

Woodbury County BOS Public Hearing re: CDBG Application

- **May 20, 2025, at 4:35 p.m. at Woodbury County Courthouse Basement, 620 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa**

1. How the need for the activities was identified:

- a. The current physical facility, housing the Transitional Therapeutic Home (TTH) was built in the 1970s, previously serving as a nursing home, and therefore the physical design of the space is outdated and worn, presents challenges for addressing the trauma needs of youth, and limits the number of youth that can be served by the programs.
- b. The client mix of youth served by the TTH has been changing over the years, and TTH is now serving a younger and younger population.
- c. Children in and exiting foster care are at increased risk of homelessness, which carries additional risks including human trafficking
- d. Overall decline in shelter beds across the state of Iowa
- e. Children served by the child welfare system have experienced significant trauma
- f. Strategic Planning to address the above needs:
 - 1) Review of agency data and information
 - 2) Review of demographic trends including a decrease in average age of youth and an increase in average length of stay
 - 3) Review of past and emerging research regarding evidence-based programs and best practices to guide facility design to address youth trauma
 - 4) Researching and visiting other residential programs within Iowa and across the nation to secure information on best practices
 - 5) Input from youth accessing services, staff providing services, families and caregivers working with youth, and community members/agencies
 - 6) Administering the Collaborative Values Inventory (CVI) in the Fall 2024 to support the work for measuring and assessing community needs related to the proposed project. how the proposed activities will be funded and the sources of funds
- g. Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment

2. **Funding of the proposed activities and the sources of funds:** The CDBG grant will be submitted requesting \$600,000 for the approximately \$1.2 million dollar project. Other funding has been and/or will be secured through donors, grants, HHS, and foundation dollars secured by Crittenton Center.
3. **Date the CDBG application will be submitted:** The grant will be submitted on or before June 30, 2025.
4. **Requested amount of federal funds:** \$600,000 in CDBG grant funds will be requested.
 - a. **Estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons:** As the project is for a homeless shelter for youth, the estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low-to moderate income (LMI) individuals is 100%.

5. **Location of proposed activities:** The proposed activities will occur at Crittenton Center's campus at 3901 Green Ave, Sioux City, IA 51106.
6. **Plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses resulting from funded activities:** Due to the nature of this project, no persons or businesses should be displaced as a result of funded activities.
7. **Plans to assist persons actually displaced:** In the event that persons or businesses are displaced as a result of the recommended project, the entities involved in the project will adhere to the requirements of the Uniform Relocation and Acquisition Act of 1974, as amended.
8. **The nature of the proposed activities.** The purpose of the proposed CDBG funding is for Crittenton Center to make renovations and improvements to the Transitional Therapeutic Home (child welfare emergency shelter) located at 3901 Green Ave, Sioux City, IA 51106. Renovations will include the addition of a shower/restroom space, updated flooring throughout the facility, updated security features, kitchen updates and exterior upgrades.