



Los Amigos

TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING



Border Area Mental Health Services, Inc., dba

SOUTHWEST
COUNSELING CENTER, INC.

We are dedicated to providing the highest quality Behavioral Health Services delivered with compassion and respect, and in a manner that enhances recovery and resiliency.

Our Philosophy - *We seek to “implement programs and services that assist individuals with behavioral health issues (including alcohol and other drug abuse) to control the symptoms of the illness; to develop the skills and acquire the supports and resources they need to succeed where they choose to live, learn, and work; and to maintain responsibility, to the greatest extent possible, for setting their own goals, directing their own lives, and acting responsibly as members of the community.*

Los Amigos

- **Housing**

- Short-term and Long-term stays (up to 18 months)
- Income-appropriate rent
- Stay until they acquire suitable and permanent supportive housing

- **Professional Staff**

- Available 24/7
- Trained in crisis intervention and mental health care
- Empathetic and responsive to clients' unique situations

- **Continuum of Services**

- Employment assistance
- Screening and providing behavioral health services (medication management and therapy)
- Familial integration
- Assist with accessing other long-term housing and services based on individual needs



Statement of Need



According to New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 2022 Housing New Mexico: A Call to Action, *"A call to action to create stable housing environments for persons experiencing homelessness and with special needs"* is required. www.nmceh.org

We plan to bridge this gap and provide both transitional housing and the required behavioral health needs of these residents.

Benefits & Community Well-Being

1

Already establish 32-room facilities which could house up to 50 residents, owned by Southwest Counseling Center (SWCC), a community mental health center (CMHC)

2

Provide the housing, behavioral health needs - medication management with a prescriber and therapy, case management, wrap-around service, social services, access to educational and employment opportunities

3

Provide necessary support, reduce recidivism, improve public safety, foster familial connections, reduce emergency medical services and incarceration expenses

Reduction in recidivism rates

Strengthening of family and social connections

Economic savings for the city & state

Improved community well-being & safety

Cost Savings

Cost Effectiveness - Many of the services provided may be insurance reimbursable. In addition, the cost of living in traditional housing is significantly less expensive than the cost of emergency medical services, incarceration, and police involvement, making it a cost-effective solution for our community.

"...blaming, criminalizing, and moving people from streets to jails does not solve homelessness or fix the systems that created it." United States Interagency Council on Homelessness www.usich.gov



Project Funding

- Plan, Outreach, Recruitment, and Engagement
- Intake and Assessment
- Treatment Plans
- Employment & Job Training Services
- Collaboration & Support Services
- Reaching Underserved Communities
- Additional Social Services

Project Funding, cont.

The requested funding will allow for Los Amigos Transitional Housing Project to provide the infrastructure, first year staff salaries and benefits, contracts, operations, and administrative cost.



Project Design

- Survey / needs assessment - determine expectations, needs, and collaboration
- Continual networking, meeting with stakeholders, learning, problem solving, and collaborating
- Second survey to identify work groups in medical, behavioral health, education, job placement, career advancement, housing, judicial system, courts, jail/prison, and hospitalization
- Prioritize greatest need(s) and challenges
- Continual expansion of community-based members (resources)
- Strengthen operational collaboration within the provider network



Thank You

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