

Discretionary Grant Program Application

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Before you Begin - Requirements

To ensure all the requirements are met prior to filling-out this form, please read the information provided on the [Deschutes County Discretionary Grant web page here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact: grants@deschutes.org.

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

Shepherd's House Ministries

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75-320-7723

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City *

Bend

State

Oregon

Zip Code *

97708

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N/A

Project Information

Project Name *

Eband Abi's House for Women & Children

Project Begin Date *

2024-09-01

Project End Date *

2024-11-30

Amount Requested *

\$225,000.00

Date Funds Needed *

2024-11-30

Applicant/Organization Description *

Our mission is to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Our purpose is to help those struggling with homelessness to access housing and services, to be transformed and transition into secure housing. We were founded in Bend in 2006 as a long-term recovery program for men and later added a long-term women's recovery program. 10 years ago we launched low-barrier winter shelter programs in Bend and Redmond and in the last 3 years expanded these shelters to full-time, including operating the Lighthouse Navigation Center, the Franklin Center (both in Bend) and our new Redmond Center. Our services include:

1. Meals for the homeless (about 200,000 meals each year) 2. Long-term recovery communities for men, women, and children, including housing, meals, case management, drug and alcohol counsel, mentors, education, and support. 3. Low-barrier shelters: We operate the Lighthouse Navigation Center, Franklin Shelter and our new Redmond Center as low-barrier navigation centers include housing, meals, case management, and counselling. We partner with over 25 other agencies to provide wrap around services for those in need. We serve about 200 people per night in these locations. 4. SHARE: This is our client focused mobile outreach program in Bend and Redmond. We provide

food, clothes, mobile showers, connection referrals, and access to shelters, other programs, and housing. 5. Extended Living: Transitional housing and support for program graduates to transition back into society.

We are governed by a volunteer board comprised of business men and women from central Oregon, and led by our Executive Director, Curt Floski and local Program Directors who oversee each of our program sites.

Our primary activities are to provide overnight shelter, daily meals, case management, counseling and education for houseless, addicted and abused men and women with children. Our staff of over 80 people directly operate local shelters, long-term and transitional housing, food programs and mobile outreach. Hundreds of volunteers serve in a variety of capacities in our programs including meal services and direct client care.

Please describe the applicant organization, including its purpose, leadership, structure, and activities.

Project Description *

We plan to expand services for houseless women and children by expanding , Abi's House, our home for women and children. Abi's house only has room for eight (8) residents. Our plan is to purchase seven (7) homes bordering Abi's House to serve as transitional, affordable homes for an additional 24 women and children. This will expand our capacity from 8 to 32 residents. Each women and her children will have access to safe, affordable housing, case management, counseling and supportive services.

These new homes will be transitional, affordable homes where women work towards independent living. Women will be able to access these homes rent free, or for a subsidized rate based on low-income for those who are able to work towards employment. All residents will have stable, affordable housing, meals and supportive services.

The total cost to acquire these 7 new homes will be \$2.375M. We have begun fundraising and are seeing very strong private donor and foundation interest in this project. We have already secured \$1,065,000.

Specifically, for this project, we are asking for your help to purchase a 1 bedroom home at a cost of \$285,000. This home will house up to 2 women or a women and her children.

Please describe the proposed project or activity.

Timeline Description *

We are moving very quickly on this project as the seller has asked us to close in October/November. We have put up \$30,000 in earnest money to hold and then purchase this first home for \$285,000. We hope to secure your grant of \$225,000 for this purchase and we will cover the \$30,000 remaining balance. We will close as soon as your funds are available. We have women waiting to access homes, so as soon as we close we can furnish and place residents in the new home.

Please provide a timeline for completing the proposed project or activity.

Benefit Identification *

Houseless, addicted and abused women or women with children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. The majority of the women we serve are no income or extremely low income and will transition from Abi's House or our low-barrier shelters into this supportive transitional housing community. Here they will be able to access affordable housing, meals, case management and other supportive services. Their children will have a stable home and be able to go to day care or school, and also receive supportive services including counseling as needed. Women who are able will be able to get jobs and work towards independent living. Abi's House, within easy walking distance, will serve as a hub for supportive services for each resident. This will directly benefit each woman and each child by providing secure housing and supportive services.

Please identify the specific communities or groups that will benefit.

Impact *

We currently provide over 200 people a night with low-barrier shelter or recovery services, but it is very difficult for these people to transition to affordable housing. The primary impact will be that 24 women and children will be able to access secure, affordable housing and supports. These women will be able to address the issues that led to homelessness and work towards independent living. Having secure housing with supports and food security are key social determinants of health.

Please explain how the project or activity will impact the community or groups.

Fund Use Description *

We are asking for \$225,000 to purchase the first home. The total cost to purchase is \$285,000 for a 1 bedroom home, which is a tremendous value in central Oregon. We have just begun fundraising for this home and will be able to fund the \$60,000 balance through individual and foundation gifts (\$30,000 already paid in Earnest Funds).

Please describe how grant funds will be used and include the source and amounts of matching funds or in-kind contributions, if any.

Applicants may be contacted to provide a complete line-item budget.

Previous Grant Funding *

Yes No

Has your organization previously received grant funding from Deschutes County for the project you are applying for?

Ongoing Project Sustainability

This is a one-time cost to purchase the home, and on-going operating costs will be low. We will provide supportive services and home maintenance through our general operating fund supported by individuals, foundations, businesses and churches. In addition, some women may pay a subsidized rental amount as they are able. However, this and the other 6 homes will only be for no income or low income women and women with children.

If the grant will support an ongoing activity, explain how it will be funded in the future.

Grant Funding in Last Two Years *

Yes No

Has your organization received grant funding from Deschutes County in the last two years?

Grant Funding in the Last Two Years Detail *

Other ARPA Grants

City of Bend – ARPA Community Assistance \$50,000, 2022 (Shower Truck and COVID care related)

Deschutes County – ARPA SLRF Award \$300,000, 2022 (Redmond Center Kitchen Remodel)

Please describe the amount and purpose of the grant award(s) received in the last two years.

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