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**2020 Recovery Housing Project Review Sheet**

**Applicant: Audubon Area Community, Inc. Log No. 21R-002**

####   **County: Daviess**

####  **Project Name:** Owensboro Regional Recovery Priority: I Rental Assistance

**Funding Source Amount**

**CDBG $ 59,500 % of Other Funds to CDBG:** 8 %

 **LMI:** 51% (Limited Clientele)

**Other Funds:**

**Audubon Area $ 5,000 Admin & Planning (CDBG):** $4,500

(9 % of CDBG Funds)

 **Funds Requested: $59,500**

**Total Project Funds $ 64,500** **Funds Recommended: $59,500**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Audubon Area's Owensboro Regional Recovery Rental Assistance Program alleviates the need for rent deposits, utility deposits and rent for the first month for individuals exiting out of Owensboro Regional Recovery (Recovery KY) ORR. ORR estimates 25 individuals graduate annually from the program. The rental assistance program will contribute $100 to each individual. Audubon Area Community is also applying for $1,000 per individual of Recovery Housing Program funds to assist the individuals in achieving sustainable housing. Funds are directly given to the provider such as the property owners or utility companies, not to the client. In total, ORR is applying for $59,500 with a match of $5,000 to assist 50 individuals within two years. This is a new beginning for these individuals. At least 51% of the individuals benefiting will be low-to-moderate income as defined in HUD income limits for Daviess County

**PROJECT NEED:**

Housing in the seven county GRADD area has always suffered from the lack of affordable housing. Unfortunately, this is a larger issue for individuals exiting recovery centers that have a felony on their record. Felons, in many cases, are not accepted in Section 8 or any type of subsidized housing and market rent housing can be unaffordable. We want to help these individuals succeed in their sobriety and becomes contributing members of society.

**NECESSARY AND REASONABLE:**

Owensboro Regional Recovery will assist individuals that exit out from the program, but funds are limited. Clients in most cases have achieved employment, but it takes time to save enough funds for deposits and the first month's rent on an apartment. ORR does not have the resources to assist these individuals as needed.

**EFFECTIVENESS:**

This project would help alleviate some financial burdens from individuals leaving recovery. They can focus on a new beginning instead of how to survive without the lack of funds. Many of these individuals give back to the community as mentors and leaders fighting against substance abuse and homelessness. They have amazing success stories. We do not want any of these individuals to fail.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

This project is eligible for funding as a Priority I rating as all funds are firmly committed. There is no construction in the project, only rental assistance to 25 individuals/year.