



PRINEVILLE CITY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION REQUEST FORM

The City of Prineville is proud to contribute to organizations that have interests that benefit the community in line with the Council Goals and Objectives (attached). Please complete this request form in advance of presenting the request to Council and return to City Recorder.

Date: 04/20/2015	Contact Name & Title: Greg Sanders, Executive Director	
Street Address:		
Town: Prineville	State: OR	Zip 97754
Phone: 541-903-0303	Email: redemptionhouseministries@gmail.com	
Name of Organization: Redemption House Women's and Children's Shelter		
IRS Tax Status: 501 (c) 3	Funding Request: \$ 5,000.00	
<p>Purpose of funds request: The Mission of Redemption house is to provide homeless shelter in Prineville for women and children. The goal is to provide more than just shelter but also a safe place to find hope. In addition to shelter services for women and children, Redemption House operates a community meal site – Craig's Compassion Café.</p> <p>Homelessness and emergency housing and meal service are critical needs in Crook County, partially due to high unemployment and poverty. The January 2014 Point in Time Count identified 84 households affecting 199 individuals (including 75 children under the age of 18 years). This number was up 48% from the 2013 count, with predominant reasons for homelessness identified as kicked out by friends or family, lack of employment to sustain housing and family violence/safety issues. As a result of the community assessment that included these numbers, Redemption House expanded services in 2014 from an 8 bed temporary shelter to a 20-bed women's and children's shelter. During 2014, 95 women and children were served with shelter services and over 10,256 meals were served in the café. To date, 27 women and children have been served in 2015. The model of shelter services that Redemption House is using includes not just housing, but case management assistance with financial planning, life skills, safety planning and transition to a safe, more permanent housing solution. The challenge for Redemption House is that the needs and services are growing at a rate faster than financial sustainability can be achieved. We are asking for your help to support costs of operations and utilities in the amount of \$5,000.</p>		
Will funds be used for operational expenses? (Please explain) This request is being submitted to help support operational expenses including utilities for the shelter and accompanying meal preparation facility.		

Will funds be leveraged with other resources/partnerships? Redemption House has developed a local fundraising strategy that includes in-kind and cash contributions from local churches and faith based partnerships, as well as building support for private donations through the Café, local campaigns and building the number of pledge donors (monthly or sustained giving). In addition, we are pursuing grant funding through Oregon Community Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust to provide two years of support while developing financial sustainability. We have received Facebook funds to provide security at the shelter and were most recently accepted into the Central Oregon Impact Summit which provides 10 non-profits (by invitation) in Central Oregon with technical assistance on developing a strategic financial plan.

Please describe how your organization sees this request for meeting the Council Goals & Objectives: This request directly addresses the City Council's Goals: 1) Maintain Community Safety, and 2) Maintain "livability" of Prineville while welcoming diversity. The shelter provides safe haven and transition for some of the most vulnerable citizens of Crook County.

Have you received funding from the Council in the past? NO

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION:

Date Received: 4/22/15

Source of Contribution Funds: Council Discretionary

Fiscal Year: 14/15

Fund balance at time of request: \$10,000

Date Council to review 4/28/15

Council: Approved / Denied