

## 2021 CDBG RHP Project Review Sheet

Applicant:	The Haven Ministries	Log No.	22R-052
Project Name:	New Dawning House Recovery Project	County	Jefferson
		Population	
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	Priority	1
CDBG	\$365,820	% of Other Funds to CDBG	13
<b>Other Funds:</b>		LMI (%)	100
Haven Ministries	\$35,000		
		Funds Requested	\$328,030
<b>Total Project Funds</b>	<b>\$400,820</b>	Funds Recommended	<b>\$365,820</b>

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Haven Ministries (THM) **New Dawning House recovery housing project** will construct a **5-bedroom, 2-bathroom housing unit**, named New Dawning House, to **serve up to nine women** (at capacity) who are in recovery from a substance use disorder until they obtain stable housing. The project will directly support low-income individuals in recovery as they work toward **sobriety, stability, and self-sufficiency** regardless of religious background/affiliation. The unit, **located in a HUD-designated Opportunity Zone**, will primarily serve the Portland neighborhood in Louisville's west end, which has a disproportionately high rate of substance use. Esther Lyon, THM's Chief Executive Officer, will oversee the unit; Dr. Lyon is a licensed anesthetist with 20 years of experience in medicine, recovery and mentorship who currently oversees housing and recovery services at THM's Women's Center in Portland.

### PROJECT NEED:

Louisville/Jefferson County has the highest number of overdose deaths in the state (KY State Overdose Mortality Trends, 2019), with a sharp increase in deaths related to opioids in recent years. The overwhelming majority of these deaths occur in Louisville's west end – in particular, the Portland neighborhood (population 13,000) experiences high rates of opioid and fentanyl abuse and associated overdose deaths. Recovery programs exist in Louisville, though services are often located downtown and in other areas of the city – creating an access barrier for individuals without reliable transportation.

The Haven Ministries, located in the heart of the Portland neighborhood, provides housing and recovery services for **women** experiencing substance use disorder. THM sees a consistent need for services; the proposed housing unit will provide temporary housing resources for those participating in recovery programs on a path to sobriety, stability, and self-sufficiency, working to reduce need while building a more resilient neighborhood.

### NECESSARY AND REASONABLE:

The Portland neighborhood has a disproportionately high rate of substance use disorder and overdose deaths, though reliable housing for individuals in recovery is in short supply. The Haven Ministries (THM) currently offers some housing services alongside other critical recovery programs. Funding will increase the capacity of THM to provide needed recovery housing in the neighborhood. The project will leverage funds raised by THM and allow for more housing than THM can provide on its own. THM anticipates a waiting list for housing and continues to actively seek support for additional housing resources.

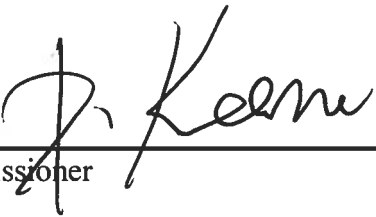
**EFFECTIVENESS:**

The Portland neighborhood, with a population of 13,000, lacks recovery housing services though it experiences a significantly higher rate of opioid abuse and overdose deaths compared to other city neighborhoods and areas of the Commonwealth. The project will provide temporary housing for nine women at a time experiencing substance use disorder, giving shelter and support necessary for true recovery. The property is located in a HUD-designated Opportunity Zone.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Staff recommends this project for funding.

**Approved:**

  
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Commissioner

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**Date**