

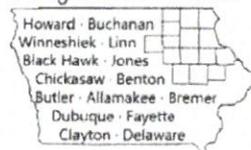
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To: The Executive Committee of the Iowa Council on Homelessness
From: Ben Brustkern, Executive Director of Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
Re: Appeal to PH-RRH New Project Score
Date: October 28, 2015

Please accept this written appeal to the scoring of the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family submission for the PH-RRH new project application. Specifically in reference to Mr. John Walker scoring of the response to the budget presented in the application. Mr. Walker awarded 2 out of the 5 points possible.

CVFF's response to the question of match and leverage funds is given below:

The match requirement for this grant will be \$29,365. CVFF intends to meet the HUD matching requirement through both cash and in-kind donations. CVFF is committed to acquiring leverage to support the CoC application and the programs that serve homeless families and individuals. CVFF was successful in obtaining the 150% leverage recommended for both the transitional housing and permanent supportive housing programs during this current grant application period and intends to meet this goal with the Rapid Housing Initiative as well. CVFF collaborates with numerous agencies to provide comprehensive support to families and individuals participating in the housing programs and have reached out to those agencies for leveraging contributions for this application. Leverage support has come from community action organizations, county relief programs, mental health providers, Iowa Legal Aid, Public Housing Authorities, and other community resources. CVFF intends to use grants received to help support the leveraging process including the Crime Victim Assistance grant.

It is my belief that the response given meets the match requirements as stated in the CoC Interim rule. I ask that full points be awarded in that section.

Sincerely,

Ben Brustkern

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