

2023 PHILIP S. MILLER RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Due by 5 p.m., Aug. 1, 2022

ORGANIZATION:	Harry C. Miller American Legion Post 1187
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CITY:	Castle Rock
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Executive Director/President:	Mike McNairy, Commander
Board of Directors:	Dave Giboo, Sr Vice Commander Chris Desmsond, Jr Vice Commander Larry Underwood, Adjutant Wayne Turner, Finance Officer Dick Harding, Judge Advocate
Non-profit status:	501(C)(19)
Amount requested:	\$5,000
Provisions for the necessities of life:	Water, Food, Energy, Shelter
Purpose of grant:	The grant would primarily be used by American Legion Post 1187 of Castle Rock to assist homeless/low income veterans and current service members in meeting their needs for food, shelter, clothing, and utilities (such as water and energy). The

grant would also help the Post provide other services to military families, and promote patriotism in the community.

**Organization's
goals/Mission Statement:**

American Legion Post 1187 is the Castle Rock branch of the American Legion. The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization devoted to serving our fellow active duty military and their families, mentoring youth, promoting strong national security, and advocating patriotism across the U.S.

Harry C. Miller Post 1187 of Castle Rock is dedicated to serving veterans and our community. We visit and provide emergency assistance to veterans, active military and their families. We also participate in dedications and events within Castle Rock, present the colors at Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, march in the Douglas County Parade, and participate in and contribute to various youth events. In all, we contribute more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service annually to community events. In recognition of our service to the local community, Post 1187 received the 2022 Nonprofit of the Year Award from the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce.

**How the organization will
use the granted funds:**

American Legion Post 1187 would primarily use the grant funds to assist homeless/low income veterans and service members in meeting their needs for food, shelter, clothing, and utilities (such as water and energy). The Post helps veterans and their families transition from military life to civilian life, whether through assistance in relocating, comfort items, or connecting them to Veterans Administration services. Funds would also help purchase uniforms that Honor Guard members need to serve military funerals and local Castle Rock events, as well as to help purchase U.S. and POW flags that are displayed throughout Castle Rock for national holidays. Finally, funds would be used to help send three local high school students to the American Legion Boys State leadership conference.

**Time table for
implementation:**

The funds would be expended during calendar year 2024.

**Other organizations
participating with this
program:**

Harry C. Miller American Legion Post 1187 partners with many community organizations. We work with and serve Children's Hospital in Denver, the Castle Rock police and fire departments and Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Castle Rock Senior Center, as well as all local retirement facilities and schools.

Strategies for sustained funding at the end of the grant period:

At the end of the grant period, American Legion Post 1187 will pursue funding for this project from organizations such as the Castle Rock Town Council. The Post also will continue to receive funds through membership dues, individual donations, Post-sponsored community events, King Soopers Community Rewards, and Honor Guard service.

Evaluation - Discuss expected results, how the organization defines and measures success, and how it will use and disseminate the project's results:

American Legion Post 1187 expects to assist homeless/low income veterans and current service members, and their families, in meeting their needs in the areas of shelter, food, clothing, utilities (such as energy and water), and medical services (such as short-term usage of medical equipment). Any military members requesting assistance must prove his/her military service prior to receiving funds. The Post tracks the number of veterans receiving assistance, and the amount and purpose of funds received. The Post also tracks the number of flags purchased for display, and the number of funerals and other events served by the Honor Guard. The results of our community programs are disseminated at monthly meetings of Post members, and on the Post Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/ALP1187>).

Describe specific benefits to Town residents including number of residents served, if available:

In addition to the more than 180 local veterans we serve who are members of our Post, we also serve veterans at local retirement facilities. Although we focus on serving active military and veterans and their families, we benefit all residents of Castle Rock through our patriotic activities such as hanging American and POW flags throughout the City, honoring veterans through Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, participating in local youth activities, and volunteering in schools.

If the Town provides only partial funding, how will the organization fund the program/project?

As a small service organization, Post 1187 would be grateful for any amount of funding from the Philip S. Miller Resource Grant Program. Any funding received would be used to assist homeless/low income veterans in meeting their needs in the areas of shelter, food, clothing, utilities (such as energy and water), and medical services (such as short-term usage of medical equipment). It would also help the Post provide other community services as described above.

If previously awarded a Town grant, please include a summary of the

American Legion Post 1187 is grateful for the grant of \$5,000 we received from the Philip S. Miller Resource Grant Program during 2023. Funds were used to assist numerous veterans in

program/project and
evaluate the success:

Castle Rock in meeting their basic needs for food, energy, and shelter. For example, in one instance, the Post met with a veteran who was stranded in Castle Rock and provided him with a meal and gas for his automobile. Funds were also used to purchase U.S. and POW flags which were displayed throughout the City of Castle Rock, and uniforms for Post members who volunteer to serve in the Honor Guard.

Attachments - Please attach all applicable documents as PDF. Other formats may not upload.

Program/project budget
(See "Grants" page for
Excel form. Save as PDF
for upload.)

[PSMGP Project Budget Final 7.17.2023.pdf](#)

Proof of non-profit status
as PDF

[990-N Form_2021\[4744\].pdf](#)

Most current YTD
financials as PDF

[American Legion 22_23 Post 1187 Finances-Budget.pdf](#)

Most current audited
financials and
management letter, if
available, as PDF

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Current budget (including
Revenues and
Expenditures detailing
percentage relation
between anticipated
administrative costs and
project costs) as PDF

[PSMGP Project Budget Final 7.17.2023_1.pdf](#)

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Additional comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funds from the Philip S. Miller Grant Resource Program.

Please submit completed application and attachments, or print and deliver to: Town of Castle Rock - Finance Department, 100 N. Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104

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ORGANIZATION:	Bridge of Hope Greater Denver (BoHGD)
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Executive Director/President:	Veronika Clark
Board of Directors:	<p>Ric Lukasiewicz Board Chair Ric became the Board Chair in January 2023. In addition to being a speaker Ric mentors men to learn their Kingdom calling, and has helped over 40+ non-profit Boards and Executives create and drive generational impact. Ric is a Director with Kyndryl, a technology advisory and management firm.</p> <p>Laura Asbell Board Treasurer Laura was one of the mentors for the first Denver BOH family in December 2015 and is still in touch with the family today. She joined the Board in August 2019 and was asked to be the Treasurer in 2020. Laura has over 40 years of accounting experience as a Controller, small business owner, and public accountant. She got her CPA over 30 years ago when she</p>

moved to the Denver area from the East Coast. She is semi-retired and a Contractor at CBIZ, a publicly traded corporation, preparing income tax returns. She has a Master's of Taxation (University of Denver), MBA (Loyola College Baltimore), and BA (Duke University).

Marie Myhr

Board Member

Marie started volunteering with Bridge of Hope in July 2014. She serves on the program committee and has had the blessing of interviewing many of the women that Bridge of Hope has been privileged to serve. In January 2019, she joined the board. Marie works in the mortgage industry. She has four adult children and four grand children. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, biking and playing pickleball.

Nate Melchior

Board Member

Nate joined the Bridge of Hope Board in May 2018. Nate is the Director of Investments and Business Development at Dunton Commercial, a commercial property management and investment firm in Denver. He has spent his entire career in the Commercial Real Estate business.

Nate was born and raised in Littleton, CO where he attended Heritage High School. He is married and has three sons. Outside of work, Nate enjoys quality time with his family, camping, golfing, running, and attending Bronco games.

Adele Funk

Board Member

Adele Furukawa Funk is a speaker, leader, wife, mother, grandmother, and advocate for social justice, immigrants, and the poor. She helps women hear from God using the Word of God, mentors women to have hope for the future, leads abortion recovery groups, and works to flourish the lives of the poor, disadvantaged, and under-employed through a non-profit ministry called Synergy Village that she directs. One of Adele's recent quotes she heard and loves states " some people look for a beautiful place, others make a place beautiful".

Valerie Philips

Board Member

Valerie joined the Bridge of Hope Board in January of 2023.

Valerie has been the owner of Falling Star Consulting since 2015, which helps small business owners with accounting and bookkeeping solutions. Along with her husband, Shane, they also own First Steps Help, which provides financial resources to individuals after the death of a loved one. Valerie resides in Castle Rock with her husband and five children. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, golfing, hiking, and volunteering at her church and her children's schools.

Non-profit status:	501(C)(3)
Amount requested:	10,000
Provisions for the necessities of life:	Shelter
Purpose of grant:	<p>The purpose of this grant is to support homeless single mothers and their children in Castle Rock, and take them from surviving to thriving. BoHGD's three-pronged approach providing rental assistance, case management, and a network of volunteers from a Christian faith community positively impacts families from Castle Rock by enabling them to: 1) have safe and sustainable housing, 2) be resilient and reach financial stability, and 3) have a network of supportive relationships. Through Bridge of Hopes' programming, success is achieved when a mother becomes self-sufficient through employment and increased income, stable housing, and a community of support. BoHGD is about creating real, lasting and sustainable transformation for families so they never face homelessness again.</p> <p>A more in-depth look at our programing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rental Assistance: At BoHGD, we prioritize the identification of, and subsequent move into, safe and sustainable housing for homeless single mothers and their children. We partner with landlords throughout the community who are willing to house families. Once a family is housed, Bridge of Hope provides rental assistance on a decreasing basis over a period of one-to-two years. Once stabilized, the family has the opportunity to start the hard work towards self-sufficiency.• Case Management: An essential part of the Bridge of Hope program is case management as it's necessary to address the reasons why families are homeless and provide them with the

proper services and supports to move them to greater levels of self-sufficiency while reducing their likelihood of becoming homeless again in the future. Case managers provide continuous education and tools for capacity building along with connections to needed resources to support the family in meeting their goals. Capacity building may focus on budgeting, debt management, life skills, and identifying strategies to increase the family's income. Outside resources may include job coaching, improving credit, education, and mental health supports.

- **Network of Volunteers:** Volunteers, from a Christian faith community, are vital to helping mothers facing homelessness transition to self-sufficiency. Volunteers model healthy relationships and develop supportive roles with BoHGD families. They offer tangible supports fostering family well-being by providing child care, mentorship to young children, and/or taking a parenting class together with a family, for example. Volunteers can also make a significant impact by utilizing their social capital, or personal networks. These connections often open doors to employment opportunities, the provision of free legal services, housing opportunities, free and reduced dental care, plus more. The value of these volunteers cannot be overstated. Above all things, they demonstrate the love of Christ to struggling families.

Each family in BoHGD is matched with 6 to 10 volunteers from a Christian faith community. Volunteers receive 4+ hours of training from BoHGD staff. Once these volunteers are connected with their BoHGD family, they provide supports based on the specific needs of the family. In 2023, BoHGD will partner with over 100 Christian volunteers in the Greater Denver area.

While BoHGD is a Christian-based organization, we do not require participants to be Christian or participate in any faith-based activities.

**Organization's
goals/Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to engage Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love. This is done through a three-way partnership between the family facing homelessness, a professional case-manager and a group of Neighboring Volunteers from a local church to provide tangible support, encouragement and social capital.

How the organization will use the granted funds:	<p>Bridge of Hope Greater Denver (BoHGD) will use the grant funds to partner with 3 homeless single mothers and their children in Castle Rock. Through this grant, families will receive assistance in finding and maintaining housing. Once housed, families will benefit from graduated rental assistance over a one-to-two-year period. They will also receive extensive case management that includes financial coaching, goal setting, and career planning. When needed, case managers will connect families with additional resources such as mental health support or legal assistance. Additionally, each family will be matched with a group of Neighboring Volunteers from a Christian faith community in Castle Rock. These volunteers will go through a five-hour Bridge of Hope training and will then be connected with the Bridge of Hope family. Volunteers provide friendship, encouragement, and tangible support such as freezer meals, rides to doctors' appointments, occasional childcare, and more. Nobody can make it on their own and this network of support offers needed community for a family facing homelessness. These resources will come together over a one-to-two-year period to help mothers overcome barriers to self-sufficiency and achieve stability so that they never face homelessness again.</p>
Time table for implementation:	<p>Each family who enters BoHGD's programming is unique. Families benefit from graduated rental assistance over a one-to-two-year period (as well as case management, and a network of community volunteers), and thus BoHGD's programming/family support timeline is estimated at one to two years depending on a family's needs.</p>
Other organizations participating with this program:	<p>We partner with several Christian faith communities in Castle Rock. Three have all provided neighboring volunteers for families in our program. To serve 3 mothers and their children in Castle Rock in 2023, Bridge of Hope will leverage these partnerships to match each family with a network of volunteers.</p> <p>Additionally, as needed, Case Managers will partner with Castle Rock agencies to connect families with resources not provided by Bridge of Hope. These resources may include mental health support, career coaching and job placement, and assistance for families who have recently left situations of domestic violence.</p>

Strategies for sustained funding at the end of the grant period:

One of BoHGD's biggest challenges is the national rising cost of rent for our families. According to RentCafe, Denver's rent is 36% higher than the national average. We work with landlords to find the most affordable rental units, but places that are often the most affordable are also not considered safe or healthy for our mothers and their children. Thus, we are working on diversifying our funding, including applying for government grants, and strategically seeking out foundations that could become long-term partners. We are continuously cultivating new individual donors as well. Our annual Gala and Golf Tournament, brings in approximately \$250,000+, or 30% of our annual budget, and are great sources of sustained funding for BoHGD.

Evaluation - Discuss expected results, how the organization defines and measures success, and how it will use and disseminate the project's results:

Evaluation is crucial to the work of BoHGD. Staff rely on process and outcome data, short and long-term data, and quantitative and qualitative data to make adjustments when necessary and ensure long-term success of program families. Furthermore, the Bridge of Hope model is based on scholarly research and employs evidence-based tools. Key components of programing are evidence-based and staff collect process data on a continual basis to ensure the model is being applied with fidelity.

BoHGD measures the overall success of our work with three outcomes and 12 benchmarks. These outcomes and benchmarks are measured by Bridge of Hope staff using a quantitative family assessment tool called Outcome Tracker. Additionally, mothers in the program also self-evaluate their progress on their identified goals on a quarterly basis in an open-ended questionnaire. When a family graduates from the program, the family, case manager, and neighboring volunteers participate in assessments that have both closed and open-ended questions.

Finally, to measure the long-term effectiveness of Bridge of Hope, families participate in a follow-up self-sufficiency survey every year for five years after completing the program.

Bridge of Hope's benchmarks:

- 80% of families move into safe and sustainable housing within 60 days, with 85% of exiting families living in safe and sustainable housing.
- 80% of families increase income from employment.

- 100% of family members, including children, receive comprehensive assessments that guide the supports provided to them
- 80% of families identify and demonstrate progress in two or more goals related to building family resilience and well-being in areas of physical, spiritual, emotional, and behavioral health, education, child development, and parenting
- 100% of neighboring volunteers complete the Strangers to Neighbors Training that includes four core training components.

Anticipated long-term outcomes 2-3 years after graduation, families will have the following in place:

- Sustainable housing (not spending more than 35% of their income on housing)
- Increased income (at least a 1% increase since graduation)
- Low debt to income ratio (45% or less of income is spent on housing and debt each month)
- Kids will be on track to graduate high school and pursue secondary education
- Actively saving and have at least \$2,000 in a savings account
- Health coverage
- A community of support
- Access to resources where needed

In 2022, Bridge of Hope partnered with 27 single mothers (and 55 children) facing homelessness. At the end of the year, 85% graduated the program with safe and sustainable housing and 93% were employed.

We disseminate our program's results in our Annual Report, in our year-end physical mailer, our e-newsletter, as well as at our annual gala and golf tournament.

Describe specific benefits to Town residents including number of residents served, if available:

Through this grant, 3 homeless single mothers and approximately 6 children in Castle Rock, will be served. These mothers must be at least 18 years of age, low-income, and motivated to do the hard work needed to become self-sufficient.

Communities benefit when everyone is thriving. Town residents will have the opportunities to partner/volunteer with single mothers and their children who are struggling with homelessness. The opportunity to make a difference through

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ORGANIZATION:	Backpack Ministry, Christ's Episcopal Church
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Executive Director/President:	Fr Brian Winter, Rector
Board of Directors:	Steve L'Esperance, Senior Warden Mary Brooks, Vestry- Outreach Ministries
Non-profit status:	501(C)(3)
Amount requested:	\$1000
Provisions for the necessities of life:	Food
Purpose of grant:	Support from the Philip S Miller Resource Grant Program would allow us to expand our work to meet the rising needs of hungry students at Castle Rock Elementary School (CRE). It is well proven that hunger hinders learning, and school meal programs are only able to provide meals for students experiencing food insecurity during the school week, leaving children hungry on weekends.

This has become increasingly problematic as explosive increases in population and cost of living have landed Castle Rock in the top 16% of most expensive cities in the world and one of most desirable cities in the U.S. to live. Daunting statistics that can overshadow the welfare of hungry children living in the heart of our city. In order to respond to this community need, our Backpack Ministry Program provides weekend meals to CRE students living at or below the poverty line. At the beginning of each school year CRE staff and faculty work with parents to determine the need for our program. And, our team has three basic functions: purchasing/stocking food pantry, packing food bags and delivering them to the school. Over the course of this grant period, we aim to meet the needs for weekend meals for all food insecure students enrolled at Castle Rock Elementary School.

Organization's goals/Mission Statement:

Since our founding in 1906, Christ's Episcopal Church (CEC) has shared God's Love through service to the Castle Rock Community. In the 1970s, our clergy was instrumental in organizing the Interfaith Food Bank which evolved into today's Hope and Help Center. Our outreach ministries continue to focus on food security. In 2016, our clergy along with Castle Rock Elementary School (CRE) administrators identified students in need of weekend meals. We are a small parish who answered the call of a small school equally committed to providing an education and nurturing the well-being of their students. The mission of our backpack ministry is to provide weekend meals for Castle Rock Elementary School students experiencing food insecurity.

How the organization will use the granted funds:

The backpack ministry team will use the granted funds to purchase and stock food pantry items for the weekend meal bags we pack and provide to students in need throughout the school year. We have strong and committed team of volunteers that purchase, pack, stock, and deliver these meal bags. Each bag contains shelf stable milk, breakfast, lunch and dinner items plus fruit cups, snacks, and desserts. Depending on the assortment of food items, the cost per bag ranges between \$10 - \$13. Last year, we packed around 1,160 bags containing 7,700 meals to the 38 students enrolled in our program. Due to a rising population and significant cost of living increases, we expect as many as 50 students could be enrolled in the program during the upcoming school year.

Time table for implementation:	<p>Our ministry serves in accordance with the Douglas County School District calendar, which is August through May. At the beginning of the school year in August, parents meet with CRE faculty and staff to enroll students in our program who have the greatest need for food assistance. Most often initial enrollment increases through the fall term. In August 2022, we began serving 30 students, by Thanksgiving that number had grown to 38.</p> <p>As the school year goes on, we communicate weekly with a school liaison to confirm the number of food bags needed. Bags are usually packed on Tuesdays and delivered the following morning to the school. Deliveries prior to school breaks contain extra items to ensure students have the food they need.</p>
Other organizations participating with this program:	<p>Currently, we are the sole source for weekend meals for food insecure students at Castle Rock Elementary School during the school year as CRE is not currently enrolled with the Backpack Society. Holiday meals are provided by the local branch of Food Bank of the Rockies.</p>
Strategies for sustained funding at the end of the grant period:	<p>Historically, our ministry has been funded exclusively by donations from our congregation. However, over the past year, realizing increasing student population, rising food costs, and donor budget constraints threatened the sustainability of our ministry we began to look towards resources beyond our congregation to diversify and expand our funding base. In January 2023, we received a \$5,000 grant from the High Plains Region of the Episcopal Church. This grant sustained our ministry through the spring semester and provided seed money for Fall-2023 term. We will apply for a renewal of this grant and seek additional funding from various grant programs that would sustain our program at the end of this grant period. We continue to fundraise for the program and investigate other ways we can meet the growing demand.</p>
Evaluation - Discuss expected results, how the organization defines and measures success, and how it will use and disseminate the project's results:	<p>We measure our success in this program by tracking number of children enrolled, volunteers engaged, and meals disseminated. We know we have been successful if we are able to meet the growing needs of students at Castle Rock Elementary School.</p>

Describe specific benefits to Town residents including number of residents served, if available:

Our program benefits Castle Rock Elementary School's food insecure students and families by providing meals for students enrolled in the program on weekends when they are not able to receive assistance from school programs. However, the benefits of this program are felt beyond just providing food. Research suggests that regularly experiencing hunger has negative learning, social, and physical outcomes for children. We know that this work is critical as 30% of CRE students live at or below the poverty line, and the estimated food costs for a Castle Rock family of four have increased to \$1,427 per month. Though CRE enrollment currently only makes up a small percentage of the Douglas County School District student body, student numbers are predicted to nearly double in the coming school year. The school is experiencing an influx of immigrant and minority families who are disproportionately affected by food insecurity and have limited access to the Hope and Help center and other resources for various reasons, such as transportation and documentation. When we started the program, we had only nine students enrolled. Since, we have grown the program significantly, and during the 2022-23 school year 18 volunteers packed approximately 1,160 bags containing 7,700 meals for 38 students. And, we believe that as many as 50 students will need food assistance in the coming school year.

If the Town provides only partial funding, how will the organization fund the program/project?

Our ministry is committed to meeting the food security needs of CRE students, and will continue to raise funds from our congregation and grant programs if only provided partial funding for the project.

If previously awarded a Town grant, please include a summary of the program/project and evaluate the success:

N/A

Attachments - Please attach all applicable documents as PDF. Other formats may not upload.

Program/project budget (See "Grants" page for Excel form. Save as PDF for upload.)

[YTD Budget Variance Backpacks.pdf](#)

Proof of non-profit status as PDF [Tax Exemption - Christs Church.pdf](#)

Most current YTD financials as PDF [MTD and YTD PL.pdf](#)

Most current audited financials and management letter, if available, as PDF [MTD and YTD PL_1.pdf](#)

Current budget (including Revenues and Expenditures detailing percentage relation between anticipated administrative costs and project costs) as PDF [YTD Budget Variance Backpacks_2.pdf](#)

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Additional comments: Month end financial reports are audited monthly. Current budget file duplicates the program/project file which did not appear to upload.

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Executive Director/President:	Amy McCandless
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Non-profit status:	501(C)(3)
Amount requested:	20000
Provisions for the necessities of life:	Shelter
Purpose of grant:	The Crisis Center is respectfully seeking \$20,000 in continued operational support of our emergency shelter and community-based advocacy programs for adults and children impacted by domestic violence in our community.
Organization's goals/Mission Statement:	<p>Established in 1985, the Crisis Center exists to end domestic violence through advocacy, education, and prevention; while helping communities live free of violence. We serve the 18th Judicial District, which includes Douglas, Elbert, Lincoln and parts of Arapahoe Counties. Our services include a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, therapy, legal advocacy and community-based advocacy for adults and children impacted by domestic violence. We also provide prevention activities, education and outreach to the community.</p> <p>Our goals and objectives are to provide safety, healing and education to stop the generational cycle of domestic abuse. Our programs help those impacted understand why the abuse happens, recover through a variety of interventions, and gain the tools to become emotionally stable and self-sufficient. We educate the community to have a better understanding of the personal tragedies involved, the resulting public impact, and the economic costs from the growing incidence of family violence and conflict. The Crisis Center utilizes non-profit best practices, implements evidenced-based programs and utilizes innovative and collaborative ideas in planning for the future and sustainability of the organization.</p>
How the organization will use the granted funds:	<p>Awarded funds will be used to support our emergency shelter and community-based advocacy programs.</p> <p>Our emergency shelter program includes a 24-hour crisis line and emergency shelter for adults and children impacted by domestic violence. Crisis line calls are responded to by trained staff who offer crisis intervention, information, referrals and provide support. If danger is imminent from a violence partner, we arrange for those impacted to stay in our emergency shelter. In addition to our shelter, we have partnerships with</p>

local hotels for additional emergency shelter space. If we are full, we support the client in finding other safe options. While in shelter or our partner hotels, individuals receive assistance with daily essentials for living (personal care items, hygiene items, food, clothing, etc.), therapy, legal advocacy, community-based advocacy, and access to a wide array of other community resources. Individuals may continue with non-residential services after leaving shelter.

The Crisis Center's community-based advocacy program is an evidenced based advocacy intervention that helps adults protect themselves and their children from further violence by utilizing the community resources the client reports needing. Community-based advocates assist in developing safety plans, provide case management, support and advocacy. Client outcomes include maintaining a safe living environment, completion of the client's goals, decrease in physical violence and depression, easier access to community resources, greater independence and ultimately remaining violence free.

Time table for implementation:

Our crisis line and emergency shelter operate 24/7, 365 days a year. Staff are present at shelter Monday-Thursday until 8:00 p.m. and Friday until 6:00 p.m. After hours and on weekends and holidays, staff are available for support through the 24-hour crisis line. Therapy and advocacy services are provided both in-person and virtually Monday-Friday, primarily from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., however group and individual appointments are provided to best meet the client's needs.

Other organizations participating with this program:

Specific to the Crisis Center direct service programs, there is no duplication of services, as the Crisis Center is the only agency serving those impacted of domestic violence and has the only shelter of any kind in three of the four counties of our catchment area, including Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties. We partner with other shelters in the state, transitional housing agencies, the Douglas and Elbert County Departments of Human Services, mental health agencies, Help & Hope, Douglas County School District, and other agencies serving this population. We hold active memberships in the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Violence Free Colorado, the Colorado Organization for Victim's Assistance and the Colorado Association of Non-Profit Organizations.

Additionally, the Crisis Center participates in a collaborative

called Douglas County Cares (DC Cares), which includes representatives from Douglas County government, the Crisis Center, Douglas County Housing Partnership, Douglas County School District; local churches and several other human service non-profits. These organizations work together to provide wrap-around services to Douglas County residents that need financial assistance and support to gain and/or maintain housing and employment. Nearly 65% of the families referred and assisted through DC Cares, have experienced domestic violence.

The Crisis Center continues to work with Douglas County Law Enforcement agencies specific to the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). LAP allows law enforcement officers to identify victims of intimate partner violence who are at the greatest risk of being killed, based upon an 11-question assessment while on-scene at a domestic call. If person screens in as a high-lethality case and agrees to share their information with the Crisis Center, their contact information is sent to the Crisis Center staff follow up with safety planning and resources. On calls where there is imminent danger, law enforcement encourages them to call the Crisis Center's 24-hour crisis line for immediate safety planning and resources. In 2022, the Crisis Center received 130 LAP referrals. 99% of the individuals agreed to a follow-up call from Crisis Center staff. As a result, 48 (37%) individuals engaged in completing an intake, legal, community-based advocacy and/or therapy services.

Strategies for sustained funding at the end of the grant period:

The Crisis Center closed our fiscal year with a positive financial outcome for the third year in a row. Specifically in 2022, we received \$1,809,084 in income and expended expending \$1,655,069. While we continue to rely on government funding to support our direct service program staff, our focus continues to remains on building relationships with our individual and corporate donors, collaborative partners and private foundations to increase unrestricted donations. Cultivation of individual donors continues to yielded positive results in retention and additional dollars. Our 2022 Gala event exceeded budget and produced record-breaking revenue for the agency for the second year in a row.

We continue to grow our operating reserve by intentionally working toward building a 90-day reserve (25% of the annual

operating budget) by setting aside excess cash in short-term investments, including a money market account. These funds are restricted to capital improvements, unforeseen and emergent situations, and short-term cash flow shortages.

The Crisis Center remains diligent in our mission, with 79% of our funds going directly back to client programs and services.

We have diversified funding streams that include the following breakdown:

- Government grants: 64%
- Foundation grants: 3.5%
- Individual donors: 15%
- Special events: 11%
- United Way donations: 3%
- Corporate support: 2%
- Churches and civic organizations: 1%
- Earned income: .5%

Evaluation - Discuss expected results, how the organization defines and measures success, and how it will use and disseminate the project's results:

The Crisis Center administers client surveys and assessments to gather data on agency outputs and measure outcomes. This information assesses satisfaction with services provided, professionalism of staff and volunteers, and impact of services received. Surveys are administered every six months for our clinical program, at the time a person exits our emergency shelter, and after three meetings for our legal advocacy program. There is a separate evaluation when clients complete the community-based advocacy program. Results are published in our Annual Report, which is posted to our website and distributed to funders as needed.

Outcomes from both our emergency shelter and non-residential programs are positive, with an average overall satisfaction of 94%. Specifically, clients stated the following:

- 100% gained knowledge about community resources
 - 95% know more ways to plan for their safety
 - 86% are more hopeful about their future
 - 82% are more self-sufficient than before engaging in services
 - 94% understand the violence was not their fault
 - 91% stated their overall emotional health and well-being have improved
 - 100% stated their parenting skills have improved and they are able to connect with their children in a healthier way
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The long-term impact we strive to achieve is for clients to gain skills necessary for independence, safety and living lives free from violence. In 2024, the Crisis Center expects to assist at least 1,250 callers through our 24-hour crisis line. We expect to provide at least 1,300 nights of shelter to at least 70 adults and children; serve at least 200 adults and children in our therapy program; 75 clients in our community-based advocacy program; and 275 clients in our legal advocacy program.

Describe specific benefits to Town residents including number of residents served, if available:

The Crisis Center’s programs and services follow the Town of Castle Rock’s vision of making Castle Rock an ideal place to call home, by focusing on a commitment to family, health, and public safety. As the only agency providing services to victims of domestic violence in Douglas County, and the only emergency shelter facility, the Crisis Center continues to be a vital component to the quality of life of Castle Rock residents.

Last year alone, the Crisis Center reached over 5,500 people, of which 390 were unduplicated adults and children receiving direct services. From data and statistical tracking, we know that 92 clients receiving direct services and 296 calls to our 24-hour crisis line are from Castle Rock (equates to 24% of clients), totaling 388 Castle Rock residents.

Specific to clients that reside in Castle Rock, the Town of Castle Rock’s funding of \$17,500 last year allowed each client \$45 toward the services we provide them and the overall cost per Castle Rock resident is \$0.23.

According to data obtained from the 18th Judicial District Attorney’s Office, in 2022 there were 1,657 domestic violence case filings, including felony, juvenile and misdemeanors. In the United States, domestic violence costs \$8.3 billion annually. The estimated cost of serving one person impacted by domestic violence in Colorado is nearly \$15,000 per year. (Ashton, et al study through the University of Denver). Nearly 70% of Crisis Center clients have never reported their abuse to law enforcement and do not seek public assistance, thus saving the Town of Castle Rock approximately \$4 million annually. (388 clients * 70% * \$15,000 = appx \$4 million)

If not addressed, we know that domestic violence is detrimental to families and the community as a whole. The adults and

children we serve have experienced physical, sexual, and emotional trauma, sometimes for the majority of their lives. For approximately 70% of those victims, the Crisis Center is the first point of supportive contact, empowering them to move towards increased safety, self-sufficiency, economic productivity, and healthy relationships.

If the Town provides only partial funding, how will the organization fund the program/project?

The Crisis Center is grateful for the on-going support from the Town of Castle Rock. (History of funding from 2012-2023: \$13,500, \$16,000, \$17,500, \$17,500, \$20,000, \$20,000, \$17,500, \$20,000, \$11,125, \$20,000, \$17,500, \$17,500 respectively). Specific to this grant request, all funds awarded will be used for our emergency shelter and community-based advocacy programs. If we are awarded only partial funding, we will continue to focus on building relationships with new and existing donors and diversifying our income sources to meet the required need; however, funding from the Town of Castle Rock is an essential part of our budget and to serving residents from the Castle Rock community.

If previously awarded a Town grant, please include a summary of the program/project and evaluate the success:

In 2022, we provided direct service to 390 unduplicated adults and children impacted by domestic violence and 26% of adults utilized more than one service. Specifically, we provided legal services to 178 clients, therapy to 126 adults and children, community-based advocacy to 126 clients, and 2,315 nights of emergency shelter to 80 individuals. We responded to 1,233 calls to our 24-hour crisis line and reached 3,924 community members through 65 education, outreach and prevention activities.

Outcomes from both our emergency shelter and non-residential programs are positive, with an average overall satisfaction of 94%. Specifically, clients stated the following:

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As one client said: "No one really talks about or acknowledges

domestic violence in upper socio-economic demographics, but the impact is just as real and, in some ways, even harder to overcome. The Crisis Center and its supporters helped me tremendously, but more importantly my son has improved as a result of the resources at the Crisis Center. It is one of the few places my challenges have been understood and supported because domestic violence usually only ends once someone dies."

Attachments - Please attach all applicable documents as PDF. Other formats may not upload.

Program/project budget (See "Grants" page for Excel form. Save as PDF for upload.)	PSMGP Project Budget - Crisis Center 2024 app.pdf
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Proof of non-profit status as PDF	Crisis Center - 501c3.pdf
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Most current YTD financials as PDF	YTD Financials June 2023.pdf
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Most current audited financials and management letter, if available, as PDF	Crisis Center Audited Financial Statements 2022.pdf
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Current budget (including Revenues and Expenditures detailing percentage relation between anticipated administrative costs and project costs) as PDF	2023 approved budget by program.pdf
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Additional comments:	We are grateful for the ongoing support from the Town of Castle Rock. We cannot do this work alone and rely on your generous contribution to continue to serve vulnerable residents of Castle Rock, keep them safe from domestic violence and
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heal from the trauma they have experienced. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your commitment to ending domestic violence in our community.

Please submit completed application and attachments, or print and deliver to: Town of Castle Rock - Finance Department, 100 N. Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104

2023 PHILIP S. MILLER RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Due by 5 p.m., Aug. 1, 2022

ORGANIZATION:	Help & Hope Center
ADDRESS:	1638 Park Street
CITY:	Castle Rock
STATE:	CO
ZIP:	80109
CONTACT PERSON:	Diane DeBella
TITLE:	Grant Writer
PHONE NUMBER:	3036881114
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	diane@helpandhopecenter.org
Website of organization:	https://www.helpandhopecenter.org/
Executive Director/President:	Dan Marlow
Board of Directors:	Dave Hieronymus Sarah Miles Kristen Wenaas Dan Weidman Bob Pasicznyuk Peter B. Goldstein Brandon Trevor Tracy Marks Trent Krause
Non-profit status:	501(C)(3)
Amount requested:	\$20,000
Provisions for the necessities of life:	Food

Purpose of grant:	<p>The mission of Help & Hope Center directly aligns with your grant fund's goal of providing for the necessities of life--in this case hunger relief. In 2022 HHC provided 24,118 community members with \$2,288,958* of direct and in-kind client assistance. The Center distributed \$1,378,733 in food, hygiene, and household supplies. 770,242 lbs. of food were distributed. Approximately 91% of onsite clients receive these basic services. The Center also conducts three off-site food banks monthly at low-income senior housing units (Reyn Rock Plaza, Oakwood Apartments, and Auburn Ridge), providing food/hygiene assistance to senior citizens in need. The Center also launched a mobile food pantry in spring 2022, bringing food and toiletry items to those in need, starting with Apex Meridian and Lincoln Pointe Lofts.</p>
Organization's goals/Mission Statement:	<p>Mission Statement: Help & Hope Center is a 501(c) (3) human service organization whose mission is to meet the immediate needs of residents of Douglas and Elbert counties who are in financial distress and at risk of becoming homeless, to help them work through troublesome times with dignity.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To continue to meet the basic needs of residents of Douglas and Elbert Counties who are experiencing hunger and homelessness or are at risk for these conditions, and to advocate for those in need; b. To collaborate with new and existing community partners to provide comprehensive services for Douglas and Elbert County residents in need; c. To expand food and services availability to Northern Douglas and Eastern Elbert County residents through our Mobile Food Pantry program. d. To participate in county and statewide collaborative activities in order to achieve necessary system wide change; e. To build on the strength of our facility and staff, both paid and volunteer, in order to meet client services goals and allow for service expansion, including establishing new programs that encourage self-sufficiency
How the organization will use the granted funds:	<p>The Center has seen a tremendous increase in requests for assistance since pandemic support programs have ended. The amount of assistance requested has also increased. In addition, due to recent unprecedented supply chain issues and</p>

rising food costs, it has become more challenging to purchase food. We pride ourselves on supplying our clients with the best selection of groceries, and it has been difficult to sustain this level of food purchase. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase food for the food bank. Receiving food from the food bank that would ordinarily come out of a budget allows our clients to put that money toward paying other bills--utility bills, rent, prescriptions, or even gas for the family car. With 91% of our clients receiving food, this is our priority. We give each family member enough non-perishable food for seven days, depending on food bank stock, three meals a day plus snacks, including protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. Donated perishable foods are distributed liberally on the day they are received. We employ a client choice model, which empowers our clients. Having the opportunity to choose their own food gives clients a sense of dignity and control, limits waste, and allows them to tailor the help they receive to be the best possible fit for their own unique situation. It has also allowed us to provide more fresh food choices for clients, as we now have the room and refrigerators necessary to store fresh foods such as fruits and vegetables.

Time table for implementation:

Funds will be expended as soon as they are received. The overarching goal is to provide at least seven days of nutritious food, three meals per day plus snacks, to residents in need, serving over twenty client households per day, five days per week.

Other organizations participating with this program:

The Center collaborates with corporate donors, including Sam's Club, Sprouts, Target, Safeway, WalMart, King Soopers, Starbucks, Whole Foods, Tony's, Chick-fil-A, and other local restaurants through the food rescue program. The agency also collaborates with Food Bank of the Rockies, the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Catholic Charities, 9Cares Colorado Shares, local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, several local Rotary groups, and other service organizations and churches.

Strategies for sustained funding at the end of the grant period:

Help & Hope Center continues to seek food donations from new sources, especially due to recent cost and availability issues. The client choice food bank has decreased food waste, and we have expanded our existing refrigerator capacity, which allows us to store and distribute more perishable foods to clients. As the Center continues to provide a safety net for

residents, we are also working to achieve long-term solutions to the problems facing these individuals and families. If clients can move toward self-sufficiency, they will have less reliance on emergency services.

Evaluation - Discuss expected results, how the organization defines and measures success, and how it will use and disseminate the project's results:

Help & Hope Center takes both a process and outcome approach to evaluation. The goal of ongoing evaluation is to gather necessary information for improving and accounting for agency, program, and client specific effectiveness as well as the appropriate allocation of resources. The agency utilizes a wide range of evaluation tools to assess its overall impact. The Center's organizational actionable evaluation, both process and outcome, seeks to measure our program impacts/outcomes against our goals and mission on an ongoing basis. It is based on observable and measurable activities to create sustainable changes to our client community.

Measurement tools:

- Clients served and services delivered are tracked in a client database, EmpowOR, a state-of-the-art, user friendly, web-based participant/client, services and results tracking software
- Number of referrals to other agencies/reports from other agencies are tracked and analyzed
- Number of volunteers and volunteer hours are logged daily
- Client feedback, captured through visit assessment surveys, is analyzed and acted upon in a timely manner

Describe specific benefits to Town residents including number of residents served, if available:

In 2022 HHC provided 24,118 community members with \$2,288,958* of direct and in-kind client assistance. The Center distributed \$1,378,733 in food, hygiene, and household supplies. 770,242 lbs. of food were distributed. Approximately 91% of onsite clients receive these basic services.

If the Town provides only partial funding, how will the organization fund the program/project?

Help & Hope Center is continually seeking new partnerships and collaborations. We have been fortunate to establish partnerships with Food Bank of the Rockies and a number of grocers that participate in the food rescue program. Our thrift store also continues to generate revenue that can be used to purchase food to supplement our current inventory when needed.

If previously awarded a Town grant, please

\$17,500

include a summary of the program/project and evaluate the success:

Food for the Food Bank

How were these funds used?

Help & Hope Center is a 501(c)(3) human service organization whose mission is to meet the immediate needs of residents of Douglas and Elbert counties who are in financial distress and at risk of becoming homeless, to help them work through troublesome times with dignity. Center staff and volunteers address immediate needs by consistently providing quality screening, one-on-one guidance, effective service delivery, and meaningful referrals for all clients.

Funds received from the Philip S. Miller Resource grant were used to purchase food for the agency's food bank. The overarching goal of the food bank program is to provide at least seven days of nutritious food, three meals per day plus snacks, and toiletries, cleaning and hygiene supplies as available, to clients who are in need, serving over 20 client households per day, five days per week.

What impact was made on the Castle Rock community?

The \$17,500 received from the Philip S. Miller Resource Grant Program in November 2022 was used to purchase 26,598 lbs. of food. Approximately 4,828 clients from Castle Rock received food with this funding. 91% of agency clients receive these basic services. The Center also conducts three off-site food banks monthly at low income senior housing units, providing food/hygiene assistance to senior citizens in need. In previous years, we would not have spent the full grant amount at this point in the year. However, the most significant challenge faced by the Center in recent months is the increased need among community residents due to continued high inflation and decreased food donations. We anticipate the need to grow as other pandemic assistance programs have now ended. We are also experiencing significant supply chain issues with regard to procuring food. In order to provide clients with balanced and nutritious options, we need to seek alternative food supply sources, which are proving to be more costly.

How did this project support the town's strategic vision?

The mission of Help & Hope Center directly aligns with the town's strategic vision to ensure that all necessary community

services are provided to support the public interest and wellbeing of all Castle Rock residents by assisting at-risk residents with the necessities of life—in this case by addressing hunger relief.

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Program/project budget
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Excel form. Save as PDF
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[Miller Grant Food Pantry Budget 2023.pdf](#)

Proof of non-profit status
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[HHC IRS nonprofit determination letter.pdf](#)

Most current YTD
financials as PDF

[HHC PL thru 6-30-23.pdf](#)

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Additional comments:

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80104

2023 PHILIP S. MILLER RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Due by 5 p.m., Aug. 1, 2022

ORGANIZATION:	Deacons of New Hope Presbyterian Church
ADDRESS:	3737 New Hope Way
CITY:	Castle Rock
STATE:	CO
ZIP:	80109
CONTACT PERSON:	Juli Asbridge
TITLE:	Co-Moderator
PHONE NUMBER:	214-478-6516
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	juliasbridge@gmail.com
Website of organization:	https://newhopepres.org/
Executive Director/President:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Board of Directors:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Non-profit status:	501(C)(3)
Amount requested:	\$5000.00
Provisions for the necessities of life:	Water, Food, Energy, Shelter
Purpose of grant:	Our organization has a history of helping community members who are experiencing financial difficulty. The funds from this Grant would be used to help community members who are seeking assistance to pay their rent or utility bills, obtain temporary shelter (hotel stay) and/or buy food and gas.
Organization's goals/Mission Statement:	Mission Statement - New Hope is a place where we put people first. It's a place where you're celebrated for who you are and

together, we build lives that flourish and make a difference in our communities.

How the organization will use the granted funds:

All Grant funds would be entirely used to give additional support to our Deacon Benevolence outreach program. Two Deacons oversee this task. The Deacons of New Hope Presbyterian Church are all volunteers. The Benevolence Deacons receive, on average, 30 calls a month from the community. The calls are requests for help with rent, utilities, food, gas, hotel stays, car repairs and other types of assistance. When we have enough funding, we use the money to fulfill qualifying requests. Funds Granted will help to fulfill more of these requests. It will also provide additional funding, allowing us to increase our maximum limit per family.

The 15 other Deacons have many responsibilities that support our congregation and the community, which include but are not limited to: paying for and hosting member funeral/memorial receptions; weekly devotions, and a monthly donut social at Bonaventure Senior Living facility; participation in Douglas County's Strive to Thrive community event; an ongoing ministry sending cards, making calls, and visiting shut ins who are in our community; and providing meals to those who are ill/recovering from illness or anyone needing that service. Our group follows members in the congregation who have lost a loved one by sending cards/checking in with them over the course of the year following their loss. Our ministry also supports the church staff and other ministries in our church by offering encouragement throughout the year. Deacons also use available funds to provide a monthly donation to two local organizations: Help and Hope Center and The Crisis Center.

Time table for implementation:

Our ministry is ongoing. Once the funds are received, we would be able to put them to immediate use. We have a process in place that logistically takes about a week to disburse funds once the request is approved.

Other organizations participating with this program:

Our group operates independently within our organization. Since we work primarily with Castle Rock residents, there are times we collaborate with other local organizations. For instance, if a request is larger than we can commit to, we will contact other groups to see if they can help contribute a portion of funds to meet the need.

Strategies for sustained funding at the end of the grant period:

The Deacons of New Hope Presbyterian Church receive monetary contributions from our congregation. The Deacons are not funded through the church operations budget. Each month, a report is given to the congregation, sharing how we have blessed families in the community through our ministry. An offering for the Deacon ministry is given on the first Sunday of the month. This is the only way our group sustains funding that is used for the Benevolence Ministry. The Grant funding will help us reach a greater number of families and individuals in our area. Attempts to sustain funding for community needs when the Grant period ends would come from congregational contributions.

Evaluation - Discuss expected results, how the organization defines and measures success, and how it will use and disseminate the project's results:

Our specific group within our organization has a history of helping those in need within our community. Community members know we are a source for those seeking assistance. Provided we are awarded any portion of funding, we will be able to help more families or individuals in our community and/or increase the family maximum assistance limit.

Successes for what we do can vary in definition but overall, taking stress from a family or individual so they can focus on making it through another day is a success for our group. We would measure our success by not having to decline requests due to lack of funds. Our group has a process in place to help allocate funds based on requests for need. This process helps us to maximize aid to the community and use the funds responsibly.

Describe specific benefits to Town residents including number of residents served, if available:

Rising costs for food, housing, gas, and utilities have added strain to local families who are already struggling. Our approach when helping those requesting assistance is to give a "hand up." Our process for validating the requests requires many steps to help ensure the funds are used responsibly and help as many people as possible. Some of the steps are:

- Calls to area agencies are made to see if the requestor is reaching out to multiple organizations.
- Calls to landlords/property managers are made to make sure the request is accurate, and payments can be made directly.
- Calls to utility companies are made and payment arranged to go directly to the company.
- We have also worked with area agencies if there is a larger financial need. For instance, if a large rent is due, we will check with agencies to ask if they can help to pool funds and Grant

the request.

- We only help with local requests. If we get calls from outside of Castle Rock, our volunteers will provide numbers to relevant agencies who are closer to the requestor.

Vetting the calls takes time and as mentioned, all our Deacons are volunteers. Each inquiry usually involves multiple calls to provide the requested assistance. Our fiscal year starts in July. This last year, out of 389 calls received, 73 requests were fulfilled. Many of the calls do not fall within the scope of our funding. Referrals are made when this happens. Other local agencies also make referrals to us when they've reached their financial limits. Also, the requestor may not have called us back, or was otherwise unreachable.

This ministry provides benefits to residents by keeping them in their homes, off the streets, warm/cool, fed, and able to get to work. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide this much needed assistance. We have established a ready network with other local agencies and work closely with local utilities, housing, and lodging to provide prompt payments when promised. It is a labor of love for those in need that we happily accept.

If the Town provides only partial funding, how will the organization fund the program/project?

The Benevolence Deacons work with what funds are available. If only partial funding is given, the Deacons will continue to reach out to the congregation for additional support through their contributions to this community outreach.

If previously awarded a Town grant, please include a summary of the program/project and evaluate the success:

In 2023, the Town of Castle Rock graciously awarded our group \$5000. Since receiving the funds in late January, the Benevolence Deacons have disbursed \$1884 of the funds to assist with rent payments and food assistance. For record keeping purposes, we keep the Grant funds separate. It was decided that the funding would be dispersed throughout the entire calendar year with housing requests getting first preference. If there were no qualifying housing requests, the funds could go to other needs such as requests for temporary shelter, groceries, utilities etc.

Since receiving the Grant funds, we have been able to help 10 additional families/individuals. With about five months left to use the remaining Grant funds, we anticipate helping 8-10 more families/individuals by the end of December.

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Program/project budget (See "Grants" page for Excel form. Save as PDF for upload.)	Deacons of New Hope Presbyterian Church-PSMGP Project Budget.pdf
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Proof of non-profit status as PDF	501(c)3 Exemption Letter.pdf
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Most current YTD financials as PDF	FY 2022 Annual Deacons Summary.pdf
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Additional comments:	Thank you in advance for your consideration in your Grant awarding process. I couldn't tell if the Program/Project budget attached properly which is why it is attached twice
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