



Affordable Housing Development Reserve

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Affordable Housing Fund

Funding Application

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FUNDING APPLICATION

Section 1: APPLICANT AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

A. Applicant Information

Applicant Organization's Legal Name: The Women's Center, Inc. dba Compass Center for Women and Families

Primary Contact Person and Title: Cordelia Heaney, Executive Director

Applicant Organization's Physical Address: 210 Henderson Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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B. Project Information

Project Name: Safe Homes, New Lives: Emergency Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Total Project Cost: \$193,196.96

Total Amount of Funds Requested: \$50,000.00

Please specify the **type** and **amount** of funding requested:

- Affordable Housing Fund: \$50,000.00
 Affordable Housing Development Reserve: \$ _____

Proposed Use of Funds Requested (*provide a concise description of proposed project*):

These funds will provide victims of domestic violence and their children who are fleeing abuse with emergency housing, a critical need in the Town of Chapel Hill. Two apartments will be rented by Compass Center for this use and victims/survivors will stay anywhere from a few days to several months, depending on their circumstances. Direct client assistance funds will be paid by Compass Center to service providers for expenses such as rent, security deposits, utilities, phone, security, maintenance, cleaning, rental insurance, internet, transportation, interpretation/translation, etc. The funds will also be used to partially support a full-time Emergency Housing Coordinator staff position who will be working closely with the families and providing case management services as well as assisting them in locating transitional or longer-term safe housing. Some agency overhead costs for running the emergency housing program are also included in the budget.

To the best of my knowledge and belief all information and data in this application are true and current. The document has been duly authorized by the governing board of the applicant.

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Signature: Cordelia Heaney Executive Director

7/13/2020

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Board Chairperson/Department Head

Date

Section 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a thorough description of the project (by answering the "who," "what," "when," and "where" questions about your project). Do not assume the reader knows anything about the project.

A. Project Name

1. Project Name. Safe Homes, New Lives: Emergency Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence

B. "Who"

1. Who is the target population to be served and how will their needs be addressed through this project? Victims of domestic violence who need emergency housing to increase their safety is the population that will be served through this project. This will be both adults and their children or just adults. Domestic violence can affect anyone, regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, educational background, socioeconomic status, etc. so clients making use of emergency housing will have varying demographics.

2. Please indicate the income of the beneficiaries (households) to be served through the proposed project. Please see **Attachment 2** for the current income limits for the Durham-Chapel Hill MSA.

Income Group (Area Median Income)	Number of Beneficiaries	% of Total Beneficiaries
<30% of the AMI	7	47%
31%-50% of AMI	3	20%
51-80% of AMI	3	20%
>80% of AMI	2	13%
TOTAL	15	100%

3. **Project Staff.** Please provide names of staff, contractors, and/or volunteers that will be involved with the project. Describe their responsibilities with the project and track record in successful completion of similar projects in the past.

The emergency housing program was launched on July 1, 2020 with the hiring of the Emergency Housing Coordinator, Natalia Rivadenerya. Natalia previously served as our Latinx Victim Advocate and Group Coordinator and did an excellent job in providing direct services to clients and managing our support group programming for Spanish-language clients. Natalia is a native Spanish speaker, is fluent in English,

and speaks basic French. In Peru, she received her law degree and also founded and worked for a non-profit that advised community-based organizations and local governments on human rights, sustainable development strategies and developed an app to educate and supervise child development. The Emergency Housing Coordinator will develop and evaluate the program, provide case management services for clients in emergency housing, track housing and client expenses, and work to inform the community about this new program.

Volunteer Hotline Advocates, who receive more than 40 hours of training and significant on-going supervision, will provide 24-hour crisis services to clients receiving emergency housing. They, and their various staff supervisors, will refer eligible clients into the program to receive emergency housing and continue to provide emotional support, legal information, and other services to clients.

C. “What”

1. Type of Activity. Please check the category under which your project falls.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Predevelopment costs | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/site improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental subsidy | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental/utility connection assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New construction for homeownership | <input type="checkbox"/> New or redeveloped rental housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New construction for rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Mortgage Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial property | <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement to support future |
| construction/rehabilitation | development planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner-occupied rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental rehabilitation | |

2. Project Description. Please provide a general overview of your project, including what you are planning to produce and how you are planning to carrying out the project.

Compass Center is launching an emergency housing program for adult and child victims of domestic violence who need to quickly leave their current living situation in order to increase their safety. This program will begin to fill a significant gap in services in the Town of Chapel Hill and Orange County as a whole as there is currently no emergency housing or shelter for domestic violence victims. For the more than 150 victims per year who request emergency shelter Compass Center provides referrals to domestic violence or other types of shelters in other counties, provides free hotel stays, and works with clients to determine other safe emergency housing alternatives (ex. staying with family or friends who are willing to take some safety risk). This program aims to reduce the risk of additional serious physical and psychological injury, homicide, or child abuse for victims.

The Emergency Housing Program launched on July 1, 2020 after several years of research, planning, and fundraising. An Emergency Housing Coordinator full-time staff member will be providing case management services to individuals and families needing emergency housing. Compass Center will be renting, fully furnishing, and outfitting 3-6 apartments throughout Orange County for use by clients for varying time periods depending on client needs—several days to several months. The initial phase of the program is for three full years with on-going fundraising efforts to support the program in perpetuity.

For the specific project proposed in this application to the Town of Chapel Hill, we are proposing to spend \$50,000.00 from July 2020 through June 2021 on direct client assistance to rent two apartments in the Town of Chapel Hill (ex. rent, utilities, landline phone, internet, maintenance, security system, transportation, interpretation/translation, cleaning, etc.), to pay for a portion of the personnel expenses for the Emergency Housing Coordinator position, and on some agency overhead expenses to run the program. Housing-related expenses will be paid directly to the service providers by Compass Center. The project budget is based on the first apartment being rented in September 2020 and the second apartment being rented in December 2020.

Other costs associated with these two emergency housing apartments in Chapel Hill, expenses related to additional client needs while in housing, and staffing costs will be paid for through agency funds that have been raised through our Capital Campaign for this purpose.

All agency services are free to clients. All of the client's basic needs besides housing (food, clothing, etc.) will be met by Compass Center if the client is not able to do so on their own.

Through our 24-hour hotline and other crisis and long-term domestic violence services, Compass Center works with more than 1300 victims of domestic violence annually, more than 150 of whom request emergency housing. Therefore, we are already connected with the clients who could immediately make use of these services.

D. "Where"

1. Project Location. Please be as specific as possible. Compass Center will be renting several apartments for use as emergency housing apartments for survivors and their children at least two of these will be in Chapel Hill. The addresses of these apartments will be confidential for the safety and security of the survivors. They will be convenient to necessities and on the bus line.

2. Project Size (if applicable). Please provide the size of development site: N/A acres

Please attach the following:

- Site map showing lot boundaries, locations of structure(s), and other site features
- General location map (at least ½ mile radius)

E. "When"

Attach a **detailed** timetable showing when each work task will be completed (e.g., planning; obtaining financial commitments; design; environmental review; bidding; loan closing; key milestones in construction; marketing; final inspection; occupancy; etc.)

F. Project Details

If the questions below are not applicable or the requested information is not currently available, please insert N/A.

1. Property Acquisition.