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Applicant Details

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Eligibility

This is a new or early-stage initiative Yes

The funding request in my application is less than \$15,000 (USD) Yes

The idea or initiative takes a new or different approach from existing solutions Yes

The idea or initiative has the potential to address a widely recognized problem Yes

The project has the potential to have significant impact within a clearly defined community or geographic region Yes

The idea or initiative can be scaled and/or replicated to reach a wider audience Yes

Project Overview

Project Title Merrick House

Issue Areas EDUCATION

A one-sentence description of your project

Abandon House Rehab to provide R1, F1 visa students housing while attending college in the USA reducing student debt and providing urban rehabilitation and jobs.

What is the problem you're addressing and why is it important? Why is now the best time to address it?

Many foreign students come to our city on F1 visas or R1 visas for college education and hope to return to their home countries and provide medical or other services they learn in America for Non Profit Organizations. Yet they leave America with debt for expensive dorm housing and are forced to work to pay off debts rather than help with a NPO or church. The additional problem is that Bradford, a small city in Pennsylvania is in urban decay with housing that has been marked in the city as abandon or uninhabitable. We have the solution to both problem with a house in Bradford PA near the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. Our NPO will rehab the house, provide a maintenance staff and a trust fund to provide for expenses while providing foreign students with low cost or no cost housing.

What is your proposed solution? What makes it innovative and scalable (or big and bold)?

The Big and Bold thing about this project is #1 we will use volunteer help to rehab the property and get the community involved. #2 We are going to use Zero Coupon Bonds in a trust fund self liquidating loan to fund the rehab costs. #3 We are going to help provide a solution to the decay in housing in the local area. #4 We will provide jobs to the very students

who will live in the house by paying them to help maintain the house while they are in school. Instead of debt for housing, they will earn money to pay off education debt. #5 We will save the City money for demolition of houses we obtain for this type of housing solution. Finally this same approach can be used for Immigrant and Refugee housing problems in the same way. Immigrants or refugees can be given no cost housing that they can be paid to maintain as transitional housing.

Who will benefit from this solution (specific target population) and where are they located?

Students in the community of Bradford Pennsylvania who are from diverse areas from around the world. We have a potential worker in our NPO from the Philippines who is planning to get a nursing degree beginning in 2022 who would be a good fit for one of the first residents. Also the targeted multicultural population of Bradford while attending school would benefit in better living conditions. Decay in housing is greater in the minority communities in Bradford PA as with many cities needing urban renewal in housing that has become uninhabitable or in need of repair.

How does this idea build on, leverage, or connect with other existing initiatives, products, or services?

The Idea is to connect with the local economic development programs which have provided rehabilitated housing and new constructions in the Bradford "Elm Street Project" Our NPO donated 3 houses in Bradford to that project in the last 4 years and was able to see a remarkable urban renewal in the Elm Street area with a new business and several city beautician projects that saved the community thousands of tax dollars. By connecting with the redevelopment district of McKean County and Bradford office of Economic development, we can unite local church and NPO efforts to inspire future initiatives by repeating the same process.

If you are successful, the world will be better off because...

The world would be better when we are successful because we will have made one more house a home and will have new friends in our neighborhood to learn about and love.

Do you have a website or link to your project that you would like to share? <https://www.rdjcatalog.com/MeyrickFoundationOrg/merrick-house/>

Plan & Metrics

Has this project started? If so, when? 2 July 2021 is the start date.

Upon receiving grant funds, you have up to nine months to complete this proposed project. What are the key milestones covered by this grant?

The key milestones are the rehab needs in mechanicals and structure repairs. a \$15,000 grant would provide for these 3 major material parts that would make the house habitable: 1. Furnace replacement 2. Roof repair and 3. Electric update with a breaker box to meet city code. The other items we have being the house donated by RDJC Inc. as a divested real estate donation valued at \$50,000

As far as the other grants and maintenance needs, we will seek additional donations and means to produce an ongoing income to support this NPO project.

What is the total budget of the project (please list numbers only in USD)? \$791,850.00

What is the specific amount you are requesting from The Roddenberry Foundation (please list numbers only in USD)? \$15,000.00

How will you use the grant funds? Please list any line items with associated costs--such as equipment, supplies, marketing and communications

Rehab and Repair of the property and the mechanical items listed above.

Heating System - Furnace \$5000

Roof Repair \$5000

Breaker Box and Electric \$1500

Window repair, plumbing and flooring \$2500

Dry wall repair \$1000

Dumpster trash removal and replaced materials will be covered by the NPO

What will be achieved by the end of the nine-month grant period? How will you know if you're successful?

We will have the property repaired and ready for students to move in. We will also coordinate with the University and local churches and NPOs to complete the project with Volunteers. We will know we are successful when our first student moves in.

Organization & Team

Who are the team members for this project?

First Name #1 Daniel

Last Name Merrick

Title/Expertise Pastor - President NPO

First Name #2 Olga

Last Name Merrick

Title/Expertise Board Member Expert Dry wall and flooring champion

First Name #3 Tannyah

Last Name Chapman

Title/Expertise CFO advisor - Graduate of University of Pittsburgh BS in Accounting

First Name #4 Yuri

Last Name Merrick

Title/Expertise Labor - Electrician

First Name #5 Jhoana

Last Name Abing

Title/Expertise Missions IT

What makes you or your team the ideal leader(s) for this project?

Our team has rehabbed and rebuilt over 14 houses and apartments over the last 10 years. We have worked together on providing low cost housing to several seniors in the community and worked with disabled persons and low income housing projects with HUD and the City of Bradford Economic development as well as the YWCA woman's shelter. Our combined experienced team works full time jobs with local businesses and have completed rehabs while holding full time jobs working on these side projects just nights and weekends.

Select the option that best applies. I am submitting this application as: A nonprofit entity based in the United States. We have a letter from the IRS exempting us from taxes.

What is your organization's name? Congregation Yahshua Messiah Gathering UCCMA

What is your organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the United States? (do not include dashes '-') 273465670