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Help us get a \$25000 grant for the McPherson Housing Coalition Inc. Oak Harbor

Your State Farm Neighborhood Assist® submission has been selected to advance to the voting phase, and you're one step closer to a \$25K grant

Use the link below to vote, starting August 18

<https://www.neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2039850>

The dates to know

Voting opens on August 18 at 12:00:01 am ET and closes at 11:59:59 pm ET on August 27.

Voting period
August 18 - 27

Winners announced
September 29

Voters must be U.S. residents who are 18 years or older and have a valid email address. Each person can vote up to 10 times per day per email. So if you have more than one email you can vote on each daily to give us more votes.

This cause was selected as a top 200 finalist out of 2000 entries and now the voting begins August 18 to the 27th as the top 40 will each get a \$25000 grant.

Please see back for information regarding the grant submission

Please Vote Daily for 10 days starting August 18th to help us qualify in the top 40 entries. Each will receive \$25000

McPherson Housing Coalition, Inc. - Oak Harbor

Location: McPherson, KS

Submitted by: Galen Shields & Jim LaDuke

Organization: McPherson Housing Coalition, Inc.

Tags: Family Services, Hunger & Homelessness

To develop, promote and implement programs that provide affordable decent and quality housing.

McPherson County has a housing shortage and families in crises are the ones who are hit the hardest when they experience trauma. At this time, a family who is facing eviction, because of the loss of a spouse, a health crisis or a job loss will find themselves with limited resources. They can sleep in a car, a tent, a hotel or on someone's couch, but a safe place does not exist. The Oak Harbor cottages will fill that void. No longer will families be separated or forced to live in inappropriate spaces. The families will be moved into a fully furnished two bedroom home and will have up to 90 days to work with a case manager while they determine the needs of the family. This may include counseling, job training, or educational opportunities as they develop a plan to move forward and become stable. Furthermore, MHC has additional programs that will move the family into permanent housing once their needs are determined and appropriate resources have been identified.

Funds will be used to purchase building materials for the cottages. Although many businesses and churches have already donated for this purpose, there are 10 homes to be built and more are needed. Many technicians are offering their services to the project in areas such as framing, shingling, electrical, HVAC and plumbing. However, this does not cover the cost of materials. Some heart-felt donations have come from individuals as they share their stimulus checks. The community is seeing the need and responding in a very positive way. Lack of resources forces these families to seek alternative forms of shelter that is not conducive to becoming self-sufficient and productive. These 10 cottages will provide shelter for nine families in need plus an on-site manager to oversee the facility and a case manager who will provide resources and a plan to move forward. This project will offer a healthy start to remediation of this pressing need.

These cottages are permanent structures and the Coalition is determined to continue with on sight management. Counseling, job training and budget planning education are available on an ongoing basis. As development continues, one can see even more cottages being built although this space will be used up with these 10 units. The need never goes away and neither does this service. The Coalition's dream is that these impoverished families will accept and be encouraged to build upon the "boost" given to them to strive towards a financially stable and productive life in society. We are proud that The Executive Director, Project Manager and On-Sight Managers are policyholders of State Farm in our community and that they are willing to serve others to make our community better. We would be extremely grateful to State Farm if our project was one of the 40 chosen recipients of State Farm Neighborhood Assist.

Website: mcpersonhousingcoalition.org

Come back starting August 18 to vote

