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Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2024-25 - Submission #1014

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Name of Applicant Organization*

Samaritan House, Inc.

Address*

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City*

Newport

State*

Oregon

Zip Code*

97365

Person Completing the Application

Name*

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Name of Your Project*

Yellow Submarine and Abby Road Daycares @ Samaritan House

Total Project Budget*

125,500.00

This includes all anticipated sources of funding

Amount Requested from this Program*

60,000.00

(max \$15k for Standard, \$60k for Impact)

Pool of Funds Applying to*



Standard (\$15K Max)



Impact (\$60K Max)



Project Description*

Samaritan House, a beacon of hope for families experiencing homelessness in Newport, Oregon, providing not just shelter but a pathway to stability and independence. The introduction of the Yellow Submarine childcaring space is a testament to Samaritan House's commitment to holistic support: recognizing that childcare is a critical component for parents striving towards self-sufficiency. This innovative program, launched as a pilot in 2021, showcases a responsive approach tailored to the unique needs of its resident families. Since that time, we have outgrown the dedicated space at our main campus and surpassed the capacity of our initial 2.0 FTE. The Samaritan House childcare expansion project allowed us to lease and occupy a duplex less than a quarter mile from our main campus where we can expand our childcare offerings to include more children and make age group separation more appropriate. The expansion has also brought additional child-caring staff to our team. The preparation and dedication of our educators, who are honing their skills through the Early Childhood Education program at Oregon Coast Community College, ensures that the children receive quality care and education which fosters an environment where young minds can flourish alongside their families' aspirations. Our workforce development priority has led us to create a "reverse the flow" pipeline, allowing childcare teachers who have not attained that Early Childhood Education certification to return to school on paid time to complete the primary and secondary levels of accreditation. This semester, our head teacher is returning to Oregon Coast Community College to begin this program. Our new workforce also represents a commitment to the value of lived experience in hiring and staffing our programs for adults and children. Three of our five childcare staff have lived experience with the child welfare system, all five have lived experience with childhood poverty and one has lived experience of a childhood stay at Samaritan House with her family. This also includes our first bi-lingual/bi-cultural hire. As Samaritan House looks to the future, the expansion of our childcare services should benefit not only our own residents, but the most vulnerable families and children we have yet to encounter. Samaritan House has been offering limited childcaring services to the participants in the Nurture Oregon program, which seeks to identify and engage pregnant people with substance use disorder in harm reduction and treatment services prior to the arrival of their baby. The program's goal is to support healthy baby, healthy parents and a stable family unit. Partnerships like this have helped in the quest for additional funding through OHA, ODHS child welfare and self-sufficiency programs and maternal child health grants. It stands as a model of collective impact, grassroots organizing and community-driven solutions. The program's success lies not only in its ability to meet immediate needs but also in its vision to empower families, fostering a community where every member, regardless of age, has the opportunity to thrive. The story of Samaritan House is one of resilience, collaboration, and unwavering support for the families it serves, a narrative that continues to inspire and impact lives within and beyond the walls of its facilities.

Project Expenses What is the project and what will it do for community and/or economic development? This project will support the continued expansion of Samaritan House child caring services to our auxiliary site, expanding the reach of our childcaring services beyond our residency, the number of staff providing care and the lived experience of that staff. What tangible items or results will the project deliver? Expansion to a second site creates 8 additional slots and separates age groups 0-2 years and 2 years plus. Addition of three staff to the team, one bilingual/bicultural and one with lived experience at Samaritan House. How will the success of this project be judged? The success of this project will be evaluated in our increased earning power, whether as a Medicaid billing entity or in additional philanthropy and targeted health pilots, like Nurture Oregon. Describe the economic impact of this project? In our work with vulnerable families, we have identified two roles that parents play in the lives of their children: caretaker and breadwinner. For many of the families we serve in Samaritan House, a single parent serves both of these functions. Providing direct childcaring services allows parents to fulfill the role of breadwinner, while young children are cared for by our staff. Hiring young women with lived experience, and with young children, brings powerful economic vitality back to our community. Samaritan House is one of the only childcare programs that allows staff to bring their own children.

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*

HIWAY Grant \$ 25,500.00 (subaward of federal grant to Samaritan Health Services) Niemeyer Grant \$ 40,000.00 awarded on 9/15/2024 (donor advised fund of Oregon Community Foundation) We applied for both of the grants above and we were awarded both for Samaritan House to support our 2 daycares.

If applicable, please describe status of other funds which you plan or have applied to and whether received. Please give the name of the fund, source of the funds, and when you expect to received an answer regarding funding availability. 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*

The Oregon Coast Community College Early Learning Program, and program director Oscar Juarez were instrumental in establishing the Yellow Submarine and recruiting our initial staff, both of whom are among the first graduates of this program. During the program design and early certification efforts, Oscar spent up to 5 hours weekly supporting teachers in creating curriculum, designing care spaces and applying the academic concepts of early childhood development to program decision-making. Oscar also provides ongoing professional development to the teachers through the practicum evaluation process. Worksource Oregon and their subcontractors like EQQUS supported our hiring growth through incentives programs. Throughout onboarding of these new staff, we took advantage of Workforce Investment programs like "On The Job" Training which reimbursed us 50% of payroll costs for eight weeks. Linn Benton Lincoln ESD, specifically the Early Intervention program, supports individual students who struggle with convention

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

Viability*

Samaritan House, as a non profit organization, draws revenue for our program offerings in a variety of ways. Fee for service contracting, grants and individual giving all support the provision of our services, specifically childcaring. One of the typical avenues for funding, certification through the DELC (Dept of Early Learning and Childcare), is not a fit for Samaritan House because of the constantly changing ages and numbers of children who make up our residency. It also encourages the capitalization of the family and child's experience in care. At Samaritan House, our goal and focus is to support the primary development of a family unit. This is not often the most profitable stance for a family and child in the dynamic of certified childcare. Attendance, punctuality and behavioral performance are often key factors in a child's success in a care setting. In a certified environment, inconsistent performance in these areas would lead an operator to terminate the family's relationship to the care setting. In our setting, we lean in further to discover the particular challenges that keep that family from being successful: not just in childcare but in life and help provide resources and weekly meetings with the families to support them in raising their children. In the advent of the Medicaid 1115 waiver, which began paying a housing benefit in November 2024, Samaritan House has begun exploration and feasibility studying the prospect of billing Medicaid/OHP through a letter of authorization with Intercommunity Health Network (our local coordinated care organization.) Specifically, the early childhood development functions and services that are relevant to the 0-5 age group could become sources of reimbursement revenue if our organization could shoulder the load of becoming a billable entity. Then, we could bill for and provide appropriate development services and interventions in response to children's and families' needs.

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

Desired Start Date*

4/1/2025

Desired End Date*

3/31/2026

Budget Documents*

2024 Abbey Road expenses (1).xlsx

Please submit as a PDF file

Letter(s) of Support

Letter of support Reconnections.pdf

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

Name of Chief Executive*

Lola Jones

Title*

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Tax ID Number*

93-0986696

Type of Applicant Organization*

501(c)(3) Nonprofit ▼

Samaritan House 2024-25 Community & Economic Development Grant Application Addendum

Samaritan House is an unconventional program. Typically, childcare programs are certified as either centers or in-home programs. At the time that we created our program, neither classification was a great fit for us and we determined that it was more important to provide the services that were necessary and responsive to our residents than to build a certified program that could provide revenue centers but limit our ability to be flexible to meet the needs of our families. As a license-exempt program, we are not supported by the same income structure as other programs: enrollment/tuition fees, state subsidies like the Employment Related Daycare reimbursement, or per diem/per capita rate payments. Instead, our program is offered alongside our flagship transitional housing program as a force multiplier for incredibly vulnerable families and children. Often, these children and their parents have had negative experiences in community-based classroom settings and are building their capacity for engagement in more conventional childcare offerings during their time in our program.

Program Expenses

Internet	\$1,500.00
Telephone	\$900.00
Electric	\$1,800.00
Natural Gas	\$1,300.00
Garbage	\$1,500.00
Lease	\$24,000.00
Maintenance	\$4,400.00
Supplies	\$5,000.00
Equipment Purchase (washer/dryer/refridgerator)	\$7,500.00
Insurance	\$12,100.00
total	\$60,000.00



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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to convey my support for Samaritan House in the continued expansion of their childcaring services. As the Nurture Oregon Program Manager of Reconnections Counseling, my staff and I work closely with Samaritan House to establish housing stability for our clients, particularly through the Nurture Oregon health pilot.

Nurture Oregon envisions a state where pregnant people who use substances receive safe, supportive, stigma-free care. Nurture Oregon is an integrated care model providing services for pregnant families with peer support, maternity care, substance use treatment, and social service coordination. Oregon Health Authority, Health Systems Division is building on a 2015 Multnomah county pilot to expand and adapt this program around the state. The 2021 expansion project includes five counties across Oregon, with a specific focus on rural and frontier communities and sites serving BIPOC families.

As the childcare provider, Samaritan House serves not only their own residents, but all participants in the Nurture Oregon program with childcaring services. These services support the independence of newly sober parents and struggling parents to engage in necessary treatment and personal development activities. Even something as simple as taking a shower, going for a walk, grocery shopping in peace, or taking a nap can be a game changer for the mental health of a new parent. Natural supports in these families can vary, and sometimes parents are truly alone in their postpartum journey. It is an incredibly lonely place to be, and a very dangerous one from a recovery perspective.

Additionally, the children born in our collaborative and their older siblings benefit from the sense of community that is cultivated in the Yellow Submarine and Abbey Road. Our children belong to one another and are bonded to each other, practicing and establishing social emotional skills that will benefit them their whole life long. We also know that some of these kiddos experience symptoms or complications from their prenatal substance exposure into early childhood. Samaritan House staff and collaborators are well-positioned to refer to appropriate services and interventions to meet the unique needs of these children. Early identification and intervention makes children more successful in preparing for school and for a healthy life.

Please consider funding the application submitted by Samaritan House to support the continued expansion of their childcaring services,

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karisa McGrane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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