

## Alliance House Social Service Appropriation Request

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### Alliance House Mission

Provide a supportive environment in which adults with mental illness can rebuild their self-respect, confidence and purpose through housing, meaningful work, education, and community.

### Alliance House Description

Alliance House is a nonprofit, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) evidence based practice, and International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) accredited program for adults with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI). In a setting that is neither institutional nor traditional treatment center; those whom Alliance House serves are considered members, not clients.

We support members to develop necessary work skills and complete educational goals in order to return to productive employment in the community. Assisting members to find and secure affordable housing is a foundation of obtaining all other goals in life. All of this is done within our Clubhouse setting where members and staff work side by side with mutual respect and caring. Hundreds of former members of Alliance House have gone on to live independent, productive lives within the community at large.

### Social Service Investment Request

We have an excellent opportunity to match our \$35,000 Hearst grant received in 2012 to assist members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

### **We respectfully request an investment of an additional \$70,000 to match the \$35,000 Hearst grant 2 to 1 to achieve housing goals.**

Funds will be used to support homeless members and those at risk of homelessness to secure safe and affordable housing. Research shows stable housing is a viable investment as it greatly decreases public costs related to emergency room care and incarceration. Portland, Maine, reduced emergency room annual expenditures by \$1,296 per chronically homeless individual given permanent supportive housing. Similarly San Francisco found a 56 percent decrease in emergency department visits by its chronically homeless population after providing them with permanent supportive housing (National Alliance To End Homelessness, 2012). Alliance House currently has 29 individual apartment units available to members, 9 units owned by Alliance House Inc and 20 units in collaboration with Valley Mental Health (VMH) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We currently have a 30-member waiting list for Alliance House housing opportunities. Our goal is to double housing units available to members.

It is incredibly difficult for any one of us to succeed in life and employment when one does not even have a safe place to return home to or an address to give a potential employer. Stable housing promotes recovery from mental illness, reintegration into the





community, and long term self-sufficiency eliminating dependence on social service programs.

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Senator Christensen and others have toured, and we would love to have anyone else interested in a tour please contact Dan Braun at 801-486-5012 or [danielb@vmh.com](mailto:danielb@vmh.com).

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