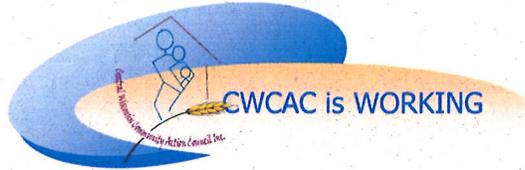


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February 7, 2022

Mr. James Mielke
Dodge County Administrator
Dodge County Administration Building, 1st Floor
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039-1329

Dear Mr. Mielke,

Please accept this proposal for participation in Dodge Counties' contribution of \$8,530-848 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The proposal is to assist with purchasing a structure in Dodge County for a Dodge County Men's Shelter. Attached with our proposal is both programs and fiscal information about Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. including:

- 1) WIPFLI Financial Audit 2020
- 2) Annual Report
- 3) Agency Programs

I am available to meet for discussion or presentation. Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fred Hebert
Executive Director
enclosures

FH/dl

cc: Donna Auchue, *CWCAC, Inc.* Board Member
Muriel Harper, *CWCAC, Inc.* Board Member
Donna Maly, *CWCAC, Inc.* Board Member

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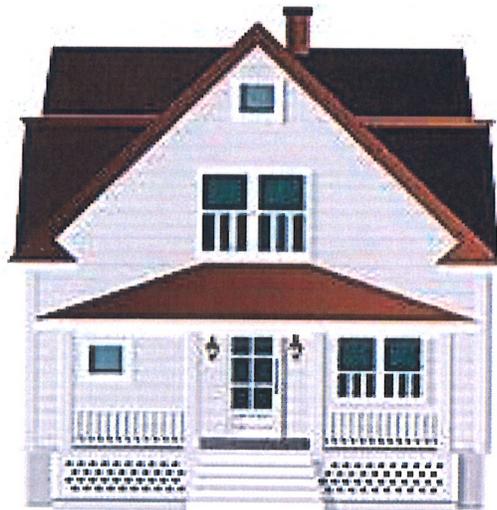
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Men's Shelter Proposal

Beaver Dam, WI 53916



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INTENT

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. intends to purchase a four- or five-bedroom house in Beaver Dam to be used as a Temporary Shelter for men who are and have become homeless



ABOUT CENTRAL WISCONSIN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.



With the implementation of the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964, funding was made available to create independent, private, not-for-profit organizations with a purpose and

mission to fight a battle to reduce and eliminate causes and effects of poverty in America. As a result, Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. was formed and chartered in 1966 as a non-profit, charitable organization with a wide range of interconnected services and programs operating in a five-county area of responsibility connecting and collaborating with the human services network.

Our board membership is prescribed by federal and state statutes requiring membership to be one-third low income representatives; one-third community interest generally; and one-third representing county boards from each county; Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Juneau, and Sauk. Dodge County is represented by Donna Auchue, low income; Muriel Harper, community interest; and Donna Maly, Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc.'s central office is located in Wisconsin Dells with offices located in Adams-Friendship, Mauston, Baraboo, Portage, and Beaver Dam at 134 South Spring Street. Attached is related information about CWCAC, Inc. and our programs.



DODGE COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER



Recognizing the need for a homeless shelter, a group of inspired residents in the county formed a non-profit charity, New Beginnings Homeless Shelter of Dodge County, Inc., and

started a homeless shelter for women and families in the late 1990's. Having years of success, the program and funding increased to a point requiring more time and effort of a volunteer board and part-time shelter coordinator. In 2007, New Beginnings launched a partnership with CWCAC, Inc. for the purpose of managing the shelter operation along with fiscal management. This has been a model relationship with CWCAC, Inc. carrying out the policies established by New Beginnings.

Recognizing the need for a Men's Homeless Shelter, CWCAC, Inc. purchased a four-bedroom family house on Beaver Street in Beaver Dam relocating the Women's/Family Shelter from the St. Michael's parish convent and converting that location into the Men's Shelter which is owned by an investor, having purchased from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. On December 31, 2019, the Men's Shelter lease was terminated causing a disruption in the operation. Failing to secure an appropriate shelter house, replacement pursuit ceased with the pandemic in March of 2020. Even though we were without a Men's Shelter, services to homeless men continued by providing temporary housing in motels and apartments in the area. Not only is shelter offered and provided, our Homeless Prevention & Intervention staff provide relevant and related services, for example: Counseling, job seeking, training, transportation, day services, financial assistance, referrals, and another assistance in the process is to mediate the homelessness.





In 2021, CWCAC, Inc. staff located in our Beaver Dam office assisted sheltering 79 men at a cost of \$16,977. Most of these men could have been better served in a shelter allowing up to 30 days. To be noted, that background checks are performed on each prior to shelter admission indicating that some of the 79 given motel vouchers would not have been admitted to the shelter. This number served is an obvious indicator of the need for a Men's Shelter.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.
HOMELESS PREVENTION & INTERVENTION UNIT



Included in our agency programs structured by specific services, is the Homeless Prevention & Intervention Unit supervised by Wendy Schneider managing Case Managers in each of our five counties.

We have six staff located in the Beaver Dam office, each involved with agency programs including the Homeless Program.

One of the staff is a full-time Homeless Shelter Manager responsible for both women and men sheltering which is a Dodge countywide program.

REQUEST



An ideal situation to address the demonstrated need for a Men's Shelter in Dodge County would be a structure similar to a convent where the Men's Shelter was for five years until the lease expired on December 31, 2019. The ideal situation for a shelter would be a donated or gifted property similar to the St. Michael's Parish convent.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. is requesting assistance from Dodge County Board of Supervisors American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase a structure suitable to accommodate at least five residents. With Beaver Dam being the largest community in Dodge County, this is the preferred location; but another community will be considered.

Of concern, as with any other type of shelter program, is neighborhood acceptance and conformance to zoning rules and restrictions. Although we have been searching the market for the past two years, property values have prohibited any offers.



With availability of the American Rescue Plan Act funds, CWCAC, Inc. is requesting a grant to purchase a Men's Shelter in Dodge County. Purchasing the Women's/Families Shelter in 2014 was a financial risk for CWCAC, Inc. and fortunately funds have been sufficient to meet expenses with grants and donations, CWCAC, Inc. will commit a financial contribution if this will encourage a grant award. Our request is for \$175,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase a shelter at a sales price of \$250,000. CWCAC, Inc. is committing at least 30%, \$75,000 to the purchase of the shelter.

I am available to discuss our request either in person or by telecommunicating. Your attention to our request is appreciated, especially appreciated by those homeless men to be served.



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