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Application / Project Name:

Utility Aid for Homelessness Prevention - 256640

Application Party ID:

256639

Organization ID#:

13522

Please complete the fields below for your organization. If your program is sponsored by a fiscal agent, please complete the information for the sponsor organization.

Organization Legal Name:

Fayette Cares

LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org Profile URL:

<https://roundtable.livegivemidsouth.org/organizations/1151040>

Organization Address:

P.O. Box 326, Somerville, TN 38068

Organization Phone Number:

9014653802

If your program is sponsored by a fiscal agent, please list the name of your program.

Grant Contact Name:

Rose, Pamela

Grant Contact Title:

Grant Admin

Grant Contact Email:

finance@fayettecares.org



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Grant Contact Phone:

901-4653802

Total Project Budget:

\$9,600.00

Grant Amount Requesting:

\$5,000.00

As stated in the application guidelines, an eligibility requirement for this application is a published, reviewed LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org profile for the applying organization. To meet eligibility: if the applying organization needs to submit a new LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org profile to be published OR submit updates and edits to an existing profile, it must be submitted for review by January 23, 2020.

I understand this requirement.

Yes

As stated in the application guidelines, a representative from each organization chosen as a grant finalist must give a 3-minute presentation at the GiVE 365 Finals event on the evening of Monday, April 20 at The Bluff on Highland.

I understand this requirement.

Yes

Has your organization ever received a GiVE 365 grant?

No

Please provide a brief 2-3 sentence summary of your project or program for use in communications with GiVE 365 members and for The Finals event printed program, should your application be chosen. (The description may be edited by staff.)

Utility assistance to assist those in need from plummeting into homelessness. This may include those who have experienced an emergency that renders them unable to pay their utility bill to avoid disconnection or to assist those fleeing domestic violence be able to live in a warm, safe lighted home.



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Please describe the project or program for which you are seeking funding and how it addresses the grant theme *Stable, Safe & Thriving*: programs that address housing security for Memphians.

At Fayette Cares our mission is to empower those in need with solutions to end homelessness, break the cycle of domestic violence, and create stability and self-sufficiency from crisis. Our vision is that all families in Fayette County will be self-sufficient in a healthy home. We accomplish our mission through a three pronged approach that seeks to end homelessness, provide safety from abuse, and provide stability after a financial crisis. Through our seven unit emergency shelter we are able to house families while we work with them to provide life skills and overcome barriers to find safe and stable housing. In addition, through state grants we are able to assist homeless families and individuals with rapid-rehousing assistance that provides short term rent payments, rent deposits, and utility deposits. We are also able to assist those fleeing domestic violence with the same types of rent and utility deposit payments.

Where we fall short is being able to provide utility aid for homeless prevention. Many who are fleeing domestic violence have also faced financial abuse which makes it difficult to become stable and increases the chances that they may choose to return to their abuser. Monthly utility assistance to supplement the short term rental assistance they are receiving will help to keep them safe and stable while they are establishing their new lives. In addition, many families in our area are just one paycheck away from becoming homeless. When those families are faced with an emergency such as an unexpected custody of a grandchild, a major car repair, a loss of a job, it can place them in peril of having their utilities shut off or even losing their housing. The utility aid program can keep them stable and help them bounce back and thrive after their emergency.

What is the target population(s) addressed by your program or project?

The target population is those fleeing domestic violence and families and individuals in peril of having their utilities shut off.

How does your project or program specifically address the needs of this target population? Do you partner with any other organizations to further address these needs?

Fayette Cares provides many wrap-around services to assist our clients in becoming stable, safe and thriving. We work with our community to be able to provide clients with comprehensive information and referrals to meet their needs such as housing placement and job referrals. We also focus on life skills education, including budgeting and resume writing to empower them with the skills necessary to better their situation with a goal to seek a lasting solution.

We have established relationships with local businesses that work to hire our clients and local landlords that assist us with prioritizing our clients for available housing. We also partner will our



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local electrical provider Chickasaw Electric to promote their “Warm Hearts” program where utility customers can chose to donate extra funds which are forwarded to Fayette Cares to assist clients with utility needs.

The grant period extends from May 2020 to April 2021. During this period, approximately how many community members will be served by this program?

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How does your organization qualify that a community member has been served through this program?

The process starts with a request for aid through an application procedure. Qualification is a non-discriminatory uniform process involving active listening, formalized interviewing techniques, and documentation supporting the request for emergency assistance. The process includes:

- Review of documents verifying the crisis
- Financial analysis of income and expenses
- Review of service history
- Assistance plan for aid

Any aid provided is paid directly to the utility provider.

Please provide a timeline or important dates for the program within the grant period, May 2020 to April 2021.

All aid will be documented and tracked to show the spending by month and categorized by client. Progress will be tracked, charted and reviewed each month to ensure that we are serving the projected number of clients and that funds are being expended.

How and when will you evaluate your program or project?

We will evaluate our program each month to ensure we are vetting clients in need of utility aid and that we are spending the funds allocated within the grant period.

Define success for your program by the end of the grant period. What goals do you have to measure effects or outcomes for participants?

We will define success for our program with the number of clients we are able to assist with utility aid to allow them to continue to stay in their homes with utilities.

Define long-term success for your program. What do you expect the long-term effects or outcomes to be for participants?

Long-term success for our program would be to assist families and individuals to be stable and safe in a home with utilities. The long term effects would be that through this short term assistance,



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families would be able to get back on course and maintain utilities and homes into the future. A stable home is critical to the development of children and young adults. When they spend their time wondering where they'll sleep, if they will be warm, and what to eat, it is nearly impossible for them to focus on doing well in school and preparing for their future. So the help we can provide to families now will last into future generations.

Please detail the staff members and/or volunteers who will run this project or program during the grant period.

Our case manager and victim advocates will be the front line staff members who are qualifying and serving clients through this program. They will review each request with the Chief Financial & Operations Officer to who will ensure the client meets the qualifications for assistance and approves the request. The Chief Financial & Operations Officer will also complete monthly internal reports for the agency and will also complete any submit any required grant reporting.

In order to keep GiVE 365 members informed of the grant's progress, grantees are required to provide brief updates that can be shared with members at least two times in the twelve-month grant period. Will you be able to provide updates on the project that can be shared with GiVE 365 members through some or all of the following methods: social media, photos/videos, site visits, etc.? Creativity is highly encouraged. Please explain how you could share about your project or program.

Fayette Cares will provide project updates at least two times per year which may include shareable content on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), in digital newsletter articles, and through on-site or virtual agency tour opportunities. Social media posts may include testimonials and photos from clients, volunteers, colleagues, and program partners. These updates will help Give 365 members a glimpse at the impact of their support.

Remember to provide a project budget by uploading it in the Application Uploads table once you have saved this form. A detailed project budget should include line item expenses such as materials, staff time, and any other costs associated with this program/project. Please detail BOTH revenues and expenses, including other grants or income sources if applicable. A budget narrative may be brief, but it is mandatory.

Full Name of Executive Director or Authorized Signer:

Alexandra Wardlaw



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Fayette Cares

Fayette Cares, Inc.
Utility Aid Program
Proforma Budget

Revenues

Revenues from Chickasaw "Safe At Home"	\$	1,000
Revenues from General Donations	\$	3,600
Revenues from Give 365 Grant		<u>5,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$	<u><u>9,600</u></u>

Expenses

Staff Wages	\$	3,600.00
Utility Aid paid Direct to Providers		<u>6,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$	<u><u>9,600</u></u>

Net Profit of Loss

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Except for direct assistance to clients, the funds for this project will be funded from other sources. We already receive approximately \$1,000 per year in contributions relating to the Chickasaw Electric Warm Hearts program.

We do not anticipate that this will cause the need to add any personnel and will fit in easily with our normal client review procedures. We estimated that our front line staff will spend an average of four hours per week over 50 weeks per year at an average wage of \$18 per hour.