



November 1, 2022

1. Mission statement and brief summary of organization's work.

Mission Statement: *To provide emergency shelter and facility life transitions for at-risk youth in our community.*

Brief Summary: The Door provides emergency shelter for youth ages 12-18; including a warm bed, three meals a day, clothing, school supplies, counseling services and much more. During their stay, youth are taught essential skills to carry with them into adulthood, participate in goal setting meetings and youth development groups.

2. How does our work align with Co-Op Market's mission and values?

FYA believes youth are the future of our community, and to do so, they need to be healthy mentally and physically. We would agree the Co-Op also values the health of our community and serving by touching the lives of all who cross our paths. We hold strongly to treating everyone fairly and supporting our local members, agencies and businesses to make Fairbanks a more tightknit community.

3. How will Lend a Hand funds be used?

Funding will be used to implement new programming for youth educational services; including budgeting classes, managing finances, positive relationships, vocational skills, and a gardening / cooking class. We will be teaching youth how to grow healthy foods and how to incorporate them into recipes. We will also be able to purchase healthy items from the co-op that we cannot grow in the garden or in winter months.

4. If our organization has received funding from Co-Op Market in the past, describe how it supported our organization and mission.

Previous funding has been used to sustain everyday operations in the emergency shelter, such as, blankets, food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and other items that were necessary for shelter operations.

5. Elevator pitch. Describe organization and how funds will be used in 100 words or less.

The Door is an emergency shelter at-risk youth ages 12-18. We are a non-profit organization that provides a bed, warm meals and services to youth.