

Fair Chance Housing Fund

2024 Project Guidelines & Application

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Background

- ▶ 2023 Budget - \$4 million for expand housing options for tenants who are involved in the Criminal Justice System.
- ▶ 2024 Budget - \$217,500 for supportive services funding is renewable for the life of the project pending the approval of future Dane County budgets.
- ▶ Target population - households in which at least one individual has been involved in the criminal justice system.
 - ▶ Involvement in the criminal justice system is defined as an individual who was convicted of a crime and spent time in jail, prison, and/or a juvenile justice facility as a result of the conviction.
- ▶ Research & Interviews – US Department of Housing & Urban Development: Homecoming Life After Incarceration training, Dane County Criminal Defense Counsel, Homebase: Action Lab Bridging Boundaries, not for profit developer interviews, and service provider inquires.



Project Preferences:

- ▶ Projects that serve individuals who have recently been released from incarceration (last 90 days)
- ▶ Projects that serve individuals with criminal justice system involvement who are chronically homeless
- ▶ Projects that work directly with Department of Corrections or Dane County Jail
 - ▶ To reach clients prior to release from incarceration
- ▶ Projects that include three bedroom units.



Evaluation Criteria:

The applications will be scored using the following criteria:

Proposal Requirements	Percent
Project Description	25
Working with WI Department of Corrections and/or Working with Dane County Jail	5
Tenant Selection	10
Supportive Services Plan	25
Trauma informed	10
Development Team Capabilities	20
Experience and Qualifications	20
Energy Efficiency/Sustainability	5
TOTAL	100%



Supportive Services Plan:

- ▶ Name of supportive services partner(s)
- ▶ Identify number of FTE equivalent
- ▶ How services provided fit into already existing programming and structure
- ▶ Scope of services and incorporation of trauma-informed care principals
- ▶ Where tenants can access services
- ▶ Development and service team background



Timeline:

- ▶ Quarter 2 release date
- ▶ Timeline
 - ▶ Application released
 - ▶ Proposals due 6 weeks after release date
 - ▶ Vendor selection 4-6 weeks after due date
- ▶ Review team – Affordable Housing Development Review Team
 - ▶ Planning & Zoning
 - ▶ HAA
 - ▶ OEI
 - ▶ Controller's Office



Questions?

