

The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation Grant Application**Organization Information****Organization Background Information****Organization Name**

Fort Bend County Social Services

Legal Name

Fort Bend County

Doing Business As

Fort Bend County

EIN

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State

TX

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Brief Description Including Mission Statement:

Providing quality social services to maintain and enhance the lives of all persons served.

Organization Financial Information

Please upload a copy of the latest determination letter from the IRS regarding the organization's current tax-exempt status
Tax Exempt Form 2014.pdf

Tax Status

Other

Please upload a copy of this year's budget
2014 Budget Packet.pdf

Please upload a copy of the most recent audited financial statements.

If statements are not audited, an internally prepared statement of financial position and balance sheet marked unaudited will be acceptable

Federal Single Audit Report Final2013.pdf

Please upload a complete copy of the most recently filed IRS Form 990 with Schedule A and all supporting documentation

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Age Group

All Ages

Ethnicity

All

Gender

Males and Females

Geographical Area Served

-Fort Bend County

Organization Type

-County

Population Served

Homeless or Dislocated

Board Information

Board Members List

Please upload a current list of the organization's board of directors and their affiliations in the community

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Contact Information

Organization Primary Contact

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Board Chair

Prefix	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Purpose of grant

Fort Bend County Social Services is requesting assistance with the Annual Walk With Pride Shoe Program and providing Unmet Emergency Needs through a comprehensive short term Transitional Supportive Housing Program

Issue/need to be addressed

According to a needs assessment (A report on the Demographic Changes and Changing Needs of Fort Bend County, conducted by The George Foundation) in the summer of 2011, respondents identified food and housing as the greatest critical needs. Furthermore, participants listed affordable housing, homeless shelters, food assistance and basic needs as not being met by current services in the region.

In fiscal year 2013 (October 2012 through September 2013) Fort Bend County Social Services served 163 clients with rent/mortgage assistance, 639 with utility assistance and 325 with food assistance. During, the same fiscal year, 71% reported living at or below 100% of the poverty level (\$23,550.00 annually for a family of 4). The statistics from the needs assessment indicated that from 2000 to 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau reported a 3% increase in the population living below the poverty level. Meal Gap data in 2012 reported that 21% (approximately 55,510) of Fort Bend County's children are food insecure, meaning they do not receive three nutritious meals a day. While the services of FBCSS are short term, we have identified that when the department assists individuals and families with more permanent assistance and/or root cause problem solving, they are less likely to return to the department for assistance. What has also been learned is that in many cases, individuals and families lack the financial means to overcome these unmet emergency needs by themselves. An example would be a senior citizen whose water was disconnected due to inability to pay because they live on a fixed income. In the last 6 months our office has identified causes such as water leaks with the no ability to pay a plumber to have it fixed, the electricity being disconnected resulting in no heat during the cold winter days, and other incidents where the elderly go without due to not being able to solve the root cause. While the department has been successful in assisting with these noted incidents and other emergency and transitional needs, there are still many needs which the department is unable to meet. The Unmet Emergency Needs assistance will be provided to assist the elderly, individuals, the homeless and families. These funds will be allocated to support case management services for the elderly and those clients enrolled in the Transitional Supportive Housing Program targeted at individuals and families who present themselves as homeless. This program seeks to provide clients with comprehensive case management services and assist them to become self-sufficient. These funds will be used for fees, and/or incidentals to include birth certificate, identification, application fees, housing/utility deposits, gas cards, personal hygiene items, one month of day care, diapers, shoes, undergarments, minor home repairs, water leaks, yard work, housekeeping, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, tire repairs, small car repairs, laundromat, air conditioners (window units), baseball/soccer, basketball application fees, and any other situation that may arise that keeps the individuals from becoming self-sufficient. Another need to be addressed through this request is the Walk With Pride Shoe Program held by FBCSS annually. The program assists school age children whose families are at or below 150% of the poverty level. Each year the department receives over 1000 applications from needy families requesting assistance for a new pair of shoes. While assistance for school supplies and uniforms can be obtained through other means, the Walk

With Pride Shoe Program is the only program in the county held annually to meet this need.

How long has this program been in existence?

The Walk With Pride Shoe Program has been in existence for the past 20 years. The Unmet Emergency Needs is a component of the Transitional Supportive Housing Program and has only been implemented in the last 6 months.

Total project/program/operating cost:

93,739.00

Amount requested from The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation

Please note: The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation will usually fund requests for a minimum of \$10,000

10,000.00

Will the requested grant will be used exclusively for public purposes?

Yes

Amount of funds received to date in support of the project/program/operations:

11,000.00

A list of funding requests which remain outstanding

Currently Fort Bend County Social Services is requesting 73,739.00 from the County to support the Transitional Supportive Housing Program and Unmet Emergency Needs. The County does not fund any portion of the Walk With Pride Shoe Program except for administration. The Shoe Program is funded at 100% by individuals, businesses and corporations annually. The amount of funds donated determines the number of school age children who will receive a pair of shoes.

Start Date End Date

08/17/2014 09/30/2015

Other organizations in your area are addressing the same issue/need:

Please be sure to indicate how your organization or proposal differs in scope or approach.

Currently Fort Bend County Social Services is the only organization providing a new pair of shoes for school aged children and/or attempts to meet the array of unmet emergency needs of residents.

Describe how the issue/need relates to your organization and why it is qualified to undertake the stated grant activities

Fort Bend County Social Services (FBCSS) is responsible for meeting social service needs of Fort Bend County residents, including rent/mortgage payments, emergency shelter, utility, food, and medication assistance. While these are the major services provided by FBCSS, the department strives to assist clients to become self sufficient. The department has over 30 years of experience of serving county residents and throughout its existence it has been successful in providing services to well over 2,000 residents. In addition the department

has been successful in reducing the recidivism rate by 10% in the past two years. The current director holds a master's degree in social work and over 20 years of experience in the social services field. In addition, the department is made up of 11 employees who work directly with clients daily to provide services.

Please provide a description of the work plan for use of the grant to accomplish your project/program:

Walk With Pride Shoe Program workplan for 2014 is already underway: Contribution requests were sent out in April, all school officials in the county were sent eligibility and application information to give to parents. The deadline for submitting applications is August 1, 2014. A press release will be submitted in May to area newspapers to inform the community about eligibility, application and donation information. Applications will be reviewed and all parents whose children are eligible will be notified two weeks before the event. The event will take place on August 17, 2014 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

The Unmet Emergency Needs funds will be used to assist clients (who are elderly, individuals, homeless and families) who present themselves as needing assistance with any of the unmet emergency needs mentioned previously. Clients eligible for this service will have demonstrated they have exhausted their resources, are homeless and/or present a situation that otherwise is preventing them from obtaining and maintaining basic needs. The Unmet Emergency Needs funds will begin to be used immediately upon notification of the grant and will be used throughout the funding cycle.

Please provide a list of existing community resources (facilities, people, partnerships) that will be used:

Currently FBCSS partners with the following community resources: Texana, Access Health, Fort Bend Meals On Wheels, East end Human Needs Ministry, Helping Hands, Salvation Army, Texas Health & Human Services Commission Benefits Program, Workforce Solutions, Fort Bend County Public Defender's Office, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, Police Departments including Rosenberg, Richmond, Sugarland, Stafford, Missouri City, Fort Bend County Behavior Health Department, Project Lift, Sugar Grove Christ the King Church, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Second Mile Mission, Fort Bend County Coalition for the Homeless and Fort Bend Family Promise.

Expected milestones and what information will be collected to monitor the grant's progress:

Walk With Pride Shoe Program annually collects demographic data to include income, zip codes, ages of the children, the schools the children attend, gender and race/ethnicity. The Unmet Emergency Needs program collects the following data: general demographic information, a 5 question survey on homelessness is completed by every homeless client seeking services.

Describe what will be different as a result of the grant and what measurable results will be achieved and evaluated:

Through the Walk With Pride Shoe Program, approximately 1000 children living at or below 150% of the poverty level will go to school with a new pair of shoes and feel proud about going to school.

Through the Unmet Emergency Needs component of the Transitional Supportive Housing Program approximately 100 Fort Bend County residents will be served and will potentially

be on their way to self sufficiency and/or living in suitable housing. Both programs will be evaluated based on the number of clients served. The Transitional Supportive Housing Program will be evaluated using the 5 item questionnaire and a follow-up survey to all clients who participate in the program.

Describe how the organization will recognize the success (short and long term):

Walk With Pride Shoe Program success will be recognized by the number of school aged children served on August 17, 2014. The Unmet Emergency Needs Program short term success will be recognized by the number of clients receiving immediate services upon request. The long term success will be recognized by 30% of the individuals participating the program who will become self sufficient and/or not return to the department for additional services.

Describe how the project/program/operations will be funded once the grant ends:

The Walk With Pride Shoe Program will continue to be funded by individuals, businesses and corporations. FBCSS attempts to identify new donors each year and sets a goal of \$20,000.00 each year. It is anticipated that the County will continue to support The Unmet Emergency Needs Component of the Transitional Supportive Housing Program. In addition FBCSS will continue to look for other funding sources and/or continue to partner with other resources within the county.

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Mental Health

Program Area
Housing
Families
Mental Health
Type of Support
Emergency Funds