

**FY 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Staff Report**

Project: Duluth At Work for Homeless Youth Life House, Inc				Application Number: 15-ED-04, page 55		
Consolidated Plan Objective: # 17b, Support Duluth at Work initiatives that help low-income people gain work skills, jobs and employment history that results in increased income and overall stability.						
FY 2015 Goal: 4 jobs		Amount Requested: \$32,000		Performance Indicator: Jobs		
Previous Awards and Spending Rates (as of 3/31/13 in the 2012 CAPER):						
	Award	Expended	Balance	Goal	Actual	(Verified) %LMI
2013	\$24,000	\$7,000	\$14,000*	3	3	100%
2012	\$24,000	\$16,000	\$8,000*	3	3	100%
2011	\$48,000	\$39,500	\$8,500*	6	6	100%

*Three-year contracts per D@W model

1. Consolidated Plan Priority

Con Plan Community Development Goals:

- Yes, this activity was identified as a goal in the 5-year Plan.
- This will fulfill 4 jobs of the Consolidated Plan.

Priority Community Development Needs:

- High Priority

2. Project Readiness

Timely Completion/Expenditure of Funds:

- Ready to start and will have participants trained within the first year as required.
- 3 year cohort per the Duluth @ Work model.

Additional Actions Needed:

- Program is operating, and will be able to start on April 1, 2015.

3. Project Impact and Delivery

Achievement of Expected Results:

- The application does not state the need for the program throughout the community; data/research would be helpful on describing the significance of the need and describing why youth employment should be addressed.

Target Clientele:

- D@W Program requires 100% LMI participants; Life House will focus on youth that connect through the Basic Needs Center and complete a job-skills-assessment.

Outcome Measurements:

- *Committee scored applicant 8.8 points at June Public Hearing*

Number of Persons/Households to Benefit:

- Program will serve four participants at \$8,000/participant (D@W model).

Business/Operations Plan Approach:

- Life House is experienced in addressing the multiple barriers that homeless youth have, and works to successfully house participants, leading to a higher success rate.
- Life House works with SOAR to provide the short-term specialized job training, as SOAR is experienced and has the capacity to do so.

4. Financial Considerations

Sufficiency and Leveraging of Resources:

- This program will rely solely on CDBG funds. Ratio <1:1.

Fiscal Support and Viability:

- Some payment Requests/reporting have needed corrections.

Project Budget Detail/Use of Funds

- Majority of budget is salary for the D@W case manager.
- Application narrative describes shared benchmarks with SOAR, although this amount is not identified in the budget.
- There were no issues identified by city finance staff.

5. Applicant Attributes

Project /Program Management Ability and Capacity:

- *Committee scored applicant 5.2 points at June Public Hearing*

Past Performance/Experience:

- *Committee scored applicant 3.8 points at June Public Hearing*

Quality of Application:

- More statistical evidence/research of the need of this type of program why employment for youth is critical would be helpful.

BONUS POINTS – 0 points

No bonus points should be awarded for this project as there aren't documented cost savings from collaboration.