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**Application / Project Name:**

A Place to Call Home - 256706

**Application Party ID:**

256705

**Organization ID#:**

16755

**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:**

Second Chances Foundation dba Midsouth Sober Living

**LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org Profile URL:**

<https://livegivemidsouth.roundtable.city/organizations/1146755>

**Organization Address:**

1950 Madison Avenue, Suite 115, Memphis, TN 38104

**Organization Phone Number:**

(901) 522-1002

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

**Grant Contact Name:**

Chahal, Anna

**Grant Contact Title:**

Grant Admin

**Grant Contact Email:**

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**Grant Contact Phone:**

(312)350-3111

**Total Project Budget:**

\$5,000.00

**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.)**

Midsouth Sober Living (MSL) provides a scholarship fund for those with no other means to secure housing while in recovery. This significantly increases our ability to serve those in need and gives lost Memphians a place to call 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.***

Funding for operations at Midsouth Sober Living (MSL) addresses the grant theme, *Stable, Safe, and Thriving: programs that address housing security for Memphians*, by allowing MSL the opportunity to form a scholarship fund that will help the organization continue to provide shelter and recovery for those with no where else to go. MSL is currently the only sober living facility in Memphis which provides people in recovery a safe place to live without any proof of employment or other means of financial backing. We do this because safe and affordable, drug and alcohol free housing is the cornerstone of the organization's mission, and through our partnership with First Step Recovery Centers (FSRC), we are also able to provide our residents with free treatment for their addictions. Nonetheless, we still have many residents that abandon the program without paying. We never send these bills over to a collection agency because it would detract from our twelfth step recovery work. Traditionally, we have been able to absorb these costs with money from fundraisers and private donors, but they still take a toll on our ability to maintain the properties and expand our administrative operations.

MSL currently provides housing and access to recovery services via FSRC for \$100 a week. Though a contract with the state, this fee is covered for all court-ordered residents who opt for treatment or are reprimanded in lieu of incarceration, but for all other residents, payments are guaranteed by nothing more than an honor code. So, for those not under court mandate we absorb the cost when the resident cannot pay. By creating a scholarship fund for these residents, MSL will be able to continue to keep our doors open for all those in need of shelter and recovery while also being able to expand the organization and its services.

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

people in recovery who have no job or other visible means of financial support

**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?**

Safe, affordable, and most importantly, alcohol- and drug-free housing is scarce in our community. MSL is the only sober living facility in Memphis that accepts residents without a job or other means to pay our rental fee. MSL facilities follow the 12 Step Program of recovery, which provides the spiritual basis for our programming. Our traditional sober living homes are our men's house on Peabody Ave with a capacity of 16 beds and our women's house on N. Parkway with a capacity of 12 beds.

In 2017, MSL expanded its services to include Judicare, which increased the organization's capacity to house up to 66 residents. Judicare is unique because it partners with Shelby County's three



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treatment courts: Drug Court, Veterans Court, and Mental Health Court. MSL provides sober living housing in addition to treatment services to court participants. This partnership helps streamline the recovery process for court participants.

MSL values community partnerships. For nearly five years, MSL has partnered with First Step Recovery Centers (FSRC), a non-profit, state-licensed outpatient alcohol and drug treatment center for adult men and women. This partnership makes us the only sober living residences in Shelby County that offers treatment and recovery services to its residents at no cost. These services include but are not limited to intensive outpatient drug and alcohol treatment (IOP), peer recovery support services, case management, and job readiness training/placement services.

**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?**

Any community member who has stayed in one of our sober living homes from two to five weeks without accruing a rent balance or coming in from one of the recovery courts has been served through this program.

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

The timeline for expenditure of the funds would be approximately 8 to 10 months depending on the number of applications received and current occupancy rates.

**How and when will you evaluate your program or project?**

We will refer to our our record of residents.

For example: In 2018, Grace St. Lukes Episcopal Church awarded Midsouth Sober Living \$3,000 to develop the scholarship fund. This enabled us to accept additional residents and significantly increased our ability to serve those in need. Previously, MSL could only accept 2 residents at a time on Chance Beds. We are now able to offer up to 4 Chance Beds. This doubled our ability to offer support those with absolutely no other means. To put this in perspective, we had 39 residents at our men's house during the 2018 fiscal year and 10 residents, presently; 3 of those current residents are Chance Beds. That's 30% of our current population and almost 10% of our annual population!

As for specifically keeping track of who is served by the program, that is something we are currently exploring. We could use our database to keep track of the individuals who come in on scholarship, how long they end up staying with us, and how they discharge.



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

The success of the program simply focuses on whether or not those served manage to find a job and start paying their own rent after we helped them out for a few weeks. That is the goal. We give scholarship beds to those who don't have a job or anyone to help them out financially. We aim to help them out while providing them with the circumstances to eventually help themselves.

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

The purpose of Midsouth Sober Living is to give people with little to no resources an opportunity for a fresh start. Recovery from addiction is never an easy path and often results in multiple false starts, but successes is near impossible without a place to call home. Long term effects or outcomes for a participant would ideally be continued recovery but, at the very least, would be the knowledge that accepted them and offered recovery simply because they were a human in need to help. Long term success for our program is the ability to keep our doors open and beds available for people in need of such help.

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

The scholarship program is currently directed by Robin Clochard with general oversight by the Executive Director, Walter Williams. The sober living homes are ran by house managers who are volunteers that have shown success through our recovery program.

**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.**

As before mentioned, we are exploring the use of our database to keep track of the individuals who come in on scholarship, how long they end up staying with us, and how they discharge. Often there are individuals with exceptional stories of recovery and hope; we can supplement quantitative data with the qualitative data to really express our impact on both a mind and heart level. These findings would be shared in our newsletters and on our social media pages. In the past, we have had help from Willy Bearden and Joe Birch on producing such media (<https://vimeo.com/91364228>). We would also love to arrange site visits for Give 365 members so that they can gain a better understanding of the community member we serve and the recovery process in general and maybe



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be inspired to become involved in other ways. We always encourage supportive community members to engage in our fundraising events or donate gently used items to our sober living homes.

**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:**

Andrew Branham

**Date:**

2/5/2020

Midsouth Sober Living

## **Scholarship Budget**

**\$3,000.00**

**Weekly rent.....\$100**

**Individual scholarship.....\$200-\$500**

The budget for the scholarship program currently sits at \$3,000 thanks to Grace St. Lukes Episcopal Church General Program Support Grant Awarded to this program at the end of 2019 (We were also awarded the grant in 2018 which allowed us to begin the program). We are pursuing extra grant money to help us expand the program to better serve those suffering from the disease of addiction.