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County Board Members
DuPage County
421 North Country Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: Family Shelter Services of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage Request of \$50,000

Dear County Board Members:

On behalf of Family Shelter Services (FSS) of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, I am pleased to submit this request for \$50,000 to support the delivery of holistic and comprehensive Domestic Violence Services within DuPage County. With this request, FSS is looking to support increased capacity for the delivery of counseling, case management and advocacy supports for adult victims of domestic violence and their children. The impact of this investment will be to decrease the existing FSS wait list to provide these supportive services for victims and their children.

FSS has an extensive history with DuPage County through the Community Development Block Grant-Public Services Grant Program which has been a supporter of FSS over the program's tenure, and we are grateful for the opportunities given to continue this fruitful partnership which primarily supports FSS' Court Advocacy Program.

Included in this request is a one-page program summary with a detail of the specific request and the impact this funding will have in supporting the delivery of high quality DV services in DuPage County. If you have any questions as you read this information, please email me at michelj@metrofamily.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Michel
Director of Public Grants/Contracts

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Summary of Program

Family Shelter Services (FSS) of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, is requesting \$50,000 to support salaries and fringe of DV Advocate Positions who provide Supportive Services to include counseling, case management and advocacy supports for adult victims of domestic violence and their children. This funding will increase staff capacity to provide an additional 1,380 hours of direct client services which will allow FSS to decrease the client wait list and serve 79 adult victims and 15 children through these domestic violence supportive services.

Below is the breakdown of the budget request for spending the \$50,000. The funding will cover Fiscal Year 24 ending June 30, 2024.

Position	Salary	FTE	Amount
DV Advocate	\$53,045	31%	\$16,412.92
DV Advocate	\$44,760.43	40%	\$17,904.17
Subtotal Salary			\$34,317.09
Fringe at 25%	34,315.09	25%	\$8,579.27
TOTAL SALARY AND FRINGE			\$42,896.36
Indirect	\$42,896.36	20.7%	\$7,103.64
TOTAL			\$50,000

With this request, FSS DV Advocates offer DV counseling, support groups, case management and advocacy for both shelter and non-shelter adults. Services are also offered to children and teens which includes the delivery of the SMART therapy intervention which is an age-appropriate and trauma-informed individual and family counseling, and educational groups for both shelter and non-shelter children. FSS through the delivery of these critical services look to achieve the following impactful metrics with these services as detailed below.

Indicator	Target Metric
They know more ways to plan for their safety.	80%
They have a better understanding of DV.	80%
They know how to access legal assistance.	80%
They know of available community resources.	80%
Their children have learned non-violent ways to solve problems.	80%

The programming of FSS transforms lives by offering help and hope to those affected by domestic violence. Since 1976, FSS has been on the front lines of addressing domestic violence in DuPage County offering practical help and hope through safe shelter and support for survivors of DV and their families.

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