



In 2022, AID FOR FRIENDS provided assistance to 1,848 community people

Emergency Shelter – 209 E. Lewis



2022 SHELTER STATISTICS

399 residents stayed at the Shelter, 12,894 bed nights / 34% increase over 2021

Over 13,000 dinners for residents and community members

41% single men, 28% single women, 1% transgender, 30% families

5% Veterans, 18% Domestic Violence, 46% mental health issues, 18% report alcohol/drug abuse

SHELTER PARAMETERS

2022 Utilization Rate was 65% / 72% in 2021

27 days average stay / Clients may reside 90 continuous days / 180 days in a year

HUD requires 24 hours out of incarceration before eligible for shelter services

Housing Programs



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING – 11 Units in Pocatello

24 clients; 18 adults and 6 children residing in long-term housing program

HOMELESS PREVENTION / RAPID RE-HOUSING

30 clients were housed; 23 adults and 7 children

CoC RAPID RE-HOUSING

15 clients were housed; 11 adults and 4 children

COVID HOMELESS PREVENTION / RAPID RE-HOUSING

92 clients were housed; 54 adults and 38 children

Community Programs & Services



REGION 5 ACCESS POINT

564 assessments were completed and many received referrals for housing or other needs

BANNOCK COUNTY HOUSING ASSISTANCE

20 households were assisted with rental deposits or rent

PORTNEUF VALLEY INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP URGENT FUNDS

704 received help with gas, prescriptions, PRT, utilities, etc.

Agency Financial Overview



2021-2022 BUDGETS

Annual Agency = \$644,645

Emergency Shelter = \$208,375

COST BENEFIT OF SHELTER

Aid For Friends: \$10-\$15 per person versus motel room voucher of \$75-\$100

CURRENT SHELTER STAFFING

Executive Director, FT

Housing Manager, FT

Property Manager, FT

2 Easter Seals Office Assistants, PT

ISU Interns & Work Study Students

Shelter Manager, FT

Case Manager, FT

CES Coordinator, PT / 2 CES Assessors, PT

4-5 Evening, Weekend Shelter Supervisors, PT

1 Overnight Shelter Supervisor, PT



Community Agency Request for Financial Support

Finance Department

Submitted On:

Apr 27, 2023, 04:59PM MDT

Organization Name (as it appears on the IRS Letter of Determination)	Aid For Friends, Inc.
Organization Address	Street Address: 214 E. CENTER SUITE 50 City: Pocatello State: ID Zip: 83201
Organization Website	aidforfriendspocatello.com
Contact Name	First Name: BJ Last Name: Stensland
Contact Job Title	Executive Director
Contact Phone	2082320178
Contact Email	bjstensland@yahoo.com
Board President (or equivalent)	First Name: Jeff Last Name: Garvin
Board President Phone	2082398618
Board President Email	jgarvin@ccb-idaho.com
IRS Letter or Copy of Bylaws	501(c)(3) Letter.jpg
Board Approval for Application (board minutes or signed letter from board)	Minutes 4-12-23 Addendum.pdf
Does your organization have written internal financial controls?	Yes
City of Pocatello Funding	8,000 8,000
Government Funding - Other Cities	0 1,000
Government Funding - County	25,000 33,000
Government Funding - State	0 0
Government Funding - Federal	90,025 53,000
Grant Support (itemize below)	25,000 30,000
Foundation and Corporate Support	5,575 20,000

Contributions / Donations	4,000 16,249
Special Events	0 0
Membership Dues Received	0 0
Investment Income	0 0
Fundraising Income	0 23,500
Other Income (itemize below)	0 0
Please itemize your grant support sources.	United Way
Please itemize your other income sources.	NA
Total	157,600 184,790
Total Year to Date	End of Fiscal Year Current Ratio (CA/CL) = 13.02
Salaries	108,560 128,421
Employee Benefits	9,440 11,727
Payroll Taxes	9,450 12,392
Professional Fees and Contracts	0 0
Occupancy (rent, utilities, building and grounds)	26,450 22,030
Specific Program Assistance	2,500 2,500
Supplies/Equipment	1,200 7,720
Membership Dues / Support to Affiliate Organization	0 0
Other Expenses (itemize below)	0 0
Please itemize your other expenses.	NA
Total	157,600 184,790
What percent of your program budget would the City of Pocatello funding request represent?	5.1% 4.3%

Amount Requested	\$8,000.00
Did your program receive City of Pocatello funding last year?	Yes
If so, what was the amount received?	\$8,000.00
Will the entire approved City funding amount from last fiscal year be used by September 30, 2023?	Yes
How, specifically, would the grant money be used to support your program? Please list types of expenses (such as wages, fringe benefits, supplies, materials, etc.).	<p>The City of Pocatello funding will augment and support shelter supervisors' fully-burdened wages ensuring proper safety oversight. The staffing costs include wages, employee benefits, and taxes. The \$8,000 being requested represents 15% of the total staffing expenditure for this position. The shelter must have qualified staff on-site at all times; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Without the proper level of staffing, the shelter is no more than a temporary relief from the elements. With trained professionals, the shelter becomes a source of support and a safe environment to rebuild and begin again.</p>
Provide a description of the services you are currently seeking funding for, and what are the goals of the services.	<p>For the past 1½ years, Aid For Friends has managed its homeless sheltering program utilizing a new facility located at 209 E. Lewis. The environment is uplifting and supportive with many amenities including state-of-the-art security, ADA compliant, has a community dining room and common areas. The facility offers pleasant living quarters as well as a variety of social services.</p> <p>The Emergency Shelter provides quality services to meet the urgent needs of the homeless. Safe, secure shelter is necessary for an individual or family to begin stabilizing their lives by offering appropriate accommodations and professional guidance. The shelter provides meals, showers, laundry facilities, clothing, personal hygiene items, telephone, mail, and local transportation services. Most importantly, the program offers case management so that the person's situation can be assessed and goals for future housing may be developed. Those staying at the shelter are encouraged to secure employment or other stable income.</p> <p>Aid For Friends provides assistance to those meeting the criteria of homeless as defined by HUD. Most people seeking emergency shelter have no fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence and have been sleeping in places not intended for human habitation such as parks, abandoned buildings, or in cars.</p>
Provide a description of the target population and activities you will conduct.	<p>Aid For Friends provides assistance to families or individuals that meet the criteria of homeless as defined by HUD. Aid For Friends does not serve a targeted population or specific criteria of homeless but accepts a diverse demographic population including single men, single women, households with adults only, households with children and one or both parents or guardians and teen parents with children emancipated as adults because of bearing children.</p>

Clients may be veterans, victims of domestic violence, persons recovering from substance abuse, those suffering from mental illness, physical or developmental disabilities, chronic health conditions, and chronically homeless. The emergency shelter has housed people of all ages, from newborn infants to the very elderly (80+). Aid For Friends chose to serve the wide gamut of the homeless population because the Emergency Shelter is this community's safety net for those who have no other support systems. The Emergency Shelter is not just a safe space; it's also a place where people can access tools to help them gain self-sufficiency.

The only common factors for people seeking respite at a homeless shelter are they have no other resources available to them and are without any immediate support system to assist them through their crisis. Aid For Friends becomes that support system. For most people that come to the shelter, employment is the mechanism to reliable income and the case manager monitors job search efforts. The emergency shelter services help those who are experiencing homelessness to find self-worth as they stabilize and re-enter into the community.

Please describe how your program is effective at addressing a current Pocatello community need.

According to the 2022 Point-in-Time count an estimated 1,378 Idahoans were homeless and projections for 2023 are expected to be higher. Idaho has the 16th highest homelessness rate per capita among states. COVID caused an upheaval that dramatically destabilized households with sickness, loss of employment, and housing insecurity. A portion of Americans, up to 35% in some states, have missed rent or mortgage payments or fear next month's housing payment will be in jeopardy. During this time, the housing market worsened and Idaho saw one of the largest rental rate escalations in the US; over 40% increase.

According to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's State of Homelessness 2022 report, while domestic violence has traditionally been the leading cause of homelessness, "in 2022 the inability to pay rent and being forced from a place of residence - both circumstances that are largely affected by inflated housing costs - have overtaken domestic violence as the leading causes of homelessness" totaling 56.5% of the self-reported cases of homelessness and 72% were homeless for the first time.

The statistics demonstrate that homeless individuals and families are in greater need than ever of sheltering and housing assistance because more low-income households can no longer afford the high rental rates in Southeast Idaho. The infusion of APRA funding abated the crisis for a short period of time but is no longer available for many households. More people will become homeless in the coming year.

	<p>Aid For Friends has extensive experience providing housing and essential services to the homeless population and low-income households. The Emergency Shelter addresses the urgent needs of the homeless population by offering safe, secure accommodations and professional guidance. Aid For Friends provides temporary refuge but cannot mitigate the housing crisis alone. This is an issue that requires commitment from the entire community.</p>
<p>How has your program evolved or changed over past years to better meet community needs (if applicable)?</p>	<p>The acquisition, renovation, and opening of the new facility have catapulted Aid For Friends services into a higher dimension of services for the community. The new facility has 8,500 sq/ft of functional area, twice the space as the old shelter, and can accommodate a diverse population of adult single men and adult single women, couples, and families with children for 75-90 people. The kitchen is industrial and allows volunteers to prepare and serve evening meals. The dining area is spacious and has a piano for special occasions; the mini-laundry mat has five sets of washers and dryers, and the donation area also has a heat treatment room for bedbugs. There are two common areas with TV and plenty of books. The basement is used for a food pantry and storage spaces. The new facility has a workforce development center with accessible computers.</p> <p>The new homeless shelter is a benchmark for the agency's ability to better meet the community's needs. Aid For Friends diligently pursued this project so that individuals and families would have a supportive and welcoming environment as they moved toward self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Region 5's Access Point for the Coordinated Entry System has tremendously aided individuals and families experiencing housing trauma. Aid For Friends collects and analyzes the data for all assessments to determine eligibility for possible assistance through HUD programs. The program has streamlined the process so that many housing providers and service agencies collaborate more effectively with each other to meet the housing needs of many households throughout the area.</p>
<p>Number of full-time employees working in the program for which you are seeking funding</p>	<p>2 full-time employees</p>
<p>Titles/roles of all full-time employees of the program for which you are seeking funding.</p>	<p>Shelter Manager: primary duties include daily oversight of operations and staff at the shelter; facility maintenance functions</p> <p>Case Management: primary duties include comprehensive case management for clients residing at the Emergency Shelter</p>
<p>Number of part-time employees</p>	

working in the program for which you are seeking funding	4-5 part-time employees
Titles/roles of all part-time employees of the program for which you are seeking funding.	<p>Evening / Weekend Shelter Supervisor: primary duty is to ensure that the clients residing are safe and secure; perform intakes, conduct frequent walk-through inspections of the facility, answer phones, receive donations</p> <p>Easter Seal Employees / ISU Interns: Assist with office management during regular hours, answering the phones, filing, and performing other tasks as necessary</p>
Number of volunteers working in the program for which you are seeking funding	Average 1,000 -1,500 volunteers annually including fundraising events
Please provide a brief description of the volunteer duties for the program for which you are seeking funding.	<p>Although operated by a single agency, the homeless shelter is a service project available to the entire community. Volunteer duties vary depending on the project or purpose of the volunteer group. The shelter's primary volunteer project is preparing and serving meals by civic or religious groups, businesses, and families. The Acorn Fund Pocatello assists by providing clients with work clothes, obtaining photo IDs, and organizing the "Sub for Santa" project and Christmas Party. Eagle Scouts projects may conduct food, paper product, coat, and blanket drives. One volunteer faithfully picks up the food order from the Idaho Foodbank and delivered the products to the shelter each week.</p> <p>Community volunteers support and organize major fundraisers that support the shelter; Splish & Splash, the Encampment, and online fundraising campaigns. Many volunteers were referred to the shelter to complete mandatory community service hours and they performed ongoing cleaning duties.</p>
Number of Unduplicated Clients	399 450
Using the chart above, please provide information on the income level of the clients that your program is serving.	The majority of individuals and households that utilize the homeless shelter have no or very low-income levels and all meet the Federal Poverty Level outlined in the above chart.