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| **2024 Summit County Continuum of Care**  **Homelessness NOFO**  **Pre-Application for New Projects** |

**Due Date:**

***\*\*May 24, 2024, by 5:00pm\*\****

***Criteria for Applications:***

**The Summit County Continuum of Care will be accepting the following types of applications:**

* Permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects
* Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
* Joint TH and PH-RRH projects
* New permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects that will serve homeless individuals and families including youth/young adults’ homelessness.
* New rapid rehousing (RRH) or transitional housing- rapid rehousing (TH-RRH) projects that will serve homeless individuals and/or families, including youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, or meeting HUD’s definition of Category One (1) & (4) Homeless.
* SSO projects for DV bonus only
* All projects must be Housing First

**Submit one (1) copy via email to:**

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| **Agency and Project Information** | | | |
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| Name of Agency: | | | FAMILY PROMISE OF SUMMIT COUNTY |
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| Project Title: | | FAMILY PROMISE – Rapid Re-housing | |
| Project Address: | | 1100 COPLEY RD, AKRON, OH 44320 | |

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| Mailing Address: | | | | | | |
| Street | PO Box 10076 | | | | | |
| City | Akron | Zip | 44310 |  | | |
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| **Program Type & Funding Amount** |

# Program Type (applies to new projects only)

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|  | Permanent Supportive Housing / Leasing (scattered apartments) |
|  | Permanent Supportive Housing / Project-Based (one site/building) |
| x | Rapid Re-Housing |
|  | Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing  DV Bonus Project |

**Funding Amount**

Dollar Amount requested $217,975

Please provide a projected budget (i.e., rental assistance, administration, supportive services, etc.):

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| **Meeting HUD Basic Criteria** | | | | |
| **Threshold Questions** | | **Yes** | **No** | |
| Are you an incorporated non-profit organization and have you received IRS 501 (c)(3) status? EIN #**75-3101718** | | x |  | |
| Are the activities eligible for assistance under the specific program from which funding is being requested (see attached information)? | | x |  | |
| Is the project designed to help participants achieve permanent housing and self-sufficiency (as opposed to meeting basic emergency needs)? | | x |  | |
| Will the homeless persons served by your proposed project meet the HUD definition of Category 1 Homelessness? | | yes |  | |
| **Bed Capacity Current Level** | | | | |
| Number of Units | **9** | | |
| Number of Beds | 46 | | |
| How many people do you plan to serve this year? | 200 | | |

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| **Project Description** |

Provide a description of the project.

Family Promise of Summit County provides emergency shelter services to homeless families with children. FPSC aims to stabilize families through shelter and alleviate the trauma of homelessness by helping families quickly regain housing. After experiencing homelessness, many families remain vulnerable and are at an increased risk of returning to homelessness. Family Promise recognizes that multiple levels of support are required to help families succeed long-term. In 2021, Family Promise developed a new program that will provide pathways to homeownership for previously homeless families, see the description of Survive 2 Thrive below. The provision of Rapid Rehousing programs will create an additional safety net for families during that critical first year after homelessness.

*Survive to Thrive: Destination Homeownership* uniquely combines the opportunity for homeownership for people experiencing homelessness with a myriad of wrap-around services and an economic safety net to support clients as they move into home ownership and self-sufficiency.

Survive to Thrive is a program of Family Promise of Summit County, in which families are housed together (rather than being separated based on age or gender). Family Promise clients benefit from case management support and other supportive services while working to obtain sustainable housing.

This project proposes to add:

1. Trauma-informed case management services for family members, to mitigate the traumatic impact of experiencing homelessness and to address any other barriers that could interfere with future stability and progress to home ownership. These services would be provided by a trauma-informed case management team.
2. An economic safety net, provided by HUD grant funding through the Summit County Continuum of Care, consisting of year-long subsidies for families leaving homelessness without creating barriers for this support (for example, more leniency on background checks, evictions, etc.) The proposed partial subsidies would be based on the household income. The goal of the economic safety net subsidies is to offer a period of relief for families to engage in wrap-around services and ultimately become personally stronger, in order to adopt and maintain behaviors which contribute to ongoing housing stability.

Please describe how the funds you are requesting will be spent.

Agency Service Est. Cost Per Year

Family Promise of Summit County Program Administration $ 7,975

Family Promise Case Management $ 60,000

Summit County Continuum of Care Economic Subsidy $150,500

$10,000 per family/10 families

TOTAL PER YEAR $217,975

Housing where clients will live

* Structure type, number of persons to be housed, and location. Indicate where in Summit County (address proposed). This program will seek to house homeless families with children in affordable housing located in Summit County. These families will remain together and not be separated.

Homeless population to be served

* What population will you be serving and what supportive services will you provide?

This program will be serving homeless families with children. In addition to case management services, families will have access to rental assistance, utility assistance, financial empowerment resources, educational support, health and wellness programs, employment support and more.

* Indicate how your clients meet the definition of homeless. Refer to the 2014 HEARTH Act definition of homeless (Category 1). Transitional, episodic and some chronic

Experience

* How will you collaborate with other providers in the community and/or leverage resources from health care organizations?

This proposal uses a Housing First approach and involves partnering with local agencies to coordinate health and supportive services. It engages people with experienced homelessness in decision making by providing wrap-around services. It will improve housing system performance by providing additional supports for families to move forward into stable housing and potential home ownership.

The program also represents a partnership between agencies which addresses not only homelessness in the moment, but also mental health impacts on maintaining future homeownership. The addition of a safety net subsidy program can ensure that unanticipated economic obstacles do not become barriers to future housing stability for families.

* Briefly describe your experience directly related to carrying out the proposed project, and your experience working with homeless people.

This program will focus on housing first for the families, support them through wrap-around services inclusive of RRH and holistic case management services and for some, help the family become homeowners.

Family Promise of Summit County has twenty (20) years of experience in helping homeless families with children stay together and achieve sustainable independence. Key to that is our comprehensive case management approach with wrap-around services described above.

Fiscal Responsibility

* Describe your organization’s accounting practices. Describe your internal controls? The Board of Directors approval an annual budget. All income and expenses is entered into QuickBooks and monitored by a third party accounting firm (Atlas) and overseen by a Finance Committee. Expenses are approved by Executive Director and/or the Finance Committee. Any expenses above the $5,000 threshold requires two authorized signatures, the Executive Director and Board President.
* What is the plan for the program’s sustainability?

FPSC Board is committed to maintaining a diversity of revenue sources am we strive to avoid a vulnerable financial dependence on any one revenue source. To this end, several cluster of actions were identified including Fundraising, donor cultivation, an endowment fund, revenue from operations and grant funding.

**\*The full copy of the strategic plan is available upon request.**

HMIS

Your agency will be required to be an active participant in the Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Will your agency be committed to taking referrals from Central Intake and inputting data in the HMIS system? Family Promise currently receives referrals and inputs data into the HMIS system and is committed to doing so ongoing.