

Goodhue County

Outside Agency Funding Request Form

Budget		Estimated 2024	Estimated 2025
Revenues			
	Fees:		
	Grants:	\$39,000	\$44,000
	State/Federal Funding:		
	Other Revenue:	\$42,000	\$45,000
Total Revenues:		\$ 81,000 -	\$ 89,000 -
Expenses			
	Salaries:	\$26,000	\$28,000
	Benefits:	\$3,900	\$4,100
	Professional Services:	\$100	\$110
	Services & Charges:		
	Supplies & Materials:	\$450	\$500
	Other Expenses:	\$59,000	\$65,000
	Capital:		
Total Expenses:		\$ 89,450 -	\$ 97,710 -
Requested Funding From County:		\$7,500	\$7,500
Number of Staff		1.5 FTE	1.5 FTE



June 7, 2023

To: Ms. Andrea Benck
Goodhue County Administration

From: Sara Kern
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 Sara Kern at 651 388-9360 ext. 9 or skern@hope-coalition.org.

Thank you!

HOPE COALITION REQUEST FOR GOODHUE COUNTY OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING

In the last year HOPE Coalition provided services to more than 1,700 people. 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 Community Care Program, our housing advocate provides services detainees from 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 them 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 detainees have no family or friends to drive them to a location outside the county, HOPE assists with transportation to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House (homeless shelter) in Rochester and refer them to People Ready Employment Service, 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 shuttle service, and may assist with these costs. Unfortunately, due the Amtrak schedule and requirements HOPE may need to put people up in a boarding house, shelter, or hotel so that they have someplace safe to stay for a couple of nights until they can take the next train.

Food/Clothing and Other Basics

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. If needed, the advocate can provide a detainee with food (or food voucher) and other basic necessities such as winter gloves, toiletries, and personal hygiene items.

Ongoing support

The advocate may continue to provide assistance to former detainees who live in the area, including referrals and support for: 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 who have just been released from the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center and told to walk to HOPE Coalition for assistance.

WHY WE SEEK GOODHUE COUNTY SUPPORT

In the last month three detainees who were released from the Detention Center walked to HOPE Coalition with no monetary resources and needed assistance getting back to family supports outside of Goodhue County. Our advocates were able to assist in offering phone resources, transportation and food. This helps stabilize people as they exit from the detention center and decrease the chances of recidivating.

Our Community Care Fund (which helps community members cover basic, emergency expenses, such as food, clothing, transportation, rent, utilities, co-pays for prescriptions, etc.) would supports a number of

released detainees. It is not unusual for HOPE Coalition to run out of funds and not have any available for a given period of time. For this reason we request \$7,500 from Goodhue County 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, personal hygiene items, the cost of the advocate's time, and transportation expenses.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application!