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Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2025-26 - Submission #2631

Date Submitted: 11/24/2025

Name of Applicant Organization*

Agape Respite Center

Mailing Address*

357 SW 10th st

City*

Newport

State*

OR

Zip Code*

97391

Person Completing the Application

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Name of Your Project*

Agape Respite Center: Workforce Reentry & Stability Project

Total Project Budget*

15,000.00

This includes all anticipated sources of funding

Amount Requested from this Program*

15,000.00

(max \$15k for STANDARD, \$50k for IMPACT)

Location of Project Activities*

Newport

Where in Lincoln County is your project happening?

Pool of Funds Applying to*

- STANDARD (\$15K Max)
- IMPACT (\$50K Max)

Project Description*

The Agape Workforce Reentry & Stability Project will help un-housed and housing insecure adults in Lincoln County rejoin the workforce by removing the tangible barriers that prevent employment. Agape serves as the county's only day time respite center, providing meals, showers, laundry, clothing and navigation toward housing and job opportunities. This project will use funds solely for direct workforce readiness support.

Participants will receive practical assistance to become job ready, including:

Replacement State IDs, birth certificates and reinstated drivers licenses (testing, fines, and fees)

Food Handlers Cards, CPR/First aid, and other job-required certifications.

Work clothing, boots and hygiene items for interviews and first days.

Transportation help such as bus passes or fuel cards to reach work and training.

These investments create immediate, measurable progress towards stability and employment.

Expected Results:

Over 20 individuals supported with direct workforce readiness resources.

10 participants will secure employment or training enrollment within six months

50 Tangible items/services delivered(IDs,licenses, clothing,certifications

Measuring Success:

Success will be tracked through participant intakes, documented purchases, and verified employment placements. Data will be compiled and shared with the County at project completion.

Economic Impact: This project directly strengthens Lincoln County's labor force by helping unemployed residents restore licenses, gain certifications and reenter the workforce. Every reinstated drivers license or obtained ID expands access to jobs and training, filling critical vacancies in local industries. By transitioning residents from dependency to employment, Agape supports small businesses, reduces community strain, and contributes to a stronger more resilient local economy.

What is the project and what will it do for community and/or economic development? What tangible items or results will the project deliver? How will the success of this project be judged? IMPORTANT: This fund is not intended for staff or operations. Please describe the economic impact of the project and how it creates or retains jobs in the community.

Funding*

Oregon Housing Authority Sub grant- \$130,000. awarded 2025 to support coordinated housing navigation and stabilization services for unhoused adults in Lincoln County.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund- \$5,000. awarded to combat food insecurity through meal and nutrition support Lincoln County- \$5,000.00 awarded

Pending or Recently Applied:

Ford Family Foundation-\$10,000 requested for service expansion and community outreach;application was not selected (no reason provided.)

Spirit Mountain Community fund-LOI submitted, not selected to move forward.

If applicable, please describe the status of other funding sources you have applied for or intend to apply for, and indicate whether those funds have been awarded. Also, list any other funds for which you have applied but were not funded - how much did you ask for, from whom, and why was the application not funded?

Collaboration*

Oregon Housing Authority- Provides housing navigation, application support and connection to long term housing programs for Agape guests.

ReConnections - Offers recovery and case management services for individuals overcoming addiction or justice involvement.

Phoenix Wellness Center- Supports participants with access to behavioral health, recovery resources and medical referrals critical to sustained employment.

Lincoln County Mental Health- Partners on mental health support and referrals for clients navigating both housing instability and employment barriers.

Coastal Phoenix Rising- collaborates to serve individuals in early recovery with transitional housing, peer mentoring and workforce Reentry guidance.

Helping Hands- Connects clients to transitional housing and supportive employment opportunities across coastal Oregon.

Nates Place-Provides peer support, outreach and referral partnerships.

Through these collaborations, Agape ensures that individuals entering the Workforce Reentry and Stability Project receive wraparound support-linking housing, mental health, recovery and employment services to promote long term stability and economic self sufficiency.

If applicable, please list who you are collaborating with and why.

Viability*

Measuring Success: Success of the Project will be judged by the number of individuals who receive tangible workforce readiness resources and achieve measurable progress toward employment. Agape will track:

Number of individuals served.(goal 50)

Number of IDs, Licenses and certifications issued or reinstated(goal 20)

Number of participants who secure employment, enroll in training or complete job readiness programs (goal 5)

Number or new community and business partnerships established (goal 5)

Each participant will complete a brief intake and follow up from to document outcomes, while will be compiled into a final report for the County.

Timeline

Month 1-2 Launch program and begin intake from participants.

Month 3-8 Distribute workforce readiness resources, track outcomes and continue collaborative referrals with partner agencies.

Month 9-12 Compile data, evaluate success, and prepare the final outcomes report.

Ongoing Funding and Sustainability:

While this project provides one time funding for direct workforce re-entry support, Agape Respite Center is committed to sustaining and expanding the program beyond the grant period. Agape has secured multi-source funding, including a \$130,000 Oregon Housing Authority Sub grant- and annual support from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. These resources, combined with continued application to local and statewide foundations, will allow the workforce reentry and stability project to continue helping individuals obtain employment readiness resources each year. Agape's model is intentionally lean and community driven, ensuring that even modest funding delivers direct, measurable results and lasting economic impact for Lincoln County.

How will the success of this project be judged? State success measures and timeline. Will this project need ongoing funding? How will this be secured?

Desired Start Date*

3/15/2026

Desired End Date*

3/15/2027

Budget Documents*

Agape_Workforce_Development_Budget.pdf

Please submit as a PDF file - project budget only (not organizational budget)

Letter(s) of Support

Agape Letter of Support.pdf

At least one letter of support is required for an IMPACT application.

Name of Chief Executive*

Jamelle Villareal

Title*

Executive Director

Chief Executive Email*

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Tax ID Number*

93-2831450

Type of Applicant Organization*

501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Agape Respite Center - Workforce Development Project Budget

Community & Economic Development Grant Request: \$15,000

1. Documentation & Identification Support — \$4,000

- State IDs / Driver's Licenses \$1,800
- Birth Certificates \$900
- Social Security Card Assistance \$500
- Printing/forms/verification fees \$800

2. Workforce Training & Certifications — \$5,000

(Generalized and non-industry specific)

- Job-required certifications (various fields) \$2,000
- Skill-building courses / employment classes \$1,500
- Safety or compliance trainings \$1,000
- Testing/exam fees & required materials \$500

3. Employment-Ready Clothing & Gear — \$3,000

- Work boots \$1,500
- Work pants/shirts \$800
- Interview clothing sets \$500
- Hygiene/grooming supplies \$200

4. Transportation Assistance — \$2,000

- Gas cards \$1,000
- Bus passes/tickets \$600
- Rideshare vouchers \$400

Total Project Budget: \$15,000



October 31, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Housing Authority of Lincoln County (HALC), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Agape Respite Center and their vital work in our community.

HALC recognizes the importance of stable housing as a fundamental cornerstone of health, well-being, and opportunity. Equally important are the services that support people during housing transitions or while securing more stable living arrangements. Agape Respite Center is fulfilling such a role by providing a safe, welcoming space for people in Lincoln County experiencing homelessness. Their services, including showers, laundry, meals, clothing, mail services, and referrals to additional resources, address immediate needs with dignity and compassion.

Located centrally in Newport, Agape Respite Center has become an essential component of the safety net in our region. In a rural, economically constrained coastal county such as ours, the presence of an organization willing to meet people where they are, with no judgment and a fully human-centered approach, fills a much-needed gap in our local support system. Agape Respite Center provides critical respite and connection for those who might otherwise have nowhere else to turn.

Agape Respite Center's work aligns closely with HALC's mission. By easing the burden of basic human needs for those who are unhoused or under-housed, Agape Respite Center helps remove barriers that too frequently stand between individuals and stable housing. HALC values the work of Agape Respite Center to connect clients to longer-term housing pathways and local resource networks.

I fully support Agape Respite Center's efforts and recommend them for consideration in any funding, collaborative, or resource support discussions. HALC would be pleased to provide further detail or answer any questions.

With gratitude -

Karen Rocwell
Executive Director

