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Requests for Appropriation (2019 General Session)  
St. Anne's Center dba Lantern House

St. Anne's Center dba Lantern House is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization providing food, shelter, essential services and hope to thousands of people every year facing poverty, hunger and homelessness in Utah's Weber, Box Elder, Cache, Morgan and Davis counties.

Lantern House requests an allocation of \$750,000 from the 2019 State Legislation. Funds are being requested to improve the safety and security of the community (via upgrades and security additions to the shelter), help provide operating funds for sustainability, and improve the service delivery system to the homeless population of Northern Utah.

Lantern House has seen a steady increase in the homeless population over the years. 35,000 shelter nights were provided to 760 unduplicated people in FY12 compared to over 66,000 shelter nights to 2,100 people in FY18. We are estimating that we will serve close to 3,000 unduplicated people this year. Just in the first 6 months of this FY we have provided over 41,400 shelter nights to 1500 unduplicated people. This increase is attributed to the number of families with children using shelter services. There has been a 30% increase of families in our shelter over the last 6 months.

In the past year, Lantern House has been through a significant change in management and program administration. In February of 2018, the Director of 10 years stepped down and a Board Member (Col. Jay Stretch) of 10 years stepped in as the Executive Director. With the new direction, Mr. Stretch spearheaded an initiative to improve community relationships, increase safety and security in the shelter and bridge the gap between the homeless services.

Because of the initiative, we have implemented several new programs with local law enforcement, mental health services and hospitals. This includes the implementation of a "Homeless Court" (to help facilitate warrants and tickets), medical beds (to avert over usage of emergency rooms), and a detox program (through a partnership with Ogden City Police and Weber Human Services).

Capital Campaign / New Facility – Lantern House

The Binford facility was inadequate in size and accommodations due to the increase of homeless population in Northern Utah. In August of 2015, after a 5-year 8-million-dollar capital campaign, St. Anne's Center was able to open a new facility (Lantern House, consisting of 2 buildings; a soup kitchen (8,850 SQFT) and a 2-story shelter (34,550 SQFT).) going from 104 beds to 310 beds. The new facility made it possible to provide more services and resources (including a free clinic and no-barrier wing) to the community, along with the ability to accommodate all homeless populations.



7.7 million dollars out of the 8 million dollars was raised by 2015 through the following: State Legislation Allocation (6%), Businesses (6%), Individuals (13%), Churches (20%), Foundations (27%), and Bequests (27%). Lantern House took out a loan for the remaining balance of the campaign. In 2017, legislators allocated an additional \$690,000 to pay off the debt. Out of the total \$8,390,000 to build the facility the State of Utah covered 14% of it.

Funding Request: \$750,000

1. Safety & Security Improvements: \$300,000
2. Operating Funds: \$350,000
3. Community Case Manager: \$100,000

1. Safety & Security Improvement \$300,000

Through a partnership with the Ogden City Police Department and Weber County, Lantern House is requesting one-time funding to make security improvements for the safety of the homeless citizens seeking assistance, local community members, shelter staff, and law enforcement. Funding will support the following expenditures:

- Additions and upgrades to security cameras and communication devices
- Staff salaries and benefits for security personnel
- Security Equipment – Metal detectors and lockers

2. Operating Expenses \$350,000

We are requesting general operating funds to help offset shelter expenses and improve the outlook of long-term sustainability. Lantern House currently has a budget of \$1.6 million, which \$679,593 is state funding and \$125,000 of that is pass through. Out of the total state funding, \$592,500 requires a non-governmental cash match. This requirement makes it difficult to pursue any further funding through Department of Work Force Services. The difference of our budget (1 million) must be raised through foundations, individuals, churches and businesses.

3. Community Case Manager (x2) \$100,000

Through a partnership with Midtown Community Health, McKay Dee Hospital, Weber Human Services, Ogden City Police, and Ogden City Justice Court, Lantern House is requesting funding for 2 Community Case Manager's. The Community Case Manager's will coordinate services for homeless individuals and families needing guidance through the criminal justice and health care system. Unfortunately, poor healthcare and outstanding legal issues is a common occurrence among those experiencing homelessness. A community focused case manager will increase benefits and healthcare access among homeless individuals while helping coordinate efforts to alleviate active warrants and help complete any current sentencing requirements.