**Submitted August 2, 2022**

**2020/2021 Recovery Housing Project Review Sheet**

**Applicant:** Mountain Comprehensive Health  **Log No. 21R-006**

####  Corporation **(MCHC) County: Letcher**

####  **Project Name:** MCHC Recovery Housing **Priority: I**

**Funding Source Amount**

**CDBG $ 500,000 % of Other Funds to CDBG:** 419 %

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

**Other Funds:**

**ARC $1,500,000 Admin & Planning (CDBG):** $45,000

**MCHC $ 596,201** (9 % of CDBG Funds)

Total Other Funds $2,096,201

 **Funds Requested: $500,000**

**Total Project Funds $2,596,201** **Funds Recommended: $500,000**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The intent of this project is to create a recovery housing facility, by converting approximately 14,000 square feet of classrooms into 22 efficiency apartments, to help ensure a safe and supportive living environment for men recovering from chronic substance abuse. This environment will help them move toward a life of sobriety and productivity rather than allowing them to immediately return to the same toxic environment that spawned their addiction.

 **PROJECT NEED:**

Due to the limited number of recovery housing beds in Letcher County (currently only 16 beds), the need is critical. This Recovery Housing Project will benefit five (5) counties: Harlan, Knott, Letcher, Perry and Pike. It will bring an additional 22 Recovery beds to the community. This project will also offer a Workforce component providing hands on job training combined with Life-Skills trainings that will promote a holistic recovery community for the individuals who are suffering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

**NECESSARY AND REASONABLE:**

**MCHC has committed over 2 million dollars in matching funds** – which is exceptional. The property, in its entirety, is owned by MCHC. It is located at 38 College Drive in downtown Whitesburg, KY and sits in the business corridor, within easy walking distance to the Southeast Community and Technical College on the Whitesburg Campus. A portion of the property has already been renovated to create a community kitchen (CANE Kitchen) as an event center for local farmers to gather and market their products to help generate revenue for the local economy and much more.

**EFFECTIVENESS:**

With the continued prevalence of Substance Use Disorder and the inadequacy of recovery housing in the Letcher County area, adding 22 efficiency apartments with the ability to access Workforce and Life-Skills training will be of great benefit to the area. A National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) certified recovery house that has peer support and case management services readily available will help the residents continue a strong path in their recovery after leaving treatment before re-integrating into society.

The project will include the recruitment and employment of the following positions: two full-time equivalent (FTE) licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs), one FTE Case Manager, one FTE House Supervisor, one FTE Security Officer, one FTE Groundskeeper, and one FTE Medical Assistant.

**MCHC**

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Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation (MCHC) has spent 50 years growing into one of the largest rural community health centers in Kentucky. With over 440 employees, including 80 healthcare providers across multiple specialties, they are able to provide services to over 45,000 patients each year.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

This project is eligible for funding as a Priority I rating as all funds are firmly committed. Staff voted the MCHC project as the best in the RHP group. **The project is ready to complete final design for submission to KY Housing Building Construction for approval, allowing the project to proceed upon notification of RHP funding.**

**Approved:**

 **Aug. 5, 2022**

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Commissioner **Date**