



1.0 Introductory Letter

October 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Eureka Economic Development Department is pleased to submit the attached proposal outlining our department's vision, project proposal, budget and all supplemental materials that we feel meet the requirements of the HHAP RFP No. DHHS2023-02.

The City of Eureka has been working with the targeted population for several years, and in November 2018 developed a new program entitled UPLIFT Eureka. The City of Eureka adopted the Housing First Focus, and has been working to collaborate efforts with the county through various projects over the years. One of the biggest challenges the department has faced has been a lack of resources that can immediately accommodate housing for homeless individuals.

The City of Eureka created UPLIFT Eureka to provide a platform for homeless members of our community to build a path to secure necessary tools to take advantage of housing resources in the community, as well as set them up for success to take advantage of traditional housing opportunities. Keeping with the Housing First Principles, UPLIFT Eureka has no barriers to entry, no requirements and provides a variety of programs and services to support participants including a Job Skills Training Program, a regularly occurring employment workshop called Pathway to Payday and a Housing Assistance Program. In addition, volunteer co-pilots are available to help navigate and support each participant's goals and needs on their way to finding housing, as well as a housing support specialist dedicated to providing supportive services once housed to promote stabilization.

UPLIFT Eureka was piloted on a smaller scale, and saw success in progress of the participants. As detailed in the proposal our vision is to continue to provide housing assistance through providing funds to cover application fees, deposits & rental costs, as well as to fund vital existing positions. Supportive Services Specialist will continue to facilitate ongoing stabilization services after individuals are housed including conducting comprehensive assessments, creating realistic stabilization plans, providing trauma informed care and case management, developing positive behavior support systems, providing treatment alternatives and making referrals and connections to other community resources. The proposal also includes interim sheltering and homelessness prevention funding. Staff have successfully reviewed the RFP including all of the requirements and feel, given the capacity of our program's previous success and experience with the targeted population as well as the experience of staff involved in the project, confident in the experience, capacity and ability to comply with all requirements outlined in the RFP.

The City of Eureka is very excited for the opportunity to submit a proposal and have the opportunity to work with the County, as we collectively work to find ways to provide community members experiencing homelessness with permanent housing, and help solve the issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Miles Slattery", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Miles Slattery

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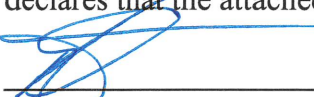
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – NO. DHHS2023-02
HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM
ATTACHMENT A – SIGNATURE AFFIDAVIT
(Submit with Proposal)**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – NO. DHHS2023-02 SIGNATURE AFFIDAVIT	
NAME OF ORGANIZATION/AGENCY:	City of Eureka
STREET ADDRESS:	531 K St.
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Government Code Sections 6250, *et seq.*, the “Public Records Act,” define a public record as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of public business. The Public Records Act provides that public records shall be disclosed upon written request, and that any citizen has a right to inspect any public record, unless the document is exempted from disclosure.

In signing this Proposal, I certify that this firm has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement or participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition; that no attempt has been made to induce any other person or agency to submit or not to submit a Proposal; that this Proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other Proposer, competitor or potential competitor; that this Proposal has not been knowingly disclosed prior to the opening of Proposals to any other Proposer or competitor; that the above statement is accurate under penalty of perjury.

The undersigned is an authorized representative of the above-named organization and hereby agrees to all the terms, conditions and specifications required by the County in Request for Proposals No. DHHS2023-01 and declares that the attached Proposal and pricing are in conformity therewith.



Signature
Date 10-11-23
 Miles Slattery

Name
Date 10-11-23

This agency hereby acknowledges receipt / review of the following Addendum(s), if any
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4.0 Professional Profile

City of Eureka

531 K St. Eureka, CA 95501

4.1 Organization Overview

The City of Eureka is dedicated to enhancing quality of life and providing opportunities for success for all of its community members. The City recognizes that in order to achieve this goal, it must provide an array of services to support those who are less fortunate, struggling with mental health conditions, and struggling with substance use issues.

The Community Access Project for Eureka (CAPE) is a project of the City of Eureka that provides access to quality of life programs, services, parks, and facilities for all members of our community, regardless of their living situation or income. The City has taken this effort a step further in the development of Uplift Eureka, a social services program focused on rapid rehousing, providing supportive services to those recently housed, and providing street outreach to help guide those experiencing homelessness towards services. Both CAPE and Uplift have been incredibly successful in their programming.

CAPE facilitates numerous programs for the community, including Shop with a Cop, Pathway to Payday, the Job Skills Training Program, the Co-Pilot Program and the Rapid Rehousing Housing Assistance Program. These services are aimed at supporting those in the community who are less fortunate while improving community relations. CAPE collaborates with numerous local businesses to facilitate these programs, such as the Halloween Costume Drive, where local community members and businesses can donate costumes for children of financially impacted families. Local agencies can then make referrals for qualifying families who are then provided a selection of costumes.

Since 2015, CAPE has served thousands of local community members. One of the newer programs under the CAPE umbrella is Uplift Eureka. Uplift's mission is to work with community members experiencing homelessness to get them rapidly rehoused, provide supportive services to individuals recently housed, and to provide intensive street outreach to those yet to be housed. The program has been incredibly successful, serving thousands of people in their street outreach efforts, and successfully housing over nearly two hundred people. Uplift has also become the City of Eureka's leader in coordinating inter-agency efforts to engage individuals experiencing homelessness. This includes close collaborations with the Eureka Police Department, St. Vincent de Paul Free Meal, The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation, the Eureka Rescue Mission, and Humboldt County Behavioral Health and Social Services.

CAPE and Uplift are almost entirely funded outside of the City's general fund, relying on grants and County funding sources to continue operations. They have been incredibly successful in obtaining grants and implementing these programs on a consistent basis. Previous grants include \$225,000 from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program, \$201,225.00 from California Emergency

Aid Program, four separate \$5,000 grants from PG&E, two separate grants from the Eureka Police Department totaling \$70,000, \$1,030,111.00 from Emergency Solutions Grant-CV, \$500,000 from Community Development Block Grant Program, Coronavirus Aid Relief, \$1,670,000.00 from Encampment Resolution Funding and over \$50,000 from fundraisers conducted on the programs' behalf. Uplift was also a beneficiary from the first round of grant funding from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, providing \$344,000.00 for rapid rehousing, bolstering street outreach and supportive services staff, and a variety of other services revolving around maintaining individuals who have been housed.

Uplift Eureka operates on a housing first premise and has designed its various services to further this model. Uplift utilizes its street outreach workers to guide individuals toward local services, to intake individuals into Coordinated Entry in HMIS, and to then update their HMIS status to keep these individuals in the system. Uplift participates in the inter-agency collaborative selection committee meetings within the Continuum of Care (COC) in order to pull those identified as most in need in the HMIS system and, once referred, a housing coordinator works with the individual to get them into appropriate housing. Once housed, Uplift then assigns a supportive services case manager to provide extra support in maintaining housing and connecting the individual to other services, such as Social Security, Humboldt County Behavioral Health, and Open Door for primary care medical services.

There has been no litigation relating to the provision of services and/or capital improvements equivalent to those that will be provided as part of the proposed HHAP project that has been brought by or against the City of Eureka, Community Access Project for Eureka or Uplift Eureka,

There have been no fraud convictions related to the provision of services and/or capital improvements equivalent to those that will be provided as part of the proposed HHAP project.

There are not any current or prior debarments, suspensions or other ineligibility to participate in public contracts.

The City of Eureka, Community Access Project for Eureka and Uplift Eureka have not received any violations of local, state and/or federal regulatory requirements, nor do they hold a controlling or financial interest in any other organizations.

4.2 Overview of Qualifications and Experience

The City of Eureka has extensive experience and a long history of working with the individuals experiencing homelessness, low-income populations, and those who are otherwise disadvantaged.

The City of Eureka has received a large variety of grants that required departments and responsible staff to have knowledge of the legal and procedural requirements pertaining to the provisions of services and/or capital improvements that are equivalent to those that will be provided as part of the proposed HHAP project.

Of all the funding received through various sources, the City of Eureka and staff met all requirements and successfully executed all proposed deliverables.

These grants and projects are detailed below:

Funding Source	Description	Amount Awarded
CalRecycle	UPLIFT Eureka Cleanup Equipment and Program Execution	\$74,980.00
Eureka Police Department Drug Seizure Grant	UPLIFT Eureka Program Funding	\$35,156.00
PG&E	Funding for Community Services CAPE and Homeless Services Programming	\$20,000.00
Homeless Emergency Aid Program	Funding for Rapid Rehousing, Outreach and Employment Programs	\$225,000.00
California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program	Funding for Rapid Rehousing and Supportive Services Programs	\$201,225.00
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 1	Funding for Rapid Rehousing, Outreach and Supportive Services Programs	\$344,000.00
Community Development Block Grant Program, Coronavirus Aid Relief	Funding for Community Building Improvements and Community Services	\$500,000.0
Emergency Solutions Grant-CV	Funding for Rapid Rehousing, Outreach and Supportive Services	\$1,030,111.00
Encampment Resolution Funding	Funding for Housing and Encampment Resolution	\$1,670,000.00

The City of Eureka’s primary staff who will be responsible for the oversight and management of the services that are a part of the proposed HHAP project are outlined below. While Uplift Eureka currently has ten dedicated staff members, the program collaborates with and utilizes services of several City Departments. The Human Resources, Finance, Public Works and Community Services Department all work very closely with Uplift Eureka staff towards positive project outcomes. The specific experience these staff have will ensure the program objectives are met, along with all the associated local funding priorities, requirements, specifications and standards set forth in this RFP.

4.3 Staff Qualifications:

Name: Miles Slattery

Title: City Manager

Total Tenure with City of Eureka: 2006 - Present

Total Tenure in Current Position: 2020 - Present

Duties:

- Plans, organizes and administers, either directly or through subordinate management and supervisory staff, coordinates and evaluates the work of the City in accordance with applicable laws, codes and regulations, and adopted policies and objectives of the City Council.
- Directs and coordinates the development and implementation of goals, objectives and programs for the City Council and the City; develops administrative policies, procedures and work standards to ensure that the goals and objectives are met and that programs provide mandated services in an effective, efficient and economical manner.
- Oversees the preparation of the annual budget for the City; authorizes directly or through staff, budget transfers, expenditures and purchases; provides information regarding the financial condition and needs to the City Council.
- Advises the City Council on issues, programs and financial status; prepares and recommends long- and short-range plans for City service provision, capital improvements and funding; and directs the development of specific proposals for action regarding current and future City needs.
- Oversees the administration, construction, use and maintenance of all City facilities and equipment, including buildings, parks, facilities other public property.
- Represents the City and the Council in meetings with governmental agencies, community groups and various business, professional, educational, regulatory and legislative organizations; acts as the City liaison with the media.
- Provides for the investigation and resolution of complaints regarding the administration of and services provided by the City government.
- Provides for contract services and ensures proper performance of obligations to the City; has responsibility for enforcement of all City codes and regulations.
- Oversees the selection, training, professional development and work evaluation of City staff; oversees the implementation of effective employee relations and related programs; provides policy guidance and interpretation to staff.
- Directs the preparation of and prepares a variety of correspondence, reports, policies, procedures and other written materials.
- Oversees the maintenance of working and official City files.
- Ensures that the Council is kept informed of City functions, activities and financial status and of legal, social and economic issues affecting City activities.
- Monitors changes in laws, regulations and technology that may affect City operations; implements policy and procedural changes as required.

Name: Jeff Davis

Title: Project Manager

Total Tenure with City of Eureka: 2016 - Present

Total Tenure in Current Position: 2022 - Present

Duties:

- Manages, plans and coordinates various programs with other government and private agencies and the public, including defining, marketing, implementing, and coordinating potential and ongoing projects, and providing information and assistance;
- Researches, analyzes, and makes recommendations concerning issues and services projects; develops related operational policies and procedures; prepares and oversees preparation of relevant reports, correspondence, informational packets, and proposed City Council actions; prepares written staff reports and agenda items regarding various projects for the City Council and various committees and advisory boards;
- Works with other governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, developers, city, state, federal and local agencies to identify and secure resources for funding; monitors funding; submits required reports and other information related to project(s) or program(s);
- Prepares and submits grant applications following specified timelines and procedures to secure funding; interprets and assures compliance of grant agreements with all applicable federal and other requirements;
- Develops specifications and prepares Requests For Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) related to projects and programs, coordinating with other City departments, outside agencies and organizations and assuring compliance with all project requirements;
- Coordinates and participates in providing information and statistics to other City departments and agencies as required;
- Attends meetings with other City employees, outside agencies, and the public; schedules and hosts public hearings as required;
- Acts as the City's representative and liaison on relevant topics, including but not limited to, responding to questions and comments from the public in a courteous and timely manner; collaborating with involved parties to reach resolutions on identified issues; speaking in public and making public presentations;
- Attends meetings, conferences, workshops, and training sessions and reviews publications and audio-visual materials to become and remain current on principles, practices, and new developments in assigned work areas;

Name: Katelyn Merrell

Title: Program Coordinator

Total Tenure with City of Eureka: 2004 - 2013, 2018 - Present

Total Tenure in Current Position: July 2022 - Present

Duties:

- Responsible for the oversight of the Uplift Eureka Rapid Re-Housing Program, including supportive services.
- Supports the Project Manager as needed with the operations functions for the Community Access Project for Eureka (C.A.P.E.), including Uplift Eureka.

- Contributes to researching and applying for outside funding sources for various infrastructure and programming grant funding opportunities.
- Assisted with the successful award and administration of over \$2 million in grant funding for multiple homeless services and rapid re-housing programs.
 - 2019 Homeless Emergency Aid Program: \$225,000
 - 2020 California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program: \$201,224.32
 - 2021 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program: \$344,000
 - 2022 Encampment Resolution Funding Program: \$1,670,000.00
- Manages the C.A.P.E. Program budgets.
- Oversees the coordination of fundraising to support programming efforts of C.A.P.E. and Uplift Eureka.
- Develops and maintains healthy and successful partnerships within the community in an effort to better serve all members of the community
- Oversees the development and implementation of successful quality of life programs and opportunities for all members of the community regardless of their living situation or income, such as the annual Halloween Costume Drive/Costume Closet and the Holiday Gift Program.

5.0 Project Description

5.1 Project Design

The City of Eureka’s Project Proposal is to continue to provide comprehensive rapid rehousing services to community members experiencing homelessness, continue street outreach and expand the existing housing program to include both interim housing and homelessness prevention components. The outcome goals of this project are to enhance and expand street outreach services, reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness, reduce the number of persons who become homeless for the first time, increase the number of people exiting homelessness to permanent housing and to ensure persons who are housed can maintain their housing.

The City of Eureka, CAPE and UPLIFT Program, all align with the guidelines outlined in Humboldt County Housing First principles. The UPLIFT program exemplifies this through supporting individuals and setting them up to obtain the tools to gain housing with no barriers to entry into the program on the basis of mental illness, non-violent criminal record, sexual orientation, income or employment status. Further, the UPLIFT program in no way attempts to control participants’ behavior, nor are participants required to be sober or pass drug tests. With a focus on moving participants into permanent housing as quickly as possible, with no service or program readiness requirements, instead of building “housing readiness” UPLIFT works to secure permanent housing and then provide stabilization support.

UPLIFT Eureka functions to remove barriers and empower the City’s homeless population with tools to gain housing. The entire program itself is designed to strategically guide houseless members in our community through a series of resources and supportive programming to provide

them with the tools to take the necessary steps to overcome barriers to obtaining immediate housing, including attaining forms of identification and support with searching and applying for housing. In doing so, UPLIFT can serve as the quickest path from homelessness to housing.

The City of Eureka's Project Proposal includes funding to provide UPLIFT Eureka housing clients with assistance in searching and securing permanent housing, and to provide continued financial assistance coupled with support services to become stabilized once housed. The housing assistance funds being requested reflect those needed for application fees, deposits and rent to house and stabilize at least 30 households in permanent housing. The essential household items funds being requested would supply needed items such as mattresses, beds, linens and cookware to participants upon securing permanent housing. The personnel costs being requested would staff two Housing Coordinators, who would search and secure housing opportunities as well as engage with landlords and property management companies. The requested personnel costs would also staff three Support Service Specialists, who would provide support services and case management to the housed clients in an effort to work toward stabilization. The transportation costs requested would fund the purchase of a vehicle to facilitate the provision of supportive services to participants of the housing program.

The additional housing funds being requested include interim sheltering and homelessness prevention. Interim sheltering funds will be utilized to provide program participants experiencing homelessness with interim shelter in order to begin stabilization while the housing search is being conducted. In providing the ongoing housing assistance and supportive services requested in this proposal, this project will allow The City of Eureka to assist in Humboldt County's effort to alleviate homelessness, ultimately helping to serve the entirety of Humboldt County. Homelessness prevention funds reflect those needed for paying rent arrears for at least twenty households, ensuring they remain housed and avoid falling into homelessness.

Coordinated street outreach plays a critical role within systems for ending homelessness. Effective street outreach reaches people who might not otherwise seek assistance and ensures that people's basic needs are being met while supporting them along pathways towards the ultimate goal of housing. Uplift street outreach documents and records daily contacts in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and ensures that current and accurate data is available systemwide. Outreach Workers make contact with 25-40 individuals each day, resulting in hundreds of contacts each month. Uplift street outreach also functions as one of only six Coordinated Entry System access points in Humboldt County. Uplift Eureka Outreach Workers conduct vulnerability assessments in a person-centered, trauma-informed culturally responsive manner. The proposed project seeks funds to staff Outreach Workers and outreach supplies in order to continue to provide the community with these services.

Data Collection and Performance Evaluation

Humboldt County maintains a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which is an electronic database that collects and securely stores data about homeless individuals. This

system will collect system-wide, standardized data for accurate, real-time reporting on the total number of homeless in Humboldt County, the length and causes of their homelessness, and their demographic characteristics and needs. It allows better understanding of people's longitudinal homeless experience by tracking the services they receive throughout the duration of their homeless episode, enables agencies to better meet client's need by improving service coordination determining client outcomes, providing more informed program referrals and reducing their administrative impact. The system improves research for evidence based decision making, such as program design and policy proposals which helps shorten the length of time people are homeless and direct them through the system of care more efficiently with more understanding. This system will maintain client confidentiality but allows for aggregate reporting by agency. Eventually, all service providers can be linked and able to share information about clients in real time. This will increase the ability to provide coordinate care and assure that services are provided to the most in need and not duplicated. Full implementation and information sharing enhances the ability for coordinated intake and assessment. UPLIFT staff will collect data related to, and evaluate the performance, of the services provided by as part of the proposed HHAP/UPLIFT project which includes, the collecting and analyzing program and client-level data, and entering program and client-level data into the Humboldt County's HMIS.

Project Sustainability:

Understanding the importance of long-term sustainability is a priority for Uplift staff, as they are constantly developing and implementing plans to both continue to research and apply for new grant opportunities as well as diversify our funding. We are confident we will be able to continue to secure grant funding in addition to increasing our programmatic and organizational sustainability through a combination of strategies including strengthening staff's fundraising capacity through professional development opportunities, building and sustaining relationships with other local foundations, developing stronger ties to local businesses, improving and innovating on our fundraising events in order to bring in more revenues and expanding our individual donor cultivation activities.

We believe that through a robust fundraising plan combined with an organizational culture of philanthropy, Uplift will be able to sustain, expand, and scale its program to effectively serve the community for the long-term.

5.2 Project Budget – REFLECTS COSTS FOR 2 FISCAL YEARS

A. Personnel Costs	Totals
<p>Title: Housing Coordinator #1 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$29.71 Formula for Salary Calculation: (40 hrs/wk x \$29.71/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Coordinates and further develops the UPLIFT housing program that provides housing opportunities to community members experiencing homelessness; Works to actively increase housing opportunities through the development and maintenance of positive relationships with housing providers throughout Humboldt County; Conducts intake evaluations for participants requesting housing assistance funds.</p>	\$118,840
<p>Title: Housing Coordinator #2 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$24.662 Formula for Salary Calculation: (28 hrs/wk x \$24.662/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Coordinates and further develops the UPLIFT housing program that provides housing opportunities to community members experiencing homelessness; Works to actively increase housing opportunities through the development and maintenance of positive relationships with housing providers throughout Humboldt County; Conducts intake evaluations for participants requesting housing assistance funds.</p>	\$69,053.60
<p>Title: Supportive Services Specialist #1 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$29.71 Formula for Salary Calculation: (40 hrs/wk x \$29.71/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Provides essential support and coordination of services and resources for newly housed participants in an effort to establish stabilization and sustain permanent housing; Executes required data collection for entry into the HMIS system.</p>	\$118,840
<p>Title: Supportive Services Specialist #2 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$24.662 Formula for Salary Calculation: (28 hrs/wk x \$24.662/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Provides essential support and coordination of services and resources for newly housed participants in an effort to establish stabilization and sustain permanent housing; Executes required data collection for entry into the HMIS system.</p>	\$69,053.60
<p>Title: Supportive Services Specialist #3 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$24.662 Formula for Salary Calculation: (28 hrs/wk x \$24.662/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Provides essential support and coordination of services and resources for newly housed participants in an effort to establish stabilization and sustain permanent housing; Executes required data collection for entry into the HMIS system.</p>	\$69,053.60
<p>Title: Homeless Outreach Worker #1 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$24.662</p>	

<p>Formula for Salary Calculation: (28 hrs/wk x \$24.662/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Works in partnership with The Eureka Police Department and is responsible for direct street-based outreach to homeless members of the community. Establishes connections, builds trust and provides access to UPLIFT programming and other community resources. Assists with providing ongoing supportive services.</p>	\$69,053.60
<p>Title: Homeless Outreach Worker #2 Fully Burdened Hourly Pay Rate: \$24.662 Formula for Salary Calculation: (28 hrs/wk x \$24.662/hr) x 100 wks Duties Description: Works in partnership with The Eureka Police Department and is responsible for direct street-based outreach to homeless members of the community. Establishes connections, builds trust and provides access to UPLIFT programming and other community resources. Assists with providing ongoing supportive services.</p>	\$69,053.60
Total Personnel Costs:	\$582,948.00
B. Supply Costs	Totals
<p>Item: Outreach Supplies Description: Funds needed to purchase outreach engagement supplies</p>	\$20,000
Total Supply Costs:	\$20,000
C. Transportation Costs	Totals
<p>Item: Vehicle Description: To be used to provide supportive services to housing program participants</p>	\$35,000.00
Total Transportation Costs:	\$35,000.00
D. Other Costs	Totals
<p>Item: Housing Assistance Funds Description: Funds needed for application fees, deposits and monthly rent to house and help stabilize clients in permanent housing (at least 30 households @ \$16,000/each)</p>	\$480,000.00
<p>Item: Essential Household Items Description: Funds needed to purchase essential household items for participants once permanent housing is secured including beds, mattresses, linens, cookware etc. (30 households @ \$1,000 each)</p>	\$30,000
<p>Item: Homelessness Prevention Funds Description: Funds needed to pay past due rent to allow housed individuals to remain housed and avoid homelessness (at least 20 households @ \$5,000/each).</p>	\$100,000.00
<p>Item: Interim Sheltering Description: Funds to provide interim shelter for participants in the rapid rehousing program in order to begin stabilization (50 weeks' worth of emergency interim motel housing on an as needed basis)</p>	\$50,000.00
Total Other Costs:	\$645,000.00
Grand Total:	\$1,297,948.00

City of Eureka's UPLIFT Program Says It's Found Permanent Housing For 27 People in The Last Three Months



Pathway to Payday graduates | Photo courtesy of UPLIFT Eureka

For someone experiencing homelessness, it can be difficult to find a way out. Landlords don't want to rent to someone with no income and employers usually don't want to hire someone without an address. This is where UPLIFT — a program established by the City of Eureka to address and prevent homelessness — comes in.

Formed in 2018 as a part of the [Community Access Project for Eureka \(CAPE\)](#), and partnering with the Eureka Police Department's [Community Safety Engagement Team \(CSET\)](#), the [Betty Kwan Chin Day Center](#), [Waterfront Recovery Services](#) and the [Eureka Rescue Mission](#), UPLIFT has found permanent housing for 38 people, 27 of them since October 2019.

Eureka Community Services Supervisor Jeff Davis said the program operates under "housing first" principles, which emphasize securing long-term housing for individuals before addressing their other needs.

"It's much easier to help folks out when they're in a house and able to stabilize," Davis told the *Outpost*. "It is much harder to gain employment when someone lives on the street or in their car."

Many factors make it difficult for people to find housing, Davis said. Many landlords require a tenant to prove their income is three times the rent, something difficult for many people. A lot of places won't take pets, or require a lot of references or rental history. UPLIFT is able to help secure housing for those in need by working with property owners and management companies that are willing to take on people who might not normally qualify, Davis said.

Often the biggest issue for someone trying to find housing is money, especially coming up with a deposit. With funding from Measure Z and a Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant, UPLIFT provides some financial assistance as well, Davis said. Sometimes the program helps cover the deposit. For some people, who do not yet have any steady source of income, the program may cover a couple months of rent.

Once an individual is placed in a home, UPLIFT also provides continued housing support. A housing support specialist can help someone with anything from budgeting, to education on tenants rights and responsibilities, to learning how to maintain a property.

This is an important part of the process, Davis said and "can help prevent them from sliding back into homelessness."

UPLIFT's other services include a 12-week job skills training program — which helps participants gain experience through a variety of classes and workshops and the Pathway to Payday program — a four-day workshop, which helps connect individuals gain employment through resume assistance, mock interviews and real interviews with prospective employers.

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Along with these continued clean-up efforts, EPD and our community partners will continue striving to develop and implement strategies which ultimately improve upon or eliminate these issues through a thoughtful balance of accountability and outreach.



Community program seeks ‘co-pilots’ to guide homeless to work, resources



Betty Kwan Chinn, a community partner of UPLIFT Eureka, lauded the program’s efforts to help the community’s homeless. (Times-Standard file)

By **SHOMIK MUKHERJEE** | smukherjee@times-standard.com | Times-Standard
January 29, 2019 at 12:31 a.m.

A local program, UPLIFT Eureka, is seeking volunteers to help homeless individuals in one-on-one settings to find work in the community.

UPLIFT doesn’t seek to supplant other existing community programs, but rather connect locals to the resources already available to them. Individual volunteers, or “co-pilots,” would meet with participants to encourage their progress.

Brian Millett, project manager for the city of Eureka, founded the program, which runs through city services.

“Participants will be guided step by step to access various resources as they work their way to success,” an UPLIFT document reads. “These steps will include working on a personal budget, as well as setting up meetings to get basic paperwork taken care of such as Social Security and ID cards.”

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The program has partnered with various community resource groups, including the Eureka Rescue Mission; the county Department of Health and Human Services; and the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center.

Betty Kwan Chinn, who has gained national attention for her efforts to shelter the community's homeless population, lauded UPLIFT's efforts.

"We work to build (homeless people's) self-esteem and self-worth," Chinn said. "They know they can do something and they start to feel really comfortable looking for a job."

Changing the lives of homeless individuals isn't an overnight project, Chinn said. The UPLIFT program isn't mandatory for anyone. Homeless individuals can join or opt out of their own free will.

"They're a very good program," she said. "With the co-pilots, some are learning, some have experience."

Most are taking part in a good-faith effort to better the lives of others, she said.

UPLIFT was born out of the city's yearly "pathway to payday" program, in which participants run through workshops practicing job-applying and interviewing skills.

"I'm always amazed at this workshop, because the participants come from a wide range and background, and a lot of them before this workshop had just stopped looking for work or didn't know where or how to look or were maybe insecure that their background or living situation would be an instant deal breaker," Millett wrote in a submission to the Times-Standard last March.

"It's all about just giving them that platform, and they do the work to better themselves."

October 10, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation enthusiastically supports the City of Eureka's application for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to continue Uplift Eureka's efforts toward assisting members of our community experiencing homelessness with accessing permanent housing.

Our organization has partnered with The City of Eureka's C.A.P.E. program for years through various programs including the Pathway to Payday Employment Program, holiday programs serving disadvantaged youth and most recently Uplift Eureka.

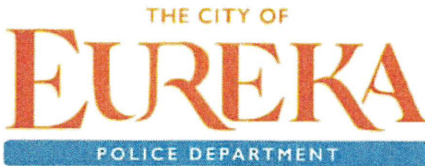
Uplift has demonstrated consistent dedication to serving our most vulnerable community members and has achieved tremendous success transitioning individuals from homelessness to housing and ultimately long-term stabilization. Our organization greatly values the work Uplift is doing in our community and is excited to continue our partnership in our common efforts to serve those in need.

Uplift is truly making a difference in our community and in the lives of our most vulnerable community members. The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation passionately implores the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund the City of Eureka's proposal.

Sincerely,



Betty Kwan Chinn



October 10, 2023

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As homelessness causes significant and negative impacts within our community, and finding solutions and going upstream are essential to reducing these impacts, we support Uplift Eureka's application for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funding. Since 2018, Uplift Eureka and the Eureka Police Department have collaborated daily and worked hand-in-hand with members of Eureka's homeless community to provide direct access to resources needed to provide long-term stability. This long-term stability not only includes housing and employment, but providing access to food, clothing, and other services such as mental health and substance use disorders. These efforts further include the prevention of individuals from losing housing. During these past five years of collaboration, Uplift Eureka has demonstrated the ability to successfully house and stabilize community members experiencing homelessness and this grant funding is imperative for them to continue their valuable work within the community.

Sincerely,

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Todd Jarvis,
Chief of Police



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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

P.O. Box 1386, Eureka, California 95502-1386

October 11, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

St. Vincent de Paul's Redwood Council is pleased to support the City of Eureka in their proposal for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program. This funding will help to expand and enhance Uplift Eureka and Community Access Project for Eureka. These programs are core to the City of Eureka's commitment to providing more affordable housing, social service outreach, and mental health support to the displaced community of our area. By funding these programs, the citizens in our community will have more access to Rapid Rehousing efforts and other community support services.

St. Vincent de Paul has worked closely as the City of Eureka continues to increase its efforts to provide more support to those experiencing homelessness in our community. Uplift Eureka has been integral to these efforts, both in assisting individuals in accessing the Rapid Rehousing Program, but also in facilitating many community programs, such as Pathway to Payday, Job Skills Training Program, and Uplift's Street Outreach program. In the past year, many former homeless clientele of our Dining Facility have gained permanent housing status primarily through the efforts of Uplift Outreach daily on-site engagement.

Our Redwood Council has been involved in community outreach in Humboldt County since 1963. Our Dining Facility has provided 4-million hot, nutritious meals during the past 42-years with their free luncheon program for the displaced community of northern Humboldt County. Uplift Outreach has been an ongoing partner at our Dining Facility and in the larger initiative of homeless relief efforts across our broader community. Our partnership with Uplift Outreach has grown over time and has most certainly enhanced the community service effectiveness of our Dining Facility!

The funding of these programs will greatly benefit the citizens in our community as well as assist officers in reducing vagrancy and substance abuse related crises. The City of Eureka's proposal includes much needed Rapid Rehousing funding. St. Vincent de Paul's Redwood Council wants to see Uplift Outreach to offer invaluable services such as these.

We urge your continued support for the City of Eureka and their application for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding.

Sincerely,

Robert Santilli, SVDP Board President

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October 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

The Eureka Rescue Mission enthusiastically supports the City of Eureka's application for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program.

The Eureka Rescue Mission has worked collaboratively with the City of Eureka's Uplift program for years and greatly appreciates the valuable opportunities Uplift offers the individuals served by our organization, including connection to employment and permanent housing. As an organization providing community members experiencing homelessness with temporary shelter, food and clothing, our partnership with Uplift is invaluable in our efforts to help our clients achieve long-term stability.

In order for Uplift to continue to serve the most vulnerable members of our community and connect them with permanent housing and stabilization services, it is imperative that they receive Rapid Rehousing funding. The Eureka Rescue Mission ardently urges the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund the City of Eureka's proposal.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Hall

October 6, 2023

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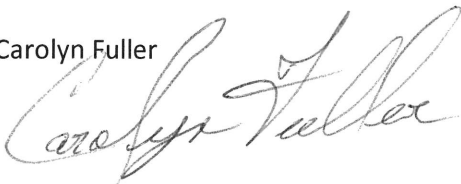
I don't know where I would be without Uplift. When they came into my life, I was living in a car with my partner and two dogs. I was experiencing very serious health issues and had just undergone an emergency surgery on my belly. Uplift came into my life, helped us find permanent housing and provided financial support as well as assistance with accessing a permanent housing voucher through the Housing Authority. We have now been stably housed for over a year and a half.

Uplift changed our lives. They are not just every day angels; they are our angels.

It is important that Uplift continue their work helping vulnerable people access housing. I would like to ask that the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program please fund their proposal.

Thank you,

Carolyn Fuller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Fuller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Carolyn Fuller".

10/9/2023

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Denise and I have been homeless for a long time. With the help the Uplift Program gave me, I was able to rent an apartment.

The Uplift Program saved me from a lifetime of chronic homelessness. Because of the grants they receive, I was able to rent a place I would never have been able to get into on my own.

Uplift gave me hope again. With all their support I now have a place to call home. Uplift also has a Housing Stabilization Plan that helped me stay focused on maintaining housing and being independent and a better part of the community. With Uplift's help, I applied for and received a Housing Choice Voucher. I have been successfully exited from Uplift's program now that I am able to afford my rent and maintain my housing. I am asking the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund Uplift Eureka's proposal.

Respectfully,



Denise McClendon

REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE, INC.

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October 11, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Daniel Washburn and I am a local property manager in Humboldt County. I am writing in support of Uplift Eureka. Real Property Management & Maintenance has been working with Uplift Eureka since 2020, and has had an overwhelmingly positive collaborative relationship. Uplift has always maintained excellent communication and has been very responsive to any tenant issues in need of attention. In addition to feeling well supported by Uplift, it is also evident that their Rapid Rehousing Program is providing a valuable benefit to our community. I have seen the transformative impacts on the lives of the individuals housed in our properties. The work Uplift is doing is incredibly meaningful and important I am happy to be contributing to this effort through providing access to permanent housing to individuals who otherwise would not be able to find housing without the support.

It is my hope that the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program will agree that Uplift is making an enormous difference in our community. Considering that the continuation of the Uplift program is dependent on grant funding, I strongly advocate for their proposal to be funded.

Sincerely,

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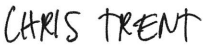
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To Whom It May Concern,

I own various properties in Humboldt County and have worked closely with Uplift Eureka for some time. Partnering with Uplift Eureka has been a very positive experience. Program staff are communicative, professional and always available to support me with any challenges that arise. I am excited to be working collaboratively with a program that is making such a difference in the community. The service Uplift's Rapid Rehousing Program provides is meaningful and clearly makes lasting impacts in the lives of very vulnerable human beings. I do not want to see these services disappear and feel that continued funding will allow Uplift to maintain their capacity to help more people in need.

I enthusiastically support Uplift Eureka and would like to encourage the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund their project.

Sincerely,


Christopher Trent



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10/13/23

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my experience with UpLift Eureka in hopes that it continues to benefit from continued funding from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program.

Rentor, with myself as the point-person, has been working with UpLift for about 1 year. Our relationship has allowed approx 18 formerly homeless individuals to gain permanent housing along with housing vouchers, ect.

This of course is an invaluable step toward bettering our community as a whole. UpLift is directly elevating people from homelessness and putting them on a path to being more productive members of society. I am a strong believer in the "housing-first" method, i.e. before we can get people jobs, ect, we need to house them. This is what UpLift does. I am honored to be a part of the work. I was born and raised in Eureka, and have found great personal satisfaction in being able to assist UpLift in bettering our community.

I have found the UpLift team to be incredibly friendly and easy to work with. The attention to the needs of their clients, as well as the needs of our company, from their team has proved invaluable for both parties.

The UpLift team diligently vets their candidates for housing and by the time they come to me, I can rest assured that I am placing a quality individual into housing.

When roadblocks or issues arise, their team is incredibly responsive and handles whatever issues there may be. All I have to do as a property manager is give UpLift a call, and within a few hours I have a status report on the given situation and a path to remedying whatever the issue may be.

It is my understanding that UpLift's rehousing program is dependent on grant funding and that if such funding was not provided, the program may end.

Such a loss would have an extremely negative impact on our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – NO. DHHS2023-02
HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM
ATTACHMENT A – SIGNATURE AFFIDAVIT
(Submit with Proposal)**

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STREET ADDRESS:	<i>531 K St.</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP	<i>EUREKA, CA 95501</i>
CONTACT PERSON:	<i>Miles slattery</i>
PHONE #:	<i>707-441-4184</i>
FAX #:	
EMAIL:	<i>Mslattery@eureka.ca.gov</i>

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In signing this Proposal, I certify that this firm has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement or participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition; that no attempt has been made to induce any other person or agency to submit or not to submit a Proposal; that this Proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other Proposer, competitor or potential competitor; that this Proposal has not been knowingly disclosed prior to the opening of Proposals to any other Proposer or competitor; that the above statement is accurate under penalty of perjury.

The undersigned is an authorized representative of the above-named organization and hereby agrees to all the terms, conditions and specifications required by the County in Request for Proposals No. DHHS2023-01 and declares that the attached Proposal and pricing are in conformity therewith.



Signature
 Date *10-11-23*
MILES SLATTERY

Name
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This agency hereby acknowledges receipt / review of the following Addendum(s), if any
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5.2 Project Budget – REFLECTS COSTS FOR 2 FISCAL YEARS

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<p>Item: Outreach Supplies Description: Funds needed to purchase outreach engagement supplies</p>	\$20,000
Total Supply Costs:	\$20,000
C. Transportation Costs	Totals
<p>Item: Vehicle Description: To be used to provide supportive services to housing program participants</p>	\$35,000.00
Total Transportation Costs:	\$35,000.00
D. Other Costs	Totals
<p>Item: Housing Assistance Funds Description: Funds needed for application fees, deposits and monthly rent to house and help stabilize clients in permanent housing (at least 30 households @ \$16,000/each)</p>	\$480,000.00
<p>Item: Essential Household Items Description: Funds needed to purchase essential household items for participants once permanent housing is secured including beds, mattresses, linens, cookware etc. (30 households @ \$1,000 each)</p>	\$30,000
<p>Item: Homelessness Prevention Funds Description: Funds needed to pay past due rent to allow housed individuals to remain housed and avoid homelessness (at least 20 households @ \$5,000/each).</p>	\$100,000.00
<p>Item: Interim Sheltering Description: Funds to provide interim shelter for participants in the rapid rehousing program in order to begin stabilization (50 weeks' worth of emergency interim motel housing on an as needed basis)</p>	\$50,000.00
Total Other Costs:	\$645,000.00
Grand Total:	\$1,297,948.00

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Pathway to Payday graduates | Photo courtesy of UPLIFT Eureka

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Eureka Community Services Supervisor Jeff Davis said the program operates under "housing first" principles, which emphasize securing long-term housing for individuals before addressing their other needs.

“It’s much easier to help folks out when they’re in a house and able to stabilize,” Davis told the *Outpost*. “It is much harder to gain employment when someone lives on the street or in their car.”

Many factors make it difficult for people to find housing, Davis said. Many landlords require a tenant to prove their income is three times the rent, something difficult for many people. A lot of places won’t take pets, or require a lot of references or rental history. UPLIFT is able to help secure housing for those in need by working with property owners and management companies that are willing to take on people who might not normally qualify, Davis said.

Often the biggest issue for someone trying to find housing is money, especially coming up with a deposit. With funding from Measure Z and a Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant, UPLIFT provides some financial assistance as well, Davis said. Sometimes the program helps cover the deposit. For some people, who do not yet have any steady source of income, the program may cover a couple months of rent.

Once an individual is placed in a home, UPLIFT also provides continued housing support. A housing support specialist can help someone with anything from budgeting, to education on tenants rights and responsibilities, to learning how to maintain a property.

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Community Members Clear Over 1,700 Pounds of Trash From Eureka Greenbelt



Eureka Police Department press release:

On Thursday, November 14, 2019, the Eureka Police Department's Community Safety Enhancement Team (CSET), working in partnership with Eureka Community Services staff and UPLIFT Eureka participants, conducted a clean-up of several abandoned encampments in the greenbelt near the 2100 block of 1st Street, Eureka. During this collaborative operation, workers removed more than 1,700 pounds of trash. This clean-up operation was in response to citizen complaints concerning illegal drug use, disturbances, fires, and stolen property along with hazards to the environment, including a nearby marsh.

Along with these continued clean-up efforts, EPD and our community partners will continue striving to develop and implement strategies which ultimately improve upon or eliminate these issues through a thoughtful balance of accountability and outreach.



Community program seeks ‘co-pilots’ to guide homeless to work, resources



Betty Kwan Chinn, a community partner of UPLIFT Eureka, lauded the program’s efforts to help the community’s homeless. (Times-Standard file)

By [SHOMIK MUKHERJEE](#) | smukherjee@times-standard.com | Times-Standard
January 29, 2019 at 12:31 a.m.

A local program, UPLIFT Eureka, is seeking volunteers to help homeless individuals in one-on-one settings to find work in the community.

UPLIFT doesn’t seek to supplant other existing community programs, but rather connect locals to the resources already available to them. Individual volunteers, or “co-pilots,” would meet with participants to encourage their progress.

Brian Millett, project manager for the city of Eureka, founded the program, which runs through city services.

“Participants will be guided step by step to access various resources as they work their way to success,” an UPLIFT document reads. “These steps will include working on a personal budget, as well as setting up meetings to get basic paperwork taken care of such as Social Security and ID cards.”

Funding for the program was raised through various city events, including an event earlier this month called “Hoodslam,” a wrestling entertainment show.

The city raised money for UPLIFT through various events, including a “Hoodslam” event earlier this month, which saw a wrestling group throw down at Eureka. (Times-Standard file)

The program has partnered with various community resource groups, including the Eureka Rescue Mission; the county Department of Health and Human Services; and the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center.

Betty Kwan Chinn, who has gained national attention for her efforts to shelter the community's homeless population, lauded UPLIFT's efforts.

"We work to build (homeless people's) self-esteem and self-worth," Chinn said. "They know they can do something and they start to feel really comfortable looking for a job."

Changing the lives of homeless individuals isn't an overnight project, Chinn said. The UPLIFT program isn't mandatory for anyone. Homeless individuals can join or opt out of their own free will.

"They're a very good program," she said. "With the co-pilots, some are learning, some have experience."

Most are taking part in a good-faith effort to better the lives of others, she said.

UPLIFT was born out of the city's yearly "pathway to payday" program, in which participants run through workshops practicing job-applying and interviewing skills.

"I'm always amazed at this workshop, because the participants come from a wide range and background, and a lot of them before this workshop had just stopped looking for work or didn't know where or how to look or were maybe insecure that their background or living situation would be an instant deal breaker," Millett wrote in a submission to the Times-Standard last March.

"It's all about just giving them that platform, and they do the work to better themselves."

October 10, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation enthusiastically supports the City of Eureka's application for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to continue Uplift Eureka's efforts toward assisting members of our community experiencing homelessness with accessing permanent housing.

Our organization has partnered with The City of Eureka's C.A.P.E. program for years through various programs including the Pathway to Payday Employment Program, holiday programs serving disadvantaged youth and most recently Uplift Eureka.

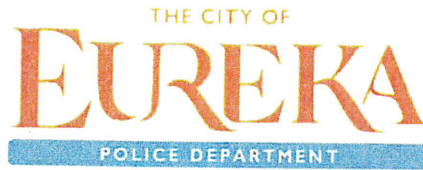
Uplift has demonstrated consistent dedication to serving our most vulnerable community members and has achieved tremendous success transitioning individuals from homelessness to housing and ultimately long-term stabilization. Our organization greatly values the work Uplift is doing in our community and is excited to continue our partnership in our common efforts to serve those in need.

Uplift is truly making a difference in our community and in the lives of our most vulnerable community members. The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation passionately implores the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund the City of Eureka's proposal.

Sincerely,



Betty Kwan Chinn



October 10, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

As homelessness causes significant and negative impacts within our community, and finding solutions and going upstream are essential to reducing these impacts, we support Uplift Eureka's application for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funding. Since 2018, Uplift Eureka and the Eureka Police Department have collaborated daily and worked hand-in-hand with members of Eureka's homeless community to provide direct access to resources needed to provide long-term stability. This long-term stability not only includes housing and employment, but providing access to food, clothing, and other services such as mental health and substance use disorders. These efforts further include the prevention of individuals from losing housing. During these past five years of collaboration, Uplift Eureka has demonstrated the ability to successfully house and stabilize community members experiencing homelessness and this grant funding is imperative for them to continue their valuable work within the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Jarvis".

Todd Jarvis,
Chief of Police



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October 11, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

St. Vincent de Paul's Redwood Council is pleased to support the City of Eureka in their proposal for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program. This funding will help to expand and enhance Uplift Eureka and Community Access Project for Eureka. These programs are core to the City of Eureka's commitment to providing more affordable housing, social service outreach, and mental health support to the displaced community of our area. By funding these programs, the citizens in our community will have more access to Rapid Rehousing efforts and other community support services.

St. Vincent de Paul has worked closely as the City of Eureka continues to increase its efforts to provide more support to those experiencing homelessness in our community. Uplift Eureka has been integral to these efforts, both in assisting individuals in accessing the Rapid Rehousing Program, but also in facilitating many community programs, such as Pathway to Payday, Job Skills Training Program, and Uplift's Street Outreach program. In the past year, many former homeless clientele of our Dining Facility have gained permanent housing status primarily through the efforts of Uplift Outreach daily on-site engagement.

Our Redwood Council has been involved in community outreach in Humboldt County since 1963. Our Dining Facility has provided 4-million hot, nutritious meals during the past 42-years with their free luncheon program for the displaced community of northern Humboldt County. Uplift Outreach has been an ongoing partner at our Dining Facility and in the larger initiative of homeless relief efforts across our broader community. Our partnership with Uplift Outreach has grown over time and has most certainly enhanced the community service effectiveness of our Dining Facility!

The funding of these programs will greatly benefit the citizens in our community as well as assist officers in reducing vagrancy and substance abuse related crises. The City of Eureka's proposal includes much needed Rapid Rehousing funding. St. Vincent de Paul's Redwood Council wants to see Uplift Outreach to offer invaluable services such as these.

We urge your continued support for the City of Eureka and their application for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding.

Sincerely,

Robert Santilli, SVDP Board President

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October 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

The Eureka Rescue Mission enthusiastically supports the City of Eureka's application for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program.

The Eureka Rescue Mission has worked collaboratively with the City of Eureka's Uplift program for years and greatly appreciates the valuable opportunities Uplift offers the individuals served by our organization, including connection to employment and permanent housing. As an organization providing community members experiencing homelessness with temporary shelter, food and clothing, our partnership with Uplift is invaluable in our efforts to help our clients achieve long-term stability.

In order for Uplift to continue to serve the most vulnerable members of our community and connect them with permanent housing and stabilization services, it is imperative that they receive Rapid Rehousing funding. The Eureka Rescue Mission ardently urges the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund the City of Eureka's proposal.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Hall

October 6, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

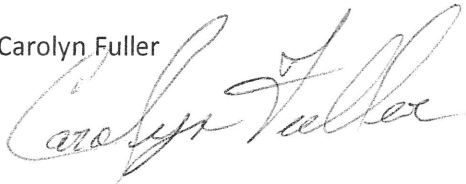
I don't know where I would be without Uplift. When they came into my life, I was living in a car with my partner and two dogs. I was experiencing very serious health issues and had just undergone an emergency surgery on my belly. Uplift came into my life, helped us find permanent housing and provided financial support as well as assistance with accessing a permanent housing voucher through the Housing Authority. We have now been stably housed for over a year and a half.

Uplift changed our lives. They are not just every day angels; they are our angels.

It is important that Uplift continue their work helping vulnerable people access housing. I would like to ask that the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program please fund their proposal.

Thank you,

Carolyn Fuller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Fuller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

10/9/2023

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Denise and I have been homeless for a long time. With the help the Uplift Program gave me, I was able to rent an apartment.

The Uplift Program saved me from a lifetime of chronic homelessness. Because of the grants they receive, I was able to rent a place I would never have been able to get into on my own.

Uplift gave me hope again. With all their support I now have a place to call home. Uplift also has a Housing Stabilization Plan that helped me stay focused on maintaining housing and being independent and a better part of the community. With Uplift's help, I applied for and received a Housing Choice Voucher. I have been successfully exited from Uplift's program now that I am able to afford my rent and maintain my housing. I am asking the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund Uplift Eureka's proposal.

Respectfully,



Denise McClendon

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October 11, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Daniel Washburn and I am a local property manager in Humboldt County. I am writing in support of Uplift Eureka. Real Property Management & Maintenance has been working with Uplift Eureka since 2020, and has had an overwhelmingly positive collaborative relationship. Uplift has always maintained excellent communication and has been very responsive to any tenant issues in need of attention. In addition to feeling well supported by Uplift, it is also evident that their Rapid Rehousing Program is providing a valuable benefit to our community. I have seen the transformative impacts on the lives of the individuals housed in our properties. The work Uplift is doing is incredibly meaningful and important I am happy to be contributing to this effort through providing access to permanent housing to individuals who otherwise would not be able to find housing without the support.

It is my hope that the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program will agree that Uplift is making an enormous difference in our community. Considering that the continuation of the Uplift program is dependent on grant funding, I strongly advocate for their proposal to be funded.

Sincerely,

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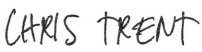
October 6, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I own various properties in Humboldt County and have worked closely with Uplift Eureka for some time. Partnering with Uplift Eureka has been a very positive experience. Program staff are communicative, professional and always available to support me with any challenges that arise. I am excited to be working collaboratively with a program that is making such a difference in the community. The service Uplift's Rapid Rehousing Program provides is meaningful and clearly makes lasting impacts in the lives of very vulnerable human beings. I do not want to see these services disappear and feel that continued funding will allow Uplift to maintain their capacity to help more people in need.

I enthusiastically support Uplift Eureka and would like to encourage the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program to fund their project.

Sincerely,


Christopher Trent



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10/13/23

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my experience with UpLift Eureka in hopes that it continues to benefit from continued funding from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program.

Rentor, with myself as the point-person, has been working with UpLift for about 1 year. Our relationship has allowed approx 18 formerly homeless individuals to gain permanent housing along with housing vouchers, ect.

This of course is an invaluable step toward bettering our community as a whole. UpLift is directly elevating people from homelessness and putting them on a path to being more productive members of society. I am a strong believer in the "housing-first" method, i.e. before we can get people jobs, ect, we need to house them. This is what UpLift does. I am honored to be a part of the work. I was born and raised in Eureka, and have found great personal satisfaction in being able to assist UpLift in bettering our community.

I have found the UpLift team to be incredibly friendly and easy to work with. The attention to the needs of their clients, as well as the needs of our company, from their team has proved invaluable for both parties.

The UpLift team diligently vets their candidates for housing and by the time they come to me, I can rest assured that I am placing a quality individual into housing.

When roadblocks or issues arise, their team is incredibly responsive and handles whatever issues there may be. All I have to do as a property manager is give UpLift a call, and within a few hours I have a status report on the given situation and a path to remedying whatever the issue may be.

It is my understanding that UpLift's rehousing program is dependent on grant funding and that if such funding was not provided, the program may end.

Such a loss would have an extremely negative impact on our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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