2022 Public Services/Recovery Kentucky Review Sheet

Applicant:	Isiah House, Inc.	Log No.	22R-051
Project Name:	Isiah House Recovery Housing	County	Mercer
		Congressional District	6
Funding Source	Amount		
CDBG	\$43,000	Population	
		Priority	I
Other Funds:		% of Other Funds to CDBG	0%
		LMI (%)	100%
		Funds Requested	\$306,072
Total Project Funds	\$43,000	Funds Recommended	\$43,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Isaiah House Inc. is seeking \$306,072 in HUD Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Housing Program funds for the purpose of providing rental assistance for individuals newly, transitioning to recovery housing units in Boyle and Woodford Counties. These individuals will have access to 16 beds in Boyle County (1500, 1502, 1504, 1506 Bonnie Court, Danville, KY 40422) and 20 beds in Woodford County (502 Tecumseh Trail, Versailles, KY 40383).

PROJECT NEED:

When clients complete a residential treatment program, they are often faced with starting over in life with most lacking job skills and work experience or have a poor job history. Without outside help, it is difficult for them to find the resources to pay rent, much less buy furnishings and household supplies. Most Isaiah House recovery housing is leased which means we pay monthly rent to the owners, utilities, and upkeep regardless of whether residents can make their rental payments. Despite these challenges, Isaiah House bases individual rental fees on a sliding fee scale according to income. Some residents live free for a time in the housing until they are settled and have secured employment. Unfortunately, we are forced to turn others away because rental revenue is the only income available to support this service. Support through the RFP will increase access to recovery housing through rental assistance for people who are considered low-to-moderate income.

NECESSARY AND REASONABLE:

Currently, over 85% of Isaiah House clients are Medicaid recipients, meaning that their income does not exceed 138% of the federal poverty level. The monthly income limit for KY Medicaid is \$217 which demonstrates the extreme poverty of individuals leaving residential treatment and transferring to recovery housing.

EFFECTIVENESS:

By the time most people enroll in a residential treatment program, they have suffered significant consequences - poverty, unemployment, lost educational opportunities, destroyed relationships with children and family, malnutrition, and even chronic health conditions like Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS. Recovery housing ensures that these individuals have the time and opportunity to learn both job skills and life skills necessary to become stable and productive members of their communities.

STAFF COMMENTS:

This project is recommended for funding.

Approved:

Commissioner

Date