

Lower Paxton Township  
425 Prince Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
RE: Request for Co-Application for Local Share Municipal Grant

Dear Mr. Gotshall:

On behalf of the Partnership for Hope, I am writing to request Lower Paxton Township's co-application for the Local Share Municipal Grant for the 2023-2024 grant cycle.

The Partnership for Hope plays an important role in Dauphin County, offering care and basic needs to thousands of struggling people, fostering collaborative efforts among dozens of organizations, extending afterschool programs to local elementary schools to help children who are at risk of obesity, providing low-cost technology services to help other non-profit organizations deliver more effective care, and mobilizing hundreds of volunteers to local programs and initiatives.

Specific to our pending Local Share Municipal Grant application, to date The Partnership has worked with retailers to collect and provide over \$6,500,000 in donated home and baby needs. Our project teams provide care and basic needs to homeless families returning to housing from the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families at 120 Willow Road in Lower Paxton Township.

We offer guidance and support to struggling single parents through a collaboration with the LAHMB's organization, located in Linglestown and through a facility on Vartan Way in Harrisburg. And we provide basic needs and mentoring to hundreds of struggling people through the House to Home project, a "furniture bank" program that provides gently-used furniture and new home items through a collaboration of our partner organizations. Our efforts, wherever possible, include ongoing mentoring, helping struggling people emerge from dependency on human services.

Similarly and of benefit to Dauphin County residents at large, we work with nearly two dozen other non-profit organizations to provide care, mentoring, and services to struggling people, to include Dauphin County Human Services agencies and its Systems of Care Practice, through which we collect, sort, organize and distribute tens of thousands of dollars in home and baby items, toys, and other gifts during the annual Holiday Celebration held at the Farm Show Complex.

Because we receive donations sight-unseen from retailers like Bed Bath & Beyond, Buy Buy Baby, the Disney Store and others it's been necessary to lease storage facilities, rent trucks, and incur other facility and transportation-related costs. Similarly and because we deliver home items and furniture to people in need and those whom we mentor, we rely on volunteers who donate the use of their vehicles, which, while appreciated, is certainly not optimal. And because visibility of our efforts has increased, we receive dozens of requests from people who wish to donate furniture. As such our needs for additional infrastructure to transport and store items have grown significantly.

While we've received significant in-kind commitments and underwrite operational costs through the generosity of donors, partner organizations and businesses, we have not received grants to support our efforts. As such we are requesting additional funding for capital investments in order to continue providing these resources to residents in our Township and County. This request includes the purchase of a delivery truck and installing racks at our warehouse and sorting facilities, through which we provide furniture and home items.

For reference, in hopes that it is helpful for the Township's consideration of our request, we would intend to offer use of the delivery truck to over a dozen other non-profit organizations in our community, assisting them in their missions, as well.

This project is important to our community and will benefit citizens in our Township. To advance the project, we intend to apply for a grant of up to \$24,000.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please advise if additional information is required to support the sponsorship of our Local Share Municipal Grant Application.

Sincerely,



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