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DuPage County Board
421 N. County Farm Road
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The Community House proposes a continued collaboration with DuPage County to improve health outcomes for families through improved access to services provided by both government and non-profit organizations for one of the most under-resourced and lowest income census tracts in the entire county. The amount requested to facilitate the continued engagement and momentum of a Community Engagement Coordinator, including overhead costs, is \$25,000. A project summary is below for review and would encompass services from November 2025-June 2026.

Objective: Continue improved connection to services and coordination with constituents, government, and non-government community resource organizations. Engage with District 3 residents, particularly in the Hinsdale Lake Terrace (HLT) Community, to connect them to community resources.

Background: Due to the isolated location, unincorporated status, and the chronic economic instability of its residents, it has been difficult to engage residents in District 3 to identify their resource needs. Many social services are available to residents to improve health outcomes, reduce truancy, offer academic support, offer transportation and mobility, connect residents to job opportunities, provide utility bill assistance, reduce crime, and alleviate food insecurity but citizens may not be aware of the services that are available to them. This extension of the pilot program is designed to engage with the community and refer citizens to services.

Community Engagement Coordinator: A Community Engagement Coordinator would specialize in community outreach and act as a liaison between District 3 residents (mainly Hinsdale Lake Terrace residents), DuPage County, The Community House, and local community service organizations. This position would enhance efforts of Community Services by referring District 3 residents to the 211 help line and local social service organizations and government resources.

Value Added: When community and government organizations serve with more precision, they can use their funding more efficiently and effectively to improve outcomes for residents. The outreach and community connections provided by the Community Engagement Coordinator will continue helping nonprofit community organizations identify new cases and the social services provided by community organizations may help residents avoid the need for government financial assistance and law enforcement interventions. Over the past 6-months, the Community Engagement Coordinator has referred dozens of residents to county and non-profit services, provided valuable leadership to the Coalition of Agencies servicing this unincorporated area, led a successful job fair collaboration that connected more than 40 residents to job opportunities, and hosted multiple outreach events to learn from residents and connect them directly to vital services.

Deliverables: Monthly reports would include summarizing community engagement activity and community needs, monthly minutes from coalition meetings and a summary of engagement activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate to better serve residents.

In Community,

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Executive Director