

1. Applicant organization

HOPE HOUSE

2. Contact person with e-mail address and phone number

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3. Name of equipment or capital improvement

Building Hope – for the construction of a new, larger therapy building; renovations to the existing four buildings; a 900 sq. ft. addition to the shelter building; security upgrades; and a new playground.

4. Total budget

\$5,000,000

5. Grant amounts requested

\$64,800 – For new surfacing and equipment for the playground

\$15,400 – For replacement carpeting in the Community Partnership Center

\$10,000 – For plumbing upgrades in the Community Partnership Center

\$15,750 – For electrical upgrades in the Community Partnership Center

6. Description of the equipment or capital improvement and how it will help your agency better meet the needs of your constituency (200 words or less)

The largest need for the new playground is for the replacement of its equipment and of its surfacing. Specifically, our equipment is almost fifteen years old and has been used by thousands of children. The surfacing is black, and some days it is just too hot for kids to play on it. Staying at Hope House is tough on children. They've been forced to leave their homes, their rooms, their friends, and their toys. They're often too young to understand and really they shouldn't have to. The playground is a place where they can play and "just be kids."

Once our new Therapy Building is complete, an auxiliary benefit will be the current building's release to become Hope House's Community Partnership Center. Over the years many friends in the community have offered their services, but we have lacked the appropriate space for the services to be conducted. This building will change that. One room will be equipped for volunteer physicians and dentists, and another will be equipped for "spa" treatments. Rooms will be available for classes, meetings, meditation, and more. Clients may access all of these services, free of charge, without leaving the safety of our campus.

7. Link to agency website

www.hopehouse.net