



October 2, 2023

Transition Projects, Inc

My name is Miro Paljevic, and I am the Vice President of Housing Services at Transition Projects. It is my pleasure to endorse Community Warehouse's proposal for direct funding for furniture bank services.

TPI is a leader in transitioning people from homelessness into housing. We facilitate hundreds of housing placements each year throughout the Portland Metropolitan area.

Community Warehouse has been a consistent and reliable resource for our program. Community Warehouse supports our ability to provide our participants with the foundations they need to develop and grow their own homes and futures. When working as a case manager, I remember taking my participants to Community Warehouse and seeing their faces light up when they realized that they could make their new living space into a real home simply by furnishing it. This is a joy that we hope can be expanded through Community Warehouse's proposal.

We make over 200 referrals to Community Warehouse every year. This represents over \$40,000 in our budget to pay for CW fees. This expense is not covered by HUD funding. Neither are delivery and furniture costs. We must prioritize our general client assistance dollars to cover these fees. By doing so, we lose the ability to use that funding to move people into housing. \$40,000 represents 10-20 people moving from homelessness into a home.

Community Warehouse's proposal will address this gap in funding for our local housing continuum. This will free up resources, build more capacity in the system, benefit referring agencies like TPI, and support our participants.

With County support, Community Warehouse and TPI will be more efficient and effective collaborators to help our clients make the momentous transition from homelessness into permanent housing. On behalf of TPI and our clients, I strongly encourage you to consider Community Warehouse's proposal.

With appreciation,

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OUR JUST FUTURE

October 6, 2023

RE: Statement of support for Community Warehouse's funding request

Community Warehouse (CW) has been a longtime valued resource for the families in our housing placement programs who are literally homeless and some who may have experienced chronic homelessness. We have utilized CW to furnish the homes of many of our participants and the families are always so appreciative of the assistance, especially those who have only a bag of clothes that they brought from shelter.

Our Permanent Supportive Housing Program budgets often are not fully funded to be able to include client assistance. Providers must make the difficult decision to move funding between funding lines to meet the needs of the staffing/operational costs and direct client assistance availability. Families sometimes state that they will find transportation if we can still provide them a referral to Community Warehouse if no funds are available to pay for the optional delivery fee. In these situations, families may be creating more debt that they owe to family and friends for helping them move.

With support for Community Warehouse to be able to refer families at no cost, this would mean that families could fully furnish their homes without any financial barriers for us or them to navigate. This also supports our organization because it reduces the administrative indirect costs for requesting and issuing payments to CW as a vendor. These costs would not normally be reimbursed to our organization through client assistance payments. Any funds we may have used for Community Warehouse could then be applied to other needs the family may have.

Our Just Future is in full support of this funding request that Community Warehouse is making and we look forward to continuing to be partners in supporting our community.

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Interim Chief Program Officer at Our Just Future



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October 8, 2023

Dear Community Warehouse Team,

I want to express our deep appreciation for the critical support your organization provides to our Path Home participants. You are instrumental in assisting our clients as they transition into stable housing.

We work closely with Community Warehouse, almost on a weekly basis, and the impact you have on our clients is immeasurable. Your help with furnishing homes and facilitating moving services simplifies and improves their path to stability and comfort.

It's crucial to highlight the dire affordability challenge when it comes to rent in our community. By waiving the service fees for moving and furniture, we could collectively save tens of thousands of dollars. These funds could then be channeled directly towards rent assistance for the families we serve, easing the financial burden and allowing them to maintain stable housing.

Your ongoing collaboration with Path Home is not just making a meaningful difference; it's addressing a pressing issue in our community. Your partnership translates into substantial financial savings for our clients and ensures that they have more resources available for rent assistance.

We are truly grateful for your dedication to our shared mission, which directly affects the well-being of families in our community.

Thank you for all that you do.

The Path Home Housing Team