#### **Public Comment Summary**

# 2022 Draft Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan

<u>Connections to Care</u> sent additional information concerning the services provided by the agency and expressing appreciation for the Village's support. Staff provided information on the CDBG budget approval process including the public comment period and second public hearing, and staff said they would keep the agency updated throughout the process.

<u>Full Circle Communities</u> received staff's email with the reasons Staff did not recommend funding. As stated at the June 13th public hearing, staff believes it is premature to approve funding for a project for which a Plan Commission application is yet to be submitted. Staff further stated that it is concerned about the timing of the project and whether expenditure of funds under the 2022 Annual Action Plan would occur in enough time to not jeopardize the Village's performance on HUD's timeliness of expenditures test. Staff is also concerned about the extent of oversight required if Village CDBG (federal) funds are contributed to the project. Any allocation of CDBG funds by the Village would result in the Village being responsible for oversight of compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and other federal requirements for the whole project - not just with respect to the Village-allocated CDBG (federal) funds.

Full Circle Communities and Staff discussed Staff's concerns during a telephone conversation on July 7, 2022. Full Circle Communities pointed out that they expect to begin construction in the winter of 2022 and would front-end a CDBG grant from the Village; and therefore, the Village's timeliness performance would not be affected. Full Circle Communities asked if the Village's work monitoring the project could be mitigated by the sharing of information among the federal funders. Staff responded that HUD stated that the Village cannot transfer responsibility to another entity and would be fully responsible for the monitoring of compliance.

<u>Full Circle Communities cont.</u> - Public comment on this application was also received from two Arlington Heights residents and The North/Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness urging the Village to approve the \$100,000 grant request for this project and expressing the need for supportive housing. The comments are included in this packet for the Village Board along with Staff's responses.

<u>Little City Foundation</u> expressed disappointment that the draft CDBG budget did not include an allocation for its day programming where the agency regularly experiences budget deficits. The agency will continue to seek funding for this program. Staff responded that this comment would be passed on to the Village Board.

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic expressed regret that being new to the Village's process resulted in the agency not taking the opportunity to provide further information to the Village Board about the agency and needs presented in the Village. Concern was also expressed that the allocations were predetermined. The agency stated that they would welcome the opportunity to meet with Village leaders to discuss the agency's services and trends in needs the agency is seeing with respect to Arlington Heights residents. Staff responded that the allocations presented at the meeting on June 13th were staff recommendations and were not final. Staff provided information on how the agency may further participate in the development of the CDBG allocations by participating in the public comment period and public hearing on July 18, 2022.

<u>Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault</u> provided details concerning the services and cost of services provided to Arlington Heights residents. Staff responded that this comment would be passed on to the Village Board.

<u>WINGS Program Inc.</u>, provided detailed information about services provided to Arlington Heights residents and requested reconsideration of its request for a 10% increase in funding over the current year for the emergency services the agency provides. Staff responded that this comment would be passed on to the Village Board.

<u>Parkview Apartments Tenant</u> contacted Mayor Hayes regarding her concerns about the amount of rent and the utilities for which she is being charged. Staff will follow up with the tenant.

### Connections to Care

### Boyer, Nora

**From:** Char Padovani < charp@connectionstocare.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 1:06 PM

To: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin;

Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim; Administration; Planning; Boyer, Nora

**Subject:** thanks for your support of Connections to Care

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Village of Arlington Heights Staff, Mayor and Trustees:

I just wanted to take this time to say thank-you for your financial support of Connections to Care for this coming year. We appreciate the on-going support! Based upon last evening's discussion, I know you have had some difficult decisions to make regarding this funding.

As you may know, Connections to Care provides seniors with transportation to their medical/dental appointments within **14 suburban areas** covering 4 townships. Volunteer drivers pick them up at home, drive them to their appointments (doctor/lab/hospital/dialysis), wait for them and then return them home. This includes helping these elderly riders (average age is 85) navigate medical offices and complexes. We ask for a \$15 round trip donation, but no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay. These donations cover about 15% of our costs. About 40% of our budget comes from the township, CDBG and other grants. Approximately **45% of our total riders reside in Arlington Heights.** 

Again, thank you for your support. Please know that in addition to donations, we are always looking for volunteer drivers. Between COVID and gas prices it is challenging. Please consider posting the blurb below or referring a friend or neighbor to volunteer. Thanks so much!!

Char Padovani Executive Director, Connections to Care

### **VOLUNTEER WANTED**

Would you drive to help save a life? Drive seniors in the Northwest Suburbs to and from their medical/dental appointments! Connections to Care is the ideal choice for older adults wanting to remain an independent and integral part of the community.

Volunteering for Connections to Care is FLEXIBLE! YOU choose how often you would like to drive- weekly, monthly, quarterly. With our web-enabled software, you can go online and choose rides that fit your lifestyle and schedule. Technology not your thing? We will work with you! Our clients are so appreciative of all of our drivers! It is truly a rewarding volunteer opportunity.

Interested? Connections to Care 847-222-9227 or <a href="www.connectionstocare.org">www.connectionstocare.org</a>. Need a ride yourself, contact us!

From:

Sent:	Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:46 PM
То:	Boyer, Nora
Subject:	Re: thanks for your support of Connections to Care
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open <b>attachme</b> n	nts unless you are sure the content is safe.]
Thanks for the cl Char	larification Nora!
On Tue, Jun 14, 2	2022 at 2:36 PM Boyer, Nora < <u>nboyer@vah.com</u> > wrote:
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Hello Char,	
amount recommonder another public	rify that the CDBG budget presented last night has not been adopted. The amount shown were the mended by staff. The next steps are that there is a 30-day public comment period and there will be hearing on July 18, 2022. It is anticipated that the budget will be adopted toward the end of the Village on July 18, 2022.
Thank you for y	our email and all the work that you do. I know many people rely on your service.
I will keep you i	informed of the grant allocation process as we move along.
If you have any	questions, please feel free to contact me.
ii you nave any	questions, please reel free to contact me.
Nora	

Char Padovani <charp@connectionstocare.org>

#### **Full Circle Communities**

## Boyer, Nora

From: Estefany Noria <enoria@fccommunities.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 12:20 PM

**To:** Boyer, Nora **Cc:** Jordan Bartle

**Subject:** Re: Review draft email to Full Circle Communities

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Hi Nora,

Thank you for sharing the draft budget and providing an explanation for the allocation.

On Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 8:22 AM Boyer, Nora <nboyer@vah.com> wrote:

Dear Estefany and Jordan,

I wanted to send you this individual update with respect to the CDBG public hearing Monday night.

It was explained at the meeting that staff does not recommend funding for the Full Circle Development project in the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

The staff has the same concerns as last year. Staff believes it would be premature to approve a grant for a project that requires a zoning change (and possibly variations) and has not yet gone through the Plan Commission process or received approval by the Village Board. Also, project need to be closer to "shovel ready" or else reserving funds for a project puts the Village at risk of not meeting its HUD timeliness as expenditures requirement.

Staff also has concerns about the Village's obligations to monitor the project's compliance with federal regulations including but not limited to procurement standards and payment of Davis-Bacon level wages for construction. Contributing any CDBG dollars would make the Village responsible for monitoring the entire project.

The 2022 Annual Action Plan (including the CDBG budget) and the proposed substantial amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan are be available for a 30-day public comment period (June 15, 2022 – July 15, 2022) and another public hearing will be held on July 18, 2022. You are welcome to submit comments. The draft documents were posted this morning on the Village's website (<a href="www.vah.com">www.vah.com</a>) – on the home page, scroll down to the "Trending" announcements. I have also attached a copy of the draft CDBG budget.

Nora A. Boyer

Planner II

Village of Arlington Heights, IL

847-368-5214

nboyer@vah.com



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**Estefany Noria** Project Analyst

Full Circle Communities, Inc. 310 S. Peoria, Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 530-9615 | enoria@fccommunities.org

From:	Estefany Noria <enoria@fccommunities.org></enoria@fccommunities.org>	
Sent: To:	Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:54 PM Boyer, Nora	
Cc:	Jordan Bartle	
Subject:	Re: Review draft email to Full Circle Communities	
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Thanks, Nora. I can give you a call at 4 on Thursday.		
On Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 4:14 PM Boyer, Nora < <u>nboyer@vah.com</u> > wrote:		
Hello Estefany,		
Thursday is a little booked up, but I'm available from 11:30 – 12:30 pm or 4:00 – 5:00 pm.		
At this point, I'm open for a call any time on Friday.		
Nora		
•	ria < <u>enoria@fccommunities.org</u> >	
Sent: Tuesday, July		
<b>To:</b> Boyer, Nora < n	boyer@van.com>  bartle@fccommunities.org>	
	v draft email to Full Circle Communities	
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Hi Nora,		
I'm sorry I didn't re	spond earlier. Do you have availability Thursday afternoon or Friday this week for a call?	

On Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 8:43 AM Boyer, Nora < <u>nboyer@vah.com</u> > wrote:
Hi Estefany,
I am available any time tomorrow (Tuesday) for a call.
Nora
From: Estefany Noria <enoria@fccommunities.org> Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:14 AM To: Boyer, Nora <nboyer@vah.com> Cc: Jordan Bartle <ibordametric of="" of<="" state="" td="" the=""></ibordametric></nboyer@vah.com></enoria@fccommunities.org>
[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Village of Arlington Heights email system DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]  Hi Nora,
I'm following up on my previous email. Do you have availability on Monday or Tuesday of next week for a call?
On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM Estefany Noria < enoria@fccommunities.org > wrote:  Hi Nora,
Are you available for a call to talk through the City's decision this week? We're available this Wednesday, 6/22, fron 11 AM - 5PM. Please let us know if a time on that day works for you.
Estefany Noria Project Analyst Full Circle Communities, Inc.

From: Linda Waycie <lwaycie@wowway.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 2:57 PM

**To:** Boyer, Nora

**Subject:** Response to the Community Development Block Grant/ 2022 Annual Action Plan

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Hello, Mayor and Trustees,

I understand that no money from the Community Development Block Grant was set aside for the permanent supportive housing project located at 1519-1531 S. Arlington Heights Rd.

The need is great for housing for those people with mental and physical disabilities. As we are well aware, so many people with mental illness are struggling to survive and with an independent home and wrap around services located in the same building many people can get the help they need and feel safe.

Please reconsider your decision and make a monetary decision to grant some money toward the building of this new facility.

Linda Waycie

Member Southminster Presbyterian Church Arlington Heights

From: Boyer, Nora

**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 3:32 PM

To: Linda Waycie

**Subject:** RE: Response to the Community Development Block Grant/ 2022 Annual Action Plan

Thank you for your comments Linda. I will forward them to the Village Board.

Have a good evening,

Nora

Ms. Nora Boyer
Department of Planning and Community Development
Village of Arlington Heights
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Ms. Boyer:

As someone active with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and with the Mental Health Ministry at St. James in Arlington Heights, I hear so often about people looking for housing for a loved one with a mental health concern. Just yesterday I received an email from someone who was looking for a place for her 41 year old son to live. He lives with schizophrenia and is able to live independently but needs the type of support that a permanent supportive housing building provides. The wait lists are long and this gentleman is facing the possibility of being homeless come the end of July. His mom is frightened for him and is desperately looking for options. His health and wellbeing are at stake.

I am hoping the Village will reconsider Full Circle's application for a CDBG grant to assist with building the supportive housing apartment building on South Arlington Heights Road. Projects like this require funding from many different sources and it would be wonderful if the village could allocate some monies towards this worthwhile project.

I feel very blessed to live in Arlington Heights and that Arlington Heights has supported Heart's Place and more recently the St Anne/Maryville Home. Our village is a welcoming place for all people. This apartment building is in a great location and would help people who really need it.

Thank you,

Tracy Sherva

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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## Village of Arlington Heights

33 South Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-1499 (847) 368-5000 Website: www.vah.com

July 11, 2022

Ms. Tracy Sherva 410 E. Maude Avenue Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Dear Ms. Sherva:

Thank you for submitting your comment with regard to Full Circle Communities' application for CDBG funds under the Village's 2022 Annual Action Plan and CDBG budget. This Annual Action Plan and CDBG budget will be the subject of a public hearing at the July 18, 2022 Village Board. It is expected that the Village Board will act on the 2022 Annual Action Plan later in the agenda at that same meeting after making any amendments as a result of public input during the public hearing.

The Village of Arlington acknowledges the need for permanent supportive housing and other targeted and non-targeted affordable housing. We are aware that there are waiting lists at the apartment buildings you mentioned in your letter including Heart's Place in Arlington Heights. Your involvement in the organizations you mention in your letter is important and I appreciate your relating the personal story about the person and family seeking permanent supportive housing.

Arlington Heights is proactive in meeting affordable and supportive housing needs in Arlington Heights. Arlington Heights is one of three municipalities in Cook County (which contains over 130 municipalities) with an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Arlington Heights has approved special needs housing developments and funding for housing for persons with special needs including Heart's Place, a shelter home owned by Shelter, Inc., the St. Anne/Maryville shelter home, and numerous grants for improvements to group homes for persons with disabilities.

With respect to the Full Circle Communities proposal, the Village has identified the following concerns:

- 1. The Village of Arlington Heights has not received a formal development proposal (i.e., Plan Commission Application) for this project. It would be premature to approve funding for a project that has not submitted and/or received the requisite zoning approvals.
- 2. Federal regulations for the CDBG program include a "timeliness test" for the spending of CDBG funds. The developer has stated that they expect construction of the project to begin on this project at the end of 2022. However, since the Village has not received a formal proposal for this project yet, staff has concerns regarding this project and the timeliness of expenditure test.
- 3. The Village contacted HUD which confirmed that if the Village provides any federal CDBG funding toward the project the Village is responsible for verifying that 100% of the wages paid to construction workers (not just \$100,000 in wages paid) are paid at the required wage rates under the Davis-Bacon Act. The Village cannot divest itself of this responsibility to another funder (ex. Cook County) that is providing federal funds for this project. Although the Village understand that multi-levels of financing typical for this type of project,

staff does not believe it has the capacity to monitor this project to the extent required to avoid possible liability on the part of the Village, particularly in light of the fact that the requested amount of \$100,000 would be less than 1% of the projected \$11 million total project cost.

4. The Village of Arlington Heights is a member of the Cook Housing HOME Consortium. The Village's share of federal HOME funds is managed collectively with other municipal member of the HOME Consortium by Cook County. Cook County has approved \$1 million in financing for this project.

Due to the issues explained above, staff has not recommended CDBG funding for the Full Circle Communities project in the 2022 Annual Action Plan. The Village continues to be in communication with Full Circle Communities regarding this proposed development.

Your letter will be forwarded to the Village Board in the meeting packet for the public hearing on July 18, 2022. You are welcome to participate in that public hearing. Information about the public hearing will be posted on the Village website by Friday, July 15, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any additional comments or questions. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:nboyer@vah.com">nboyer@vah.com</a> or 847-368-5214.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Boyer Housing Planner

Jordan Bartle, Full Circle Communities Estefany Noria, Full Circle Communities

## The Task Force







The North/ Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness

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Ms. Nora Boyer
Department of Planning and Community Development
Village of Arlington Heights
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Ms. Boyer:

We have been working with Full Circle Communities to create a permanent supportive housing apartment building on S. Arlington Heights Rd. for low-income people living with a mental illness or other disability. In June Full Circle applied for a \$100,000 grant from the Village's CDBG program to assist with the project, but, as I understand things, was turned down.

I do hope the Village will reconsider Full Circle's application. As you know, there is a huge demand for permanent supportive housing for people living with disabilities. At every one of the PSH apartment buildings we have helped to create, the waiting lists filled up almost as soon as they opened. And so many people applied that the waiting lists at all four buildings, Myers Place, PhilHaven, Heart's Place and Spruce Village, are full and closed.

The proposed apartment building will be a small one, only 25 units, but if it is built, it will help people who really need it. Disabilities like mental illnesses can hit anyone. They don't discriminate.

Projects like this require funding from many different sources, so many that it's called lasagna financing, and help from the Village's CDBG program would go a long way toward making this much-needed project a reality.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Aph

**Hugh Brady** 

PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Cc: Lorri Grainawi Jordan Bartle

The North/Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness is a 501(c) (3) non-profit. <a href="http://housingtaskforce.org/">http://housingtaskforce.org/</a> 272 Jules Rd., Inverness, IL 60067



## Village of Arlington Heights

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July 11, 2022

Mr. Hugh Brady The Task Force 272 Jules Road Inverness, IL 60067

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Please let me know if you have any additional comments or questions. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:nboyer@vah.com">nboyer@vah.com</a> or 847-368-5214.

Sincerely,

Nora A. Boyer

Housing Planner

c: Jordan Bartle, Full Circle Communities Estefany Noria, Full Circle Communities

## Little City Foundation

## Boyer, Nora

From: Julie Frankino < jfrankino@littlecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 11:44 AM

To: Boyer, Nora

**Cc:** Sharon Andersohn

**Subject:** RE: Arlington Heights CDBG

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Hi Nora,

I completely understand the village's reasoning in not recommending Little City for funding, but of course, we're disappointed.

Although we haven't relied on VAH CDBG public service funding in the past, we do experience significant budget deficits every year in all of our adult services, especially day programming. We need to pursue every opportunity to fill that gap with grants and donations.

It is helpful to understand the village's reasoning about maintaining organizations that rely on CDBG funding. If we had understood this a few years ago, we might have approached this application with a different strategy. We are not deterred, and we'll continue to apply.

The village does a great job of supporting many very worthy organizations. We're humbled to be in that mix, and we truly appreciate the support we've received from Arlington Heights over the years.

Thanks, Julie

#### Julie Frankino

**Director of Grants** 

From: Boyer, Nora

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:52 AM

**To:** Julie Frankino

**Subject:** RE: Arlington Heights CDBG

Hello Julie.

I wanted to confirm that I will be including your comments below in the packet for the July 18, 2022 Village Board meeting when this topic will again be the subject of a public hearing.

Also, as we discussed on the telephone, you were correct that the funds previously provided for Little City Day Center services were standard CDBG funds. That allocation was related to the Covid 19 virus in that the Village was able to exceed the 15% cap on public services that year due to a HUD waiver issued in response to Covid 19 making that allocation possible. The HUD waiver was only for that year. The allocation was not from the Village's CDBG-CV grant.

Have a good day, Nora

## North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

## Boyer, Nora

**From:** Greg Davenport < gdavenport@nslegalaid.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:38 AM

**To:** Boyer, Nora

**Subject:** RE: Arlington Heights CDBG

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Hi Nora,

Thank you for following up. Monday night was my first trip to Arlington Heights (recently moved from St. Louis), and the storms on the drive in certainly made the experience memorable! I am sorry we did not get the chance to casually connect before the meeting.

I greatly appreciate the Trustees considering our request for CDBG funding. At the same time, I was a little disappointed to learn that the decisions for funding were essentially predetermined before the meeting, with little opportunity to educate about the current activities of our organization. Reflecting on the evening, I should have presented when the offer for comments was shared by the Mayor. In the moment, I hesitated based on the dynamics of the Trustee's discussion. My goal is never to compare the value of our work with another charitable organization, all are leading incredible services in the community. My hope is that leaders are aware of our programs and the need we are seeing in their local neighborhoods.

As a follow up to that goal, I would welcome the opportunity to connect in a less formal manner with you, Mayor Hayes, and any additional village leadership. My Executive Director, Susan Shulman, and I could update on the latest happenings at the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic and learn more about the community trends you are observing in Arlington Heights. From our perspective, we served more clients during the pandemic and found it easier to connect with those in need as virtual sessions became a social norm. In 2021, out of the nearly 1,300 cases we opened, 31 clients were from Arlington Heights. The forecast for cases from your community members is similar this year.

Thanks, Nora, for your time and consideration. Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any availability in the next couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

Greg



Greg Davenport

Director of Development

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic Formerly the Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic

**From:** Boyer, Nora

**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:40 AM

**To:** Greg Davenport

**Subject:** RE: Arlington Heights CDBG

Hello Greg,

Thank you for your email. I will include your email in the public comment record that will be provided to the Village Board.

The CDBG budget is not final yet. Staff recommendations are provided as that the Trustees, public, and applicants have something to which to react and comment.

The 30-day public comment period on the 2021 Annual Action Plan including the CDBG budget is underway until July 15, 2022. There will be a second public hearing at the beginning of the Village Board agenda on July 18, 2022. It is expected that the Village Board with take action on the 2021 Annual Action plan toward the end of the July 18, 2022 Village Board meeting after making any changes to the draft 2022 Annual Action Plan as a result of comments received during the comment period, the July 18, 2022 public hearing, and the Village Board's own deliberation.

Today, I will pass on you request for an informal meeting to my supervisor Charles Perkins (Director of Planning & Community Development). I am going to be out of town for the next week. Would you check in with me again the last week in June?

Be well, Nora

## Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault

## Boyer, Nora

From: Carrie Estrada <cestrada@nwcasa.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 2:42 PM

**To:** Boyer, Nora

Subject: RE: Update from June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan

and Proposed Substantial Amendments

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Hi Nora-

Thanks for checking!

I'd really like to highlight the monetary value of our services as we have not been great at disclosing actual costs of our services.

Last fiscal year (July 1, 2021- June 30,2022) we provided the following to clients living in Arlington Heights:

**55.25 hours** of our highly specialized advocacy services to Arlington Heights residents. This sort of advocacy could not be completed by another agency, with the same protections we are able to provide clients due to our Rape Crisis Center standing. We afford Arlington Heights residents sexual violence advocacy with local hospitals, police stations and Rolling Meadows and Skokie courthouses. Systems impacting sexual assault survivors are known to be cumbersome and intimidating. We are determined to be there for our community 24/7 in their hour of need. The actual cost of this service to Northwest CASA is **\$10,525** 

**293 hours** of sexual violence trauma counseling by Master level counselors. Victims of sexual violence require a specific trauma informed approach to address their nuanced needs. This cannot always be done safely or adequately at a community mental health agency, due to the nature of the trauma. The clients are coming with complex traumas only exacerbated by the stress of the pandemic. This has extended the time clients are typically in treatment. Our waitlist continues to grow without adequate increases in funding. The actual cost of this service to Northwest CASA is **\$55,816.50** 

It should be noted that our community events nor prevention education hours are included in this data. We also provide these services in Spanish and at <u>no cost to clients</u> which helps vulnerable residents have access to such services.

I have discussed this need with local legislators and am appealing to the local municipalities for additional support. I hope by sharing this information we can grasp a better understanding of the community needs and actual cost of services. I know we are surrounded by a plethora of amazing social service providers, thank you for your support of Northwest CASA.

Respectfully,

Carrie Estrada, LCSW, she/her Executive Director
Northwest CASA

**Subject:** 

FW: Update from June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan and Proposed Substantial Amendments

From: Boyer, Nora

**Sent:** Thursday, July 7, 2022 3:45 PM **To:** Carrie Estrada <cestrada@nwcasa.org>

Subject: RE: Update from June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan and Proposed

**Substantial Amendments** 

Thank you Carrie. I will include this in the information that will go to the Village Board.

Nora

## WINGS Program, Inc.

## Boyer, Nora

From: Luticia Fiorito <LFiorito@wingsprogram.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 1:29 PM

**To:** Boyer, Nora

Subject: RE: [External] Update from June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Draft 2022 Annual

Action Plan and Proposed Substantial Amendments

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Hi Nora!

I would like to have the following comments recorded:

On behalf of WINGS Program, Inc. (WINGS), WINGS is grateful for the Village of Arlington Heights continued support. In PY21 WINGS provided 249 nights of emergency shelter, supportive services and counseling for 7 children and adults experiencing domestic violence. WINGS actual cost was calculated at \$92/per person per night totaling \$22,908; however, due to CDBG regulations WINGS only charges for the direct services at \$35.29. However, this rate still did not cover the total costs of 249 nights for the 7 individuals. In FY21 – 22, WINGS continued to support its Mission by expanding its housing continuum by increasing its housing opportunities to include Rapid Rehousing in Cook County and the City of Chicago; WINGS added 110 units of Rapid Rehousing. WINGS also created a pilot Lived Experience pilot program called Survivor Lifeline that matches WINGS program Graduates with current clients to provide additional Lived Experience support and resources on a voluntary basis.

WINGS is requesting a modest 10% of its PY21 award from \$6,500 to \$7,150. We realize an increase may affect another community partner's award; however, due to rising costs in providing emergency services WINGS humbly requests \$7,150.

Thank you, Luticia Fiorito



Luticia Fiorito, MS Government Relations Manager

My pronouns are she/her. Tell me yours.

WINGS Program, Inc.

From: Boyer, Nora

**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 8:25 AM

**To:** Luticia Fiorito

**Subject:** RE: [External] Update from June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Draft 2022 Annual

Action Plan and Proposed Substantial Amendments

Thank you Luticia. I will pass your comments on to the Village Board.

Have a good day.

Nora

### Parkview Apartments Tenant

Tom

## Boyer, Nora From: Hayes, Thomas Friday, July 8, 2022 1:09 PM Sent: To: Boyer, Nora Cc: Perkins, Charles; Recklaus, Randall Annual Action Plan Input Subject: Nora, I received a call from Kris Grabowski \_\_\_\_\_\_ ) who lives at Parkview Apartments and is part of the low income credit program. She mentioned the public comment period and upcoming meeting which she can't attend because she gets up at 3:00 am to work at Starbucks. She also mentioned that she believes she spoke or dealt with you (when she first moved in) a number of years ago. She wanted to make me and the Village aware that she does not believe she is being charged the right amounts for rent and utilities under the way she understood the program and wants to relay this information/obtain correct info from the appropriate person. I told her that would not be me, but advised that I would put her in contact with that person. Assuming that is you, can you give her a call at the number above. She was looking to meet in person (presumably at the Starbucks across the street?), but a phone call might suffice. Thanks!

From: Boyer, Nora

**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 1:41 PM

To: Hayes, Thomas

**Subject:** RE: Annual Action Plan Input

Thank you Mayor Hayes. I will follow up with Ms. Grabowski.

Nora