

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Haven House****Federal Tax ID: 27-3085950****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Haven House - Phase II Planning for Reentry and Transitional Housing Program

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Juneau Areawide (31-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Continuation of program planning for an evidence-based reentry program and transitional housing for women released from prison.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$55,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$395,000

Funding Details:

Haven House has received \$25k in donations from private sources and \$30k from the State in FY13 CAPSIS.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:**HAVEN HOUSE PLANNING PHASE II AND PRE-INITIATION**

The Board of Directors of Haven House, Inc. seeks funding to continue to develop our business plan to provide supported and structured living opportunities to foster healing and self-sufficiency for women coming out of prison in Southeast Alaska. We will obtain professional consulting services to review the literature, speak with stakeholders, interview subject matter experts, plan the Haven House program, develop a business plan and draft operating policies and procedures.

The resulting program documentation, business plan, and draft policies and procedures will position Haven House Inc. for success in grant applications and private fundraising. The business plan will provide a foundation for grant applications, fundraising and future public and private sector funding. It will pave the way to establish the operations necessary to address our tremendous community needs. Haven House Inc. is a Foraker Group partner. We will continue to seek their advice with respect to organizational development, capacity building, fundraising, and operational policies and procedures. We will also collaborate as closely as possible with the Alaska Prisoner Reentry Task Force and related stakeholders.

In addition to our internal organizational funding needs, \$20,000 is included in the above request to provide for the establishment of a lease arrangement for a facility until operational grant funds are obtained. Our board believes securing a facility immediately upon completion of our necessary planning documentation is critical and will avoid future implementation delays.

The Alaska Prisoner Re-Entry Task Force made the need for a project like Haven House clear in its Five-Year Prisoner Reentry Strategic Plan for 2011-2016: "Over the last decade, Alaska has experienced rapid growth in its prison population. Incarceration is expensive. As of January 2011, it costs the state \$49,800 per year (or \$136.00 per day) to incarcerate one prisoner... 95 percent of prisoners are eventually released from prison in Alaska... two out of three prisoners returned to custody within three years of their release... much more needs to be done. In Alaska there is a paucity of affordable housing and when such housing is available, individuals with criminal convictions are not eligible. Additionally, many felons are precluded from employment by virtue of statutes, regulation and policies that make it impossible for people with felony convictions to work... Alaska currently does not have the capacity to provide substance abuse treatment to the many Alaskans who require such treatment both within and without the criminal justice system... The faith-based mentor programs would benefit from additional state support. Citizens from the faith community provide much of the mentorship required to help newly released prisoners turn away from the negative influences that lead back to prison. Without the stabilization that comes from access to housing, employment, sober/mental health and positive peer supports, individuals do what they do best -- revert back to old patterns."

Thirty-year (plus) prison volunteer, Ellen Campbell wrote, "Women released from prison need help. To successfully mainstream into society, women need a safe haven where they can focus on healing their lives... begin to change their lifestyles... address the drug and alcohol abuse that initially sent them into prison. The safe haven we construct will address those issues while providing safe shelter."

Recognizing these disturbing facts and years of observation suggest that we need new approaches to corrections and rehabilitation. Haven House Incorporated was established 2010 under the leadership of Ellen Campbell, is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a faith-based organization.

Project Timeline:

This request will fund consulting services, develop a business plan, draft operating policies and procedures by the end of 2013. We anticipate securing operating funding and accepting our first clients in 2014.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Haven House Inc.

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No