

Regional Funding

Fiscal Year 2022 - Partner Funding Application

Micah Ecumenical Ministries

Agency Total Budget

In the boxes below provide an overview of the administrative costs associated with your total agency budget.

Expenses

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Salary	684,719.0 0	677,501.0 0	673,434.0 0	776,327.0 0	853,659.0 0	900,000.0 0
Benefits	104,672.0 0	109,220.0 0	105,330.0 0	105,706.0 0	120,701.0 0	125,000.0 0
Operating Expenses	545,461.0 0	567,233.0 0	581,518.0 0	519,011.0 0	1,035,697. 00	1,000,000. 00
Capital Expenses	0.00	86,677.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	55,762.00	131,871.0 0	56,170.00	183,897.0 0	164,736.0 0	150,000.0 0
Total	1,390,614. 00	1,572,502. 00	1,416,452. 00	1,584,941. 00	2,174,793. 00	2,175,000. 00

Revenues

Please include revenue associated with your entire organization. This section represents the TOTAL revenue your organization is receiving. The revenue associated with specific programs will be listed within your program budgets; this section represents total revenues. (For example if your organization requests funding for multiple programs the total amount requested from each locality or other entities goes within this section)

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Caroline	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fredericksburg	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
King George	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spotsylvania	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	27,000.00	22,000.00
Stafford	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	23,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
United Way	143,504.0 0	138,601.0 0	127,000.0 0	125,390.0 0	20,000.00	20,000.00

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Grants	825,263.0 0	828,253.0 0	703,309.0 0	925,433.0 0	1,232,048. 00	1,480,000. 00
Client Fees	49,128.00	0.00	55,000.00	8,620.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	182,719.0 0	52,028.00	401,143.0 0	40,945.00	75,000.00	80,000.00
Other (Click to itemize)	130,000.0 0	420,609.0 0	60,000.00	421,619.0 0	529,000.0 0	529,000.0 0
Total	1,390,614. 00	1,501,491. 00	1,416,452. 00	1,589,007. 00	1,927,048. 00	2,175,000. 00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Surplus or Deficit	0.00	-71,011.00	0.00	4,066.00	-247,745.0 0	0.00

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Agency Budget Narrative

Administrative Expenses

Provide an overview of the administrative costs for your agency.

Micah's administrative costs are mostly the salary/benefits of the Executive Director and a Ministry Administrator, who manages the finances and operational aspects of the organization.

Administrative expenses also include a nominal amount for overhead, such as supplies, insurance and incorporation fees. It includes the cost of our annual audit, employee training and development of funds and volunteers. No funds are requested from the local governments for administrative activities.

If your agency is requesting an increase or decrease in administrative funding, please describe in detail the reasons for these changes.

N/A

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of administrative costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

N/A

Capital Expenses

Please provide an overview of the capital costs for your agency.

Micah owns the following buildings: 1. The respite house at 1512 Princess Anne St 2. Seven rental properties that are used for supportive housing, 6 of which were purchased through a donation from the Sunshine Lady Foundation several years ago. We do not expect any notable repairs or improvements in FY22. Micah also utilizes space within its partnering churches, for the purpose of co-locating community resources, such as Goodwill, RACSB, Probation and other key services needed by the people we serve.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of capital costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

None. In fact, Micah actually pays almost \$8,000 annually in real estate and personal property taxes for the capital it owns in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Stafford.

Salary & Benefit Expenses

Please provide an overview of any increases or decreases in general personnel expenses for your agency.

Personnel expenses are expected to remain generally the same in FY22, aside from an expected COLA and a temporary increase in staffing due to CoVid relief. Funding has come available through state and federal emergency management sources to keep unsheltered people socially distanced in hotel rooms. We have hired three additional housing case managers to help move those individuals to permanent housing and provide stabilization support.

The cold weather staff wages are the same every year. Staff for that program generally includes 3 overnight monitors, an intake coordinator and a program manager.

Please provide a description of any changes to agency benefits structure or cost.

Our benefits costs have increased in the last few years, due to changes in health care policy. Thus far, we have been unable to afford a company plan that benefits employees more than individual purchase in the marketplace. Currently, we give each full-time employee \$3000 a year to purchase their own plan.

Budget Issues

Provide any legislative initiatives or issues that may impact the agency for the upcoming year.

State/federal grant dollars that traditionally funded homeless assistance have been shifting their priorities from shelter to housing-focused services for some time. While older shelter models have required compliance and goal achievement as a means to earn housing, best practices indicate higher success when people are housed first and provided with the supports to stabilize. National evaluations have demonstrated that 75-80% of people exit shelters to permanent housing under housing first strategies, compared with 16% in emergency shelter and 42% in transitional housing. The cost of a housing first interventions averaged \$4,000, compared with \$10K to \$20K for other strategies. Those offered housing first were generally four times LESS likely to return to homelessness.

While these initiatives have been brought in more money for housing efforts, it has increasingly meant less funds for shelter. Micah has relied heavily local governments to support to provide winter shelter.

If you are aware of “outside” funding sources that will expire or be reduced on a set cycle or date, please note those below and how you are planning for them.

Due to Covid-19, significant state and federal dollars have been channeled into operating socially distanced shelter out of hotels since March. At present, resources available are estimated to be enough for the cold weather shelter operate from hotels and keep most of the unsheltered population off the street through approximately April. If the pandemic lasts longer or safe shelter operations still require alternate arrangements for winter 2021-22, more resources will be needed from local, state and/or federal sources. Current funds also depend on the willingness of other area shelters to address new need.

Micah also anticipates some challenges at a result of the United Way's shift to focus on the ALICE (Asset, Limited, income-Constrained, Employed) population. While Micah's serves ALICE in many ways, our programs are structured for a person's worst day, which resulted in United Way's recent cut of the \$100K Micah has traditionally received for our respite and employment programs.

Please detail any identified agency needs or areas of concern that are currently not being addressed in your funding request.

In 2020, local homeless service providers have worked tirelessly to support those who have no place in which to shelter. The pandemic, however, has exposed the depth of pre-existing concerns and may be informing future best practices. For example, unprecedented resources have been allocated to permanently house homeless households with support; but it has been incredibly difficult to find units when affordable housing vacancy was already low and eviction moratoriums are further limiting the turnover of units. Additionally, congregate shelter as a safe response is likely up for debate as many such programs across the country have shut down this year or experienced rampant infection. Locally, Thurman Brisben stopped new intakes in March and the size of the winter shelter building required a re-imagined hotel operation. With potential of economic/eviction crisis following CoVid-19, our region may face unprecedented unsheltered homelessness without new housing and shelter solutions.

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Locality Information

Locality Notes

Please use the spaces below to provide any locality specific notes or statements that may be relevant to your application.

Caroline County

Approximately 3.2% of people served by the cold weather shelter report that their last fixed address was Caroline County.

City of Fredericksburg

Approximately 24.4% of the people served by the shelter report their last fixed address was in the city of Fredericksburg. The City of Fredericksburg has taken the important step of offering \$10,000 toward addressing unsheltered homelessness. This money is funneled through GWRC and historically matched by Mary Washington Hospital Foundation. That money has been subcontracted to Micah to specifically fund case management and financial assistance for moving people off the street. A number of people who were at the cold weather shelter last year benefitted from these resources. We are hopeful that other jurisdictions will step in to support this effort to move people out of a situation where they would either need to sleep on the street or utilize a winter shelter because they have no other place to go.

King George County

Approximately 4.6% of people served by the cold weather shelter report that their last fixed address was King George County.

Spotsylvania County

Approximately 22.6% of the people served by the cold weather shelter report that their last fixed address was Spotsylvania County.

Stafford County

The Cold Weather Shelter is located in Stafford county. Approximately 14.3% of the people served by the shelter report their last fixed address was in Stafford County.

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Agency Information

General Information

Agency Name Micah Ecumenical Ministries
Physical Address 1013 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA, 22401, US
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Federal Tax ID # 204044884
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Agency Mission Statement

Micah is a collaboration of churches following Christ to cultivate community and care for neighbors

Number of Years in Operation 15

Main Contact

Main Contact Meghann Cotter, phone: (540) 479-4116, email: meghann@dolovewalk.net
Job Title Executive Director

Localities Served

Please select any/all localities your agency serves.

Caroline
Fredericksburg
King George
Spotsylvania
Stafford

Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your agency were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

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Community Impact

Please provide at least 2 examples of how your services have impacted members of our community.

Example 1

Last winter, Micah found a 72-year-old blind man sleeping in front of Weis. He had recently become homeless because a person he had trusted to help him manage his money and housing was taking advantage of him. Several members of the street community helped him find his way to the Micah, the cold weather shelter and community meals. Through the cold weather shelter, the man formed a bond with another man staying there. Micah was able to facilitate a housing placement for the two of them and has set up wrap around support for the blind man, who is currently participating in a months long training program to teach him independent living skills. As for the roommate, he spent a number of months recovering from an injured foot and is now participating in Micah's income development program to regain employment.

Example 2

Almost every night that one young man attended the cold weather shelter last winter the ambulance would be called. The man had a significant seizure disorder and while living on the street struggled to maintain a good medication regimen and appropriate follow up care. The good news is that the young man had received disability as a child, but social security lost track of him when he became an adult and his foster parent stopped managing his funds. For a number of years, the funds had been collecting and he could not access them because he did not have identification. Micah assisted him in getting an ID so he could access the funds. With Micah's help, the man was also able to make a reconnection with his biological mother and relocate to live with her.

Example 3 (Optional)

Five years ago, Micah assisted an elderly homeless man transition to a nursing home when he was at a state of disability that he could no longer make decisions for himself. After several years of round the clock care, the man's condition improved such that he wanted to return to the community. Unfortunately, before an appropriate discharge plan could be developed the man's son picked him up and dropped him off back on the street in Fredericksburg. He was homeless for a number of months while Micah's team tried to find a housing option and set up appropriate care for him. Despite a difficult winter at the cold weather shelter and many months of advocating for in home support services, Micah was able to place the man into a supportive housing unit where he has done well for almost a year now. For the eight months the man was back on the street, there were countless police calls, he was arrested five times and had over 25 hospital visits. Since being back in housing he has had three hospital visits and he has not been arrested

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Program Overview

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When you have completed all questions on the form, select the "Save My Work and Mark as Completed" link/icon at the bottom or top of this page.

You may also SWITCH between forms in this application by using the SWITCH FORMS feature in the upper right corner. When switching forms, any updates to the existing form will automatically be saved.

General Information

Program Name Cold Weather Shelter

Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

Name Meghann Cotter

Title Executive Director

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Phone (540) 479-4116

Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

The Cold Weather Shelter has historically kept the homeless residents of Planning District 16 from freezing to death during the winter. The program's purpose, however, extends well beyond a bed for the night and meeting basic needs. Under the direction of state and national goals to limit the time people are homeless, reduce returns to homelessness and prevent unnecessary homelessness, all of Micah's programs are now implementing a more housing-focused approach. This means that those who come to the cold weather shelter are fully assessed for housing barriers at intake, set up with a plan to re-enter housing and prioritized based on vulnerability. Each plan connects program participants with various case managers who focus on their unique needs, such as employment, disability and mental health. Once in housing, each person receives a one-on-one housing case manager to assist with stabilization. The cold weather shelter is supported in these activities by a daytime basic needs and case management operation called the Hospitality Center, a Residential Recovery Program for homeless leaving the hospital in need of temporary or terminal care, an income development program and housing stabilization initiative.

Client Fees

Please describe the fees clients must pay for the services by this program.

All Micah services are free. However, anyone receiving services through a Micah program is invited to give back to the organization in the form of cleaning, general chores and community improvement projects. Many have been active in community service, such as trash cleanup, tree planting and other efforts that reduce costs on local governments. In FY2020, Micah launched a workforce development program that bridges people from volunteer opportunities to permanent employment. This initiative is beginning to gain traction among employers and those participating in the program. Even the most disabled among our community are finding purpose and hope for future employment.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

The need for the cold weather shelter is justified as a core safety net for those who might otherwise freeze to death during the winter. In more complex terms, the shelter has become an opportunity to provide intensive case management to the true street homeless, whose circumstances make them some of the hardest to stabilize. At no other point during the year does Micah staff have a captive audience with this population. Based on the annual homeless census conducted by the CoC, approximately 22.6% of the area's homeless originated from Spotsylvania, 24.4%, Fredericksburg, 14.3% Stafford, 4.6% Caroline and 3.2% King George. Since 2010, Micah's combination of services has resulted in a 56% decline in the number of people who have been consistently homeless for 12 months or more. Considering cuts from state and federal sources for shelter activities, Micah will not be able to sustain winter shelter operations at the same service levels without local government support.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

This is not a new program.

Target Audience and Service Delivery

Describe the program's intended audience or client base and how those clients are served.

Most program guests are ineligible to stay at other area shelters because of un-medicated mental illness, disabilities that leave them unable to work, certain criminal histories or substance abuse issues. Without a place to stay these individuals sleep outside at night, at risk of hypothermia and sickness. Without a bed and wrap-around case management, they face significant struggles in growing their resources, identifying housing and stabilizing. Most Micah guests come from places throughout Planning District 16 or rural areas nearby. Some use Micah services as they pass through the area, but most have identified the community as home because it is where they graduated high school. The shelter operates from Stafford County's 748 Kings Highway.

If your program has specific entry or application criteria, please describe it here.

Must be homeless. Guests attend various community dinners, located at churches throughout the downtown area. A bus then picks them up at the dinners at 6:30 p.m. to take them to the shelter. They are checked in, get a cot to sleep on for the night and then bussed back to Fredericksburg in the morning to be dropped off at a community breakfast and service at the day center.

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Program Budget Narrative

Please indicate in detail reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts you are requesting.

Without the full support of all local governments in Planning District 16, the cold weather shelter is always in jeopardy of returning to temperature-based or closing early. If Micah can depend on local governments to balance out its shelter budget, staff can:

- Aggressively implement case management components that both rapidly re-house and sustain those staying at the shelter, while keeping up with new state and federal program responsibilities
- Present a much more competitive application for state and federal grants.
- Have a healthy source of matching dollars for the state and federal grants, which require a dollar for dollar match.
- Make sure the shelter includes housing-focused case management components, which put our shelter closer in line with federal goals.

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

None Requested. Please note that the significant increase in shelter operation costs are due to Covid-19 response. The cold weather shelter for 2020-21 has been reimagined to operate out of hotels with additional funding support of state and federal CARES Act funds.

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

None Requested

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Program Specific Budget

Please provide your program specific budget below.

Expenses

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Personnel	42,113.00	49,973.00	50,000.00	52,210.00	25,000.00	53,000.00
Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Expenses	23,327.00	14,974.00	22,000.00	16,034.00	325,299.00	16,000.00
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	65,440.00	64,947.00	72,000.00	68,244.00	350,299.00	69,000.00

Revenues

This section represents revenue specifically associated with your program. Revenue that supports the implementation of your program and the services provided to the community.

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Caroline	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Fredericksburg	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
King George	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Spotsylvania	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Stafford	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
United Way	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Client Fees	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	5,440.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Other (Click to itemize)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	277,299.00	0.00
DHCD (Covid emergency response)					277,299.00	
Total	65,440.00	60,000.00	72,000.00	68,000.00	350,299.00	69,000.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budgeted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Budget
Surplus or Deficit	0.00	-4,947.00	0.00	-244.00	0.00	0.00

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Collaborative Impact

Efforts and Partnerships

Describe in detail examples of collaborative efforts and key partnerships between your program and the other programs or agencies in the area.

Micah is an active member of the Continuum of Care, a federally mandated coalition of agencies that coordinates monthly around homeless services. Much of our work is done through a sub-group called the System Planning Committee, which includes the four homeless service providers—Thurman Brisben, Hope House, Empowerhouse and Micah. This group of agencies has been working diligently in the last few years to align services and offer an improved crisis response system for people who become homeless or are about to be. Separately, Micah is highly linked with a number of agencies who provide service directly from our facilities. DMV comes once a month; RACSB has a full-time, mental health worker on site; Social services and the Veteran's Administration come regularly to enroll people for services. Goodwill also stations a part-time employment specialist in our building.

Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your program were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

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Number of Individuals Served

Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2017, FY2018, and FY 2019, the estimated numbers of individuals served in FY2020 and the projected numbers of individuals served in FY2021.

Locality	FY2017 (Actual)	FY2018 (Actual)	FY 2019 (Actual)	FY 2020 (Actual)	FY 2021 Projected	FY 2022 Estimate
Fredericksburg City	51	62	62	78	47	60
Caroline County	5	6	6	9	2	5
King George County	11	8	8	6	2	5
Spotsylvania County	55	62	62	54	33	50
Stafford County	50	70	70	60	37	60
Other Localities	37	23	23	30	17	20
Total	209	231	231	237	138	200

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[View Diagram](#) Goals and Objectives

Goals

Goal:

People experiencing homelessness who utilize the cold weather shelter will not return to the program the following year because they are otherwise stable indoors.

Objectives

Objectives		2018 Year End	2019 Baseline	2019 Year End	2020 Baseline	2020 Year End	2021 Baseline
85% of people staying at the cold weather shelter previously will not return in the current year.	Total # Clients Served	224	231	231	230		237
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	179	196	197	184		197
	% Achieved / Successful	79.91	84.85	85.28	80	0	83.12
95% of the region's homeless will not meet the federal definition of chronic homelessness-- people with a disability living on the street/in a shelter for a year or more or more than 4 times in a three year period, totaling 12 months-- during the annual point in time count.	Total # Clients Served	221	200	207	220		200
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	191	164	183	190		190
	% Achieved / Successful	86.43	82	88.41	86.36	0	95

Explanation & Overview

If your outcomes are significantly less than your stated objectives, please note any reasons why this might be the case

With the growing emphasis on housing those who are homeless the longest and least likely to self resolve, we continue to come relatively close to our goal. In addition, it is worth noting that chronic homelessness has been on a consistent decline since 2010, when there were 83 people who met the federal definition in the annual point in time count. In 2019, there were only 30 chronic homeless. With continued effort on housing the most vulnerable and longest time homeless, we are expecting additional decreases in 2020. The increased effort to shelter the unsheltered population in hotels through CoVid-19 is also likely to minimize the number of people who are outside during the point in time count this year.

Updates for FY2018

Please note any changes you plan to make to the program, or the stated goals and objectives, given the data you have reported

As always, the people who stayed at the shelter more than one year will receive priority assistance for housing, if they have not already. We also continue to prioritize people for housing based on who is least likely to self-resolve and been on the street the longest. We are hopeful that permanent supportive housing beds made available through RACSB this year will increase the number of mentally ill people that we can move out of the shelter. New resources from the city of Fredericksburg and state during CoVid-19 have also increased our capacity to house more people.

If you are restating the goals or objectives for the prior calendar year, please include those here

Goal:

People experiencing homelessness do not stay in a place not meant for human habitation, at risk of freezing, between the months of November and March

Objectives		2018 Year End	2019 Baseline	2019 Year End	2020 Baseline	2020 Year End	2021 Baseline
231 people staying at the cold weather shelter in one season	Total # Clients Served	224	231	231	230		237
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	224	231	231	230		237
	% Achieved / Successful	100	100	100	100	0	100
90% of people experiencing homelessness will be in a shelter rather than a place not meant for human habitation, during the winter season.	Total # Clients Served	221	200	207	220		200
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	185	180	183	198		180
	% Achieved / Successful	83.71	90	88.41	90	0	90

(Based on the annual point in time count conducted by the continuum of care in January each year)

Explanation & Overview

If your outcomes are significantly less than your stated objectives, please note any reasons why this might be the case

The second objective is based on the annual point in time count, a census conducted by the area Continuum of Care that evaluates how many people are homeless on a given night. One of the data points it collects is how many people are totally unsheltered. Based on the 2020 count, there are 13% of people homeless on any given night who are unsheltered. This is often due to personal preference related to mental health issues and social anxieties. It requires extensive outreach and support to get this population housed or into shelter, which we continue to work on. It is our goal that less than 10% would be in this situation at any point in time. Ironically, the hotel options at peak Covid response allowed the unsheltered number to decrease to just eight people who refused a hotel. If these numbers hold this coming winter with continued hotel options as shelter, our unsheltered number during the 2021 point in time count could be as low as 4%.

Updates for FY2018

Please note any changes you plan to make to the program, or the stated goals and objectives, given the data you have reported

Covid-19 has posed significant challenges to operating the congregate setting at 748 Kings Highway. Thankfully, hotel funding continues to be available through the CARES Act to accommodate unsheltered persons in socially distanced ways. While the 20-21 season will look different, we do believe that the effort to shelter people this winter will be more targeted to those with the highest needs. At the present moment, our plans for the 21-22 season are to return to 748 Kings Highway. However, there are many unknowns about the pandemic and what it might mean for next year's season. We will continue to evaluate as more information is available.

If you are restating the goals or objectives for the prior calendar year, please include those here