

EMERGENCY COVID ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Designed for non-profits who can provide immediate assistance to a vulnerable population in Forest Grove.

Sponsor: Rebuilding Together Washington County, Inc Tax ID # _____
(N/A for City Board or Commission)

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Signature: 

PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Project Title **Amount Requested:**

Home Safety & Emergency Repair Progrsm \$ \$ 3,000.00

B. Mark all of the goals below which your project meets and explain how:

| ✓ | Goals | How project meets this goal (be clear & specific) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Increase reuse and recycling opportunities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Service code | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Result in improvement in safety | We will be mailing safety kits to people to improve their homes. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons and/or underserved populations. | RTWC improves the safety and health of households with a low-income by providing them with home repairs at no-cost to the homeowner. |

C. Brief Project Description and Explanation of how the COVID funds will be used:

Rebuilding Together Washington County (RTWC) works to rebuild homes, revitalize communities, and repair lives. We provide safe and healthy home repairs to low-income homeowners, at no-cost to them. We provide households with no-discretionary funds repairs that reduce the risks to their health and improve their sense of community. We target homes of seniors, persons with disabilities, families with dependent children, and/or veterans. RTWC has been operating in Washington County since 1994.

In nearly every home that RTWC works, there is a senior or a person with a disability. These individuals are often already fairly isolated, and primarily remain in their home. RTWC has been forced to pause our work to consider what the greatest support we can provide to these households is, without increasing risk to our service recipients, staff, or volunteer corps.

To continue our efforts, we have identified 2 areas of altered service for our homeowners. Our first is to help the households in our network by providing safety kits. One of our programs is to improve the immediate safety of our homes, by providing fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, and street numbers that are visible to EMTs, for homes. We would like to add to these safety kits to include safety items like cleaning materials, toiletries, to help our homeowners.

The other way we are going to need to alter our services is to shift from completing our repairs using mostly volunteers, to using contractors. Many of our homeowners need grab bars, handrails, and ramps and have emergencies like broken water heaters. COVID-19 does not change those needs. We have seen how other Rebuilding Together affiliates around the nation have been able to continue to provide for those needs by using contractors who have safety preventions like face masks and zip walls to keep them from homeowners.

If we have enough funds, RTWC would like to work with temporary care facilities to identify individuals, who if accessibility repairs are made to their houses, they can move back to their home. We know there are people that are using beds and in vulnerable situations because they cannot afford the required ramps and grab bars needed in their home. We would like to complete these repairs. This will open up beds and staff that could be used elsewhere.

These funds will be used to cover the direct costs of repairs. As mentioned, we have the indirect costs of running RTWC covered, but the costs for safety kit materials and contractors are new, unbudgeted costs. We are currently deferring all repairs to maintain operations. However, we feel it important to complete repairs that could prevent individuals from needing future care, such as installing grab bars that would prevent falls. These funds would give us the capacity to do that work.

D. Estimate how many Forest Grove residents will benefit if this project is funded.

Who will benefit if this project is funded?

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Low-income households

E. PROJECT BUDGET

How were these costs estimated (quotes, catalog, previous projects, etc.)?

Previous projects _____

Breakdown estimated costs by source:

| | COVID | Sponsor | Other #1 | Other #2 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Personnel Services | | 2500 | | |
| Supplies | \$ 1,000.00 | 1000 | | |
| Capital | | | | |
| Materials | \$ 1,000.00 | 1000 | | |
| Other (please explain): | \$ 1,000.00 | 1000 | | |
| Contractors | | | | |
| Total | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

Total Estimated Costs: \$ 8,500.00

% of Total Budget provided by Sponsor: 64.71%

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

A. Provide a brief narrative outlining the major tasks and projected time schedule for completing of each task.

This program work is an alteration of RTWC's normal operations; however, it is with a population we already serve and similar to the work we have been doing. After the approval of these funds we will spend a week calling homeowners to review their biggest home health risks to create a list of needed safety supplies.

The following week we will work on delivering supplies and scheduling with residential contractors who are currently looking for work. We estimate that we will be spending most of the funds within 3 to 6 weeks.

We see an added benefit of this program is to assure isolated homeowners that they are not alone.

B. Describe prior experience managing similar projects. Include prior Community Enhancement Projects.

RTWC has been serving Washington County for the last 26 years. The efforts are slightly new, but we will be utilizing volunteer groups that we have already worked to package and deliver the safety kits.

We will need to do some outreach into the community to find contractors and individuals that need repairs to move out of homes, but we already have a few connections into those networks.

C. Does this project require coordination with other public and private organizations? Has the necessary coordination been completed? If yes, please describe.

We will be working with contractors and health care providers. We already have contacts with the communities. We have not completed coordination with these other providers as this is a new initiative for us as we seek ways to be the most helpful to our homeowners recipients during the Covid-19 pandemic.

D. If the project is located on private land, discuss the public benefit of the project and provide landowner permission for the project with this application.

Typically the services we provide for free to low-income homeowners in Forest Grove are carried out on their own homes and property. When we work in manufactured home parks we obtain certain necessary permissions i.e.: paint colors, drop box locations, etc. The public benefit is the reduction of number of homeowners who may need emergency services due to falls that could stretch the already burdened emergency response personnel, or placement in skilled nursing facilities or assisted care homes that could de-stabilized a family and require them needing city, county or federally funded financial assistance.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm, April 7, 2020, at Forest Grove City Hall, 1924 Council Street. Please limit question responses to the spaces provided.