

2020 PRE-APPLICATION

EMERGENT THREAT (EM)

Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)

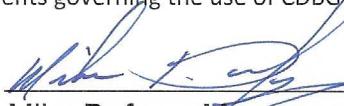
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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION (TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

1. APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION		2. PERSON PREPARING APPLICATION	
Applicant Name	City of Alliance- Holy Rosary (St. Agnes Academy)	Name	Karen Benzel
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Federal ID #	47-6006071	Application Preparer (Check One)	
UEI #	NZD2C87K4288	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit	
SAM Expiration Date	5/31/23	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development District	
3. ACTIVITY TYPE		4. FUNDING SOURCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Existing CDBG-CV Project- 2 nd Round of Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		CDBG Funds \$ 513,617.50 Other Funds Total Cost \$ 513,617.50	
5. APPLICATION TYPE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Joint			
6. USE SUMMARY: Brief description of the project for which CDBG funds are requested.			
The CDBG funds are requested to assist our area to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus providing support to needed community services. The funds will be used for minor rehabilitation, renovation and purchase of an existing community building for the use and expansion as a nonprofit center for daycare and dependent care.			
7. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Chief elected officer of local government requesting CDBG funds.			
To the best of my knowledge and belief, data and information in this application is true and correct, including any commitment of local or other resources. The governing body of the applicant has duly authorized this application. This applicant will comply with all Federal and state requirements governing the use of CDBG funds.			
Signature in blue ink: 		Date Signed: 11/21/2022	
Typed Name and Title: Mike Dafney, Mayor			

Part II. Project Description (NEED, Expected results, timeline of successful benchmarks to complete by 5/1/23)

St. Agnes Academy (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) seeks funding to purchase and rehabilitate (non-substantial rehabilitation) an existing community facility to provide a nonprofit center for daycare and dependent care in Alliance to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The facility that is sought for the purchase recently closed as a residential care facility for retired religious sisters. It is ADA compliant with minimal investment needed to bring it to standards to be used as a daycare facility. This project proposes to address public services and public facilities to support needed community services by expanding existing child dependent care (daycare) capacity in Alliance.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it was evident that the capacity of childcare in the City of Alliance is inadequate, and this continues to present, this need was intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic. There are a total of ten licensed child care providers within the City of Alliance with a total maximum capacity of 232 with one of the programs not currently operating. At this time there are currently no center-based programs that accept and provide care for children from 6 weeks to aged 18 months (based on the [CHILD CARE LICENSING ROSTER \(ne.gov\)](#) and through area surveys). According to the Census there are 497 children under age 5 in the City of Alliance. Through the purchase, with minor renovation and rehabilitation of a local facility, increased capacity for the care of children from infants through preschool responds to the needs exacerbated by COVID-19. According to the Casey School of Public Policy 13 percent of parents lost a job or reduced their hours due to lack of child care (<https://econofact.org/the-importance-of-childcare-in-reopening-the-economy>). This facility responds directly to that need caused by COVID-19.

Providing an increased daycare capacity responds to the need created by COVID-19 preventing the strain on families. This includes the available of quality child care that is stable and discontinues the need for reliance on older relatives to provide care, which may not be an option due to the vulnerability to COVID-19. The increased space allows the facility to provide proper spacing among children for both play and sanitary needs preparing for possible heightened COVID-19 presence preventing COVID-19 interruptions through an increased capacity and quality daycare. Similarly, preparing the community for potential COVID-19 interruptions. The daycare center will be equipped to accept low to moderate income clientele ensuring steady, reliable childcare and the ability to accept state payments preparing persons in the community for successful employment and lending towards stable housing.

The timeline to complete the project includes entering a purchase agreement contingent upon grant approval. After acquiring the property, the minor rehabilitation will be complete with preparations to open to the facility to receive children by no later than April 15, 2023. Initial capacity would be 40 children from infants through preschool age. The facility that is sought for this public service would allow for increased capacity with the space to safely serve over 100 children if necessary allowing for community growth to meet the urgent community demands. The purchase price is estimated at \$268,925. Minor rehabilitation costs are \$198,000 which includes new appliances as all appliances have been sold and de minimis of \$46,692.50 for a total request of \$513,617.50.

In summary, the applicant is seeking the ability to purchase and provide minor rehabilitation to an existing community structure in order to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19. Reliable and quality childcare (day care) options provide families with stability which can in turn lead to the ability for parents to retain and/or seek quality employment and stable housing. This public service meets an urgent community need and supports increasing employment opportunities for the unemployed and employed through available childcare capacity. The ability for sustainable employment that is not interrupted due to lack of childcare that may correlate in retaining increasing permanent housing.

Exhibits: National Objective Compliance

Urgent Need: the expansion and improvement of the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable communities.