In the City of Bastrop's Comprehensive Plan (2016-2036), page 7-3, you can read that the public respondents had a strong desire for "C) Investing in the Colorado River Refuge". It is clear that the citizens of Bastrop would support city funds applied to improvements at the Colorado River Refuge.
- II. Larger maintenance projects. The Two-Bridges parking lot has been an ongoing maintenance issue due to continual erosion damage from run-off which accumulates on Riverside Drive. Water slices through the parking lot and down the hillside towards the river through the walking trail. In order to prevent further erosion damage, the parking lot needs to be repaved and stormwater properly diverted. Repaving will allow cars to safely enter the parking lot and people to walk comfortably across its surface. We are working with the Community Engineer Corps to develop a formally engineered plan for enhancing this parking lot. The final cost of construction is not known, but it will surely be over \$12,000. We are only requesting \$12,000 for this entire proposal, which will enable us to begin work on the parking lot while we

secure further funding. In the above mentioned master plan, on page 7-3, you can read that 46% of respondents indicated that they would prefer existing parks be enhanced rather than new parks be acquired. This parking lot enhancement is particularly needed, not only for the benefit of Bastrop Citizens and all preserve visitors, but in order to prevent stormwater runoff, pollution and siltation of our Colorado River, which benefits all downstream residents as well.

The details of these expenses and exact breakdowns can be seen in the attached budget. Please note that expenses total over \$20,000. However, we are only requesting that the city of Bastrop contribute up to \$12,000.

The benefits to the City of Bastrop Citizens are many. They include:

- I. The Citizens of Bastrop have a clean, safe and peaceful nature preserve to visit for FREE as they need. They are able to hike, bike, picnic, access the river, fish or simply immerse themselves in the beauty of nature.
- II. The CRR is the only free unmanicured nature preserve in the Bastrop area. There are many wonderful manicured parks, but a nature preserve provides the benefits of wilderness without having to leave the area. Many studies are released solidifying the understanding that immersion in nature is not only a pleasantry, but a necessity for physical, mental and emotional health. The Colorado River Refuge offers a close and free option for people to immerse themselves in a wild nature environment for rejuvenation and recreation. In the 2021 Bastrop Park and Open Space Master Plan, on page 21, community members stressed their appreciation of this type of natural environment and indicated their preference for maintaining the neighboring Bastrop County Nature Park in its naturalistic state.
- III. PPLT's many community programs are available to all citizens of Bastrop and visitors from all over! They are welcome to attend our free children's programming, hikes or volunteer opportunities. When neighbors attend these events they learn new skills, enjoy healthy time outside and build community. These are all tremendous benefits to the citizens of Bastrop and we need funding to keep running these programs!

**4. Identify any in-kind services you need, currently receive, or have received in the past from the City of Bastrop:**

Some of the repairs at the Colorado River Refuge could be completed by the City of Bastrop workers and/or resources. The repaving of the Two-Bridges parking lot could be done in-kind by the City of Bastrop planners and road crew, or materials donated. The assistance of a city planner or engineer would be greatly appreciated and eliminate the need for volunteer engineering work by the



Community Engineering Corps, as this project will require professional engineering in order to comply with County development standards.

**5. Describe how you will track the number of City of Bastrop citizens benefited by the program and provide the number of City of Bastrop citizens who received your services in the last 12 months.**

Tracking the number of City of Bastrop citizens who benefit from the preserve would require significant time to survey visitors and collect addresses at our many trailheads. We can estimate that at least one thousand people visit the preserve each month based on observations staff and volunteers have made while at the preserve. In many ways, all City of Bastrop citizens benefit from having a well maintained wilderness area in their local area - whether people directly visit or not. The preserve provides ecosystem services for all in the form of clean water, fresh air, wildlife habitat, flood mitigation and more.

We could try to track the number of City of Bastrop citizens attending our programs by collecting addresses when attendee's register or sign in for events. If the City has further suggestions for tracking visitation to the preserve we would be happy to consider them!