



Capital Funding Request: Expansion of Transitional Housing for Recovery

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Soaring Heights Recovery Homes respectfully requests a capital investment of \$1.76 million to acquire two large residential properties, each exceeding 3,000 square feet with seven or more bedrooms. These homes will serve as transitional housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorders in the Salem/Keizer area. This expansion aims to address the critical shortage of recovery housing and enhance our capacity to support individuals in their journey toward sobriety, self-sufficiency, and family reunification.

Founded in 2018 by Eric Rasor and Victoria Meredith, Soaring Heights Recovery Homes is a nonprofit organization committed to providing safe, structured, and supportive housing for individuals in recovery. With lived experience in addiction and recovery, the founders have created a program that emphasizes accountability, peer support, and community reintegration. The organization currently operates five homes with a combined capacity of 33 residents, including women and men with or without minor children.

Soaring Heights Recovery Homes operates as a Level 3 supervised recovery residence, adhering to the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards. These standards ensure a structured and supportive environment for individuals in early recovery. By adhering to these standards, Soaring Heights Recovery Homes provides a safe, supportive, and structured environment that fosters long-term recovery and personal growth.

Since its inception, Soaring Heights has:

- Over 200 individuals served, with 70% maintaining sobriety after one year.
- Facilitated the return of over 60 children to their parents through collaboration with the Department of Human Services.
- Assisted more than 50% of residents who were previously homeless.
- Achieved a 95% employment rate within the first 30 days of move in date.

These outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of our model in promoting long-term recovery and community stability.

The demand for transitional housing in the Salem/Keizer area significantly exceeds current capacity. On average, Soaring Heights receives multiple inquiries daily from individuals, community partners, and correctional facilities seeking housing. Recent instances include 10



men and 11 women arriving on consecutive weeks hoping to secure two available beds, underscoring the urgent need for expanded facilities.

The requested funding will be utilized as follows:

- **Property Acquisition:** Purchase of two larger homes, each with 3,000+ square feet and 7+ bedrooms, to accommodate up to 30 individuals annually per home.
- **Renovations and Furnishings:** Necessary upgrades to ensure compliance with recovery residence standards and to provide a comfortable living environment.
- **Operational Setup:** Establishment of infrastructure to support the expanded capacity, including staffing and program materials.

These enhancements will enable Soaring Heights to serve an additional 60 individuals annually, thereby reducing wait times and meeting the growing demand for recovery housing.

Soaring Heights operates with fiscal responsibility and transparency. The organization is debt-free, and its income consistently covers expenses. The proposed expansion is designed to be financially sustainable through:

- **Resident Contributions:** A monthly fee of \$500 per resident to cover housing and program costs.
- **Grants and Fundraising:** Continued pursuit of government grants and community fundraising efforts.
- **Community Partnerships:** Strengthening collaborations with local organizations and service providers.

Soaring Heights is a grant recipient of M110 from Oregon Health Authority. Programing, Peer Support, and housing support will be funded for the next 4 years.

The proposed expansion of Soaring Heights Recovery Homes represents a strategic investment in the health and stability of our community. By increasing the availability of transitional housing, we can provide more individuals with the opportunity to rebuild their lives, reunite with their families, and contribute positively to society. We respectfully request your support in making this vision a reality.

Thank you for considering our funding request.

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