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Re: 2023 Lend A Hand Application

To whom it may concern,

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.

Our vision is creating a brighter, safer future for Alaska's youth. PHH is a Behavioral Mental Health Clinic and as such offers an array of services specializing in correcting and encouraging positive social behaviors for children and youth whenever possible, while including the family in the treatment process. Our short-term and long-term group home services provide a therapeutic environment in which specific issues are addressed with a treatment plan. Our Transition to Independence program provides services to youth ages 18-23 who experience a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). And our Therapeutic Treatment Home program places children between the ages of 0-18 with professionals in the community who have committed to work with foster children until they reach the age of 18, while working on an individualized treatment plan in a less structured environmental as compared to the group homes.

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

Service- As a Behavior Mental Health Clinic that works with youth in the Interior Region and surrounding areas—we are committed to serving with joy and hope to touch the lives and hearts of not only the youth participating in our program but their families and communities as well. Our clinicians serve the youth in our program with open and willing hearts. Their goal is to teach the youth to manage their emotions and behaviors in hopes that when they leave our program, they can live and serve their community by being functional, respectful members of the community.

Sustainability- Many of the youth we serve come from the villages, where land, sustainability, and economic development are a big deal. We strive to continue to teach the youth that where they come from matters and that cultivating the land and using the resources at hand is sustainable. We try to show the value in tradition by serving traditional foods from their homes during the holidays and having conversations about where they came from and what traditions are important to them.

Social Responsibility- Native Alaskans (the youth we serve included) have experienced first-hand what happens when a group of people that are marginalized and not looked after. There are some youth in our program that come from families that have experienced that for generations creating Generational Trauma. It is our goal at PHH to acknowledge that trauma, learn from it, and put an end to it with the youth that we serve. PHH is an open and affirming organization. No youth (or employee) is turned away due to their beliefs, gender affiliation, or sexual orientation.



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3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be use?

If we are fortunate enough to be a part of the Lend a Hand program the funds will be used to cover costs that aren't typically covered by grant funding. In a program like ours, extra funds can be used in many different ways. Such as, every year the youth in the program get to go to Fish Camp. They participate in group therapy sessions, fishing, hiking, eating meals together, kayaking, canoeing, and camping. These funds would help provide the ability to do more activities at camp. We also try to take the youth on a camping trip before school starts—letting them enjoy Alaska in all of her glory (which is a first for a lot of them). The funds would help support some of these costs ensuring that each person can participate. There are often times that the youth or their families come to PHH for financial, food, or travel assistance. The extra funds that might come from Lend a Hand would help us to provide assistance to those families. It means a great deal to these families with the agency is able to assist with these expenses, especially when it comes to making it possible for family members to visit their youth in our program.

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.

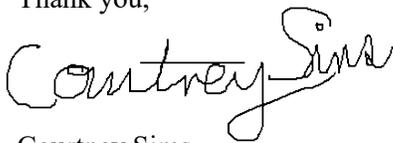
I've only been the agency finance manager for about three and a half years so I can't say this with complete certainty but I did conduct a search of our QuickBooks file and found no record of receiving funding from the Co-op Market in the past. So, it is my belief that we have not received funding from the Co-op before.

5. What is your elevator pitch?

PHH is a non-profit that provides behavioral and emotional support to Alaskan youth and their families. We provide live-in services, therapeutic foster care, and clinical therapy for the youth. PHH is committed to helping youth and supporting them in all the ways needed even after they have graduated our program. Please help us continue to serve our youth with the best possible support by making a donation to our agency.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 907-374-3279 or courtneysims@pahalaska.org.

Thank you,



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