

Community Funding Request Application

Organization Information

Name Rescue Community Center

Address of Organization: 4180 Green Valley Rd, PO Box 206, Rescue, CA 95672

Type: Non-profit Public Community Organization (informal Nonprofit)

Event/Project for which funds are requested: Request funding for lost revenue in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid

Event/Project Location: Rescue Community Center

Event Date/Project timeline: N/A

Website: RescueCommunityCenter.com

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Total Amount Requested (Limit: \$5,000): \$5,000

Event/Project Description

1. Describe the purpose of the event/project/organization for which funds are being requested.

The Rescue Community Center is a 501(c)4 organization that maintains and operates the Rescue Community Center for Rescue, CA and surrounding area. The community center was built in 1952 and serves as a venue for weddings, parties, memorials and fund raisers. Until 2019, most of our revenue came from renting out the center to private parties for weddings, parties, etc. In 2019 our board embarked on an initiative to bring the community closer together along with raising funds for much needed work on the building. Much of the building is still in its original condition and needs to be upgraded/replaced. We are in need of new windows, doors, floors, electric panel, wiring, refrigerator and much more. Our plan was to hold several community events throughout the upcoming years to raise money while at the same time providing an opportunity for our community to come together to socialize and network. Our planned events included summer BBQ's, craft fairs, Father's Day breakfast and a crab feed. Due to being closed down for COVID we were not able to conduct most of these events. Additionally, we were not being able to rent out the community center for wedding, parties, etc. Our nonprofit lost \$13,150 in rental revenue for 2020 and \$3,700 in 2021, when

compared to pre- COVID annual revenues We estimate we missed out on approximately \$15,000 in potential profit from planned community events we weren't able to have in 2020 and \$5,000 in 2021. We appreciate the Board's understanding of the importance of maintaining and operating community centers in our small, rural communities and request \$5,000 to replace lost revenues in 2020 and 2021.

2. How will the event/project support or produce a public benefit to El Dorado County?

The Recue Community Center is currently the only community center serving the residents of Rescue.

Midway through 2021 we were able to start executing our plan of community gathering fundraisers. Most of the money we raised in 2021 and into 2022 went to replenishing our bank account as the funds were greatly depleted from having almost no income in 2020 and greatly reduced in 2021. Since we began our community events we have started gaining momentum and support within the community. This said, we still struggle to raise enough funds to embark on our improvement projects. An updated community center would make it more desirable for potential renters, who some in the past have not rented because of the very dated interior.