



May 23, 2019

To: Ms. Andrea Benck  
Goodhue County Administration

From: Emma Onawa  
HOPE Coalition

Re: Goodhue County Outside Agency Funding

Attached is HOPE Coalition's request for Goodhue County Outside agency funding and budget. We are requesting support for our emergency Goodhue County Adult Detention Center (GCADC) Housing Assessment and Release Planning services.

For additional information please contact Emma Onawa at 651 388-9360 ext. 6 or 651 448-3386 or [eonawa@hope-coalition.org](mailto:eonawa@hope-coalition.org).

Thank you!

## **HOPE COALITION REQUEST FOR GOODHUE COUNTY OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING**

HOPE Coalition provides services to approximately 1700 clients a year. These services include a domestic violence shelter, services for survivors of sexual assault, and youth impacted by abuse or violence. In addition, we provide services to the homeless and funds to clients who are facing a financial crisis, such as a utility shut off or a need to pay for food or gas.

### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

As part of our homeless program, our housing advocate provides services to approximately 72 detainees annually at the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center (GCADC). **These services are focused on emergency needs to help recently released detainees with immediate, basic needs at a critical time in their lives. They are unduplicated and unfunded elsewhere in the county.** Services include:

**Housing/Transportation (many will be homeless on release)** – If a detainee has nowhere to stay, HOPE can provide a motel voucher for 1-2 nights (especially in winter) or assist with getting him or her into a boarding house, (based upon availability), as well as help with transportation to these sites. We also provide information as to which local employers will hire jobseekers with a criminal history.

If a detainee has no family or friends to drive him or her to a location outside the county, HOPE assists with transportation to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House (homeless shelter) in Rochester and Labor Ready, a seven day a week day labor program. These clients are able to access housing and day jobs so that they can earn funds to return to their home counties. Alternately, our advocate will arrange for transportation to the Twin Cities area or other destinations via Amtrak or other sources of transportation, and may assist with these costs.

### **Food/Clothing and Other Basics**

If needed, the advocate can provide a detainee with food and other necessities. Detainees often have little or no money upon release, and may need extra help until they can get assistance and otherwise move forward with their lives.

### **Ongoing support**

The advocate may continue to provide support to former detainees who live in the area with employment, permanent housing, basic life necessities, and support in making positive changes in their lives. In addition, the advocate may provide post release support to detainees on an “on-the-spot” basis.

### **WHY WE SEEK GOODHUE COUNTY SUPPORT**

*A young man was referred to us recently from the Department of Corrections. He had been released from Goodhue County custody and had nothing but the clothes on his back. A friend brought him to HOPE Coalition for a change of clothes. We gave him several pairs of pants and shirts that we happened to have on hand, including a dress shirt that he thought he might need and that we happened to have on hand, which is rare. He was very grateful.*

*A young man was released and needed transportation to return to the Twin Cities area. We arranged for a staff person to give him a ride to get on a bus. He was very hungry when he arrived and asked for something to eat. HOPE purchased a meal and beverage that he could take with him on the bus.*

Normally, a detainee would be given a voucher, funded through our Community Care Fund, which helps community members cover basic, emergency expenses, such as food, clothing, transportation, rent, utilities, co-pays for prescriptions, etc. Due to high demand overall, it's not unusual to use all of these funds and not have any available for a given period of time. For this reason we request \$5000 to help

support this service, including staff time, non salary related expenses, and costs for a client's personal expenses

We deliver important services to the county that no other agency in the county provides:

- For Goodhue County resident detainees, we provide services that assist them with getting back on their feet, becoming productive members of society, and contributing to the County's economy, thus reducing recidivism rates;
- For detainees from outside Goodhue County, Hope assists them to return to their home counties, thereby preventing a potential drain on County resources post-release.

Support from the county would help to cover the costs of HOPE's Housing Assessment and Release Planning services, such as gas vouchers, train tickets, motel stays, food, the cost of the advocate's time, and transportation expenses.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application!

## Goodhue County

### Outside Agency Funding Request Form

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Estimated 2020</b>	<b>Estimated 2021</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
	Fees:	\$ -	\$ -
	Grants:	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	State/Federal Funding:		
	Other Revenue:	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,000
<b>Total Revenues:</b>		<b>\$ 70,000</b>	<b>\$ 62,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Salaries:	\$ 15,226	\$ 15,683
	Benefits:	\$ 5,723	\$ 6,127
	Professional Services:	\$ 205	\$ 205
	Services & Charges:	\$ 25	\$ 25
	Supplies & Materials:	\$ 825	\$ 825
	Other Expenses:	\$ 55,275	\$ 55,875
	Capital:	\$ 250	\$ 250
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$ 77,529</b>	<b>\$ 78,990</b>
<b>Requested Funding From County:</b>		<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Number of Staff</b>		<b>1.5 FTE</b>	<b>1.5 FTE</b>

The figures in this budget represent costs for HOPE's Community Care Fund only.

The CCF is supported by local contributions, which can vary, the United Way and a grant.

No government money supports this program. The "Other Expenses" category reflects funds that were distributed directly to clients to cover their basic and emergency expenses.

Income from "Other Revenue" has decreased.