

Lawrence, Sharon

From: Vough, Matthew
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 1:20 PM
To: McGinley, Tim; Lawrence, Sharon
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]: DDAP Funding
Attachments: New Roots Support Letter.docx

I attached the letter of support.

Sharon- can you put it on county letter head and add spots for support signatures from the rest of council? If it needs to be adjusted let me know.

Thanks

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From: Vough, Matthew
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:45:18 AM
To: McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>; Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>; Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL]: DDAP Funding

I know it's short notice but can we add to voting session? Would like council to send a support letter

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From: Sarah Helcoski <shelcoski@newrootspa.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 1:47:39 PM
To: Vough, Matthew <matthew.vough@luzernecounty.org>
Cc: Kristen Topolski <ktopolski@newrootspa.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: DDAP Funding

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Good Afternoon Matt,

Last week we received notification from NBHCC about a DDAP funding opportunity that is a good match for New Roots Recovery Support Center. See link below:

<https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Documents/GIFA/GIFA%2019-02%20Community%20Recovery%20Support%20Services.pdf>

I am currently drafting the application and New Roots is required to demonstrate that we will:

1. Provide outreach and engagement of individuals with an OUD in need of recovery support services
2. Expand support services provided within a community setting

As you know, New Roots strives to be a center that provides outreach, resources and support for individuals with Substance Use Disorders and their families. We have already moved to additionally provide community based Certified Recovery Specialists, and with this funding we are looking to add additional employees and resources, as we have quickly learned of the growing need of this type of support.

Therefore, I was wondering if you would be willing to provide a letter of support for New Roots to include with the application to DDAP. My goal is to have the application completed by 9/27. I apologize for the late request but if you would be willing to provide any type of support with a letter, it would be very much appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks again for all of the work you do!

Sarah

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Sarah Helcoski, M.S.

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September 23, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter voices our strong support on behalf of New Roots Recovery Center in regards to a funding opportunity from the DDAP. Since New Roots first opened they have been a great addition to Luzerne County and we support and appreciate the great work that they do.

New Roots strives to be a center that provides outreach, resources and support for individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders and their families. They have already moved to additionally provide community based Certified Recovery Specialist, and with this funding they could add additional employees and resources to better the community.

While it is a nationwide issue, our county is disproportionately affected by substance abuse, especially the opioid epidemic. The death toll from overdoses increased again last year. Any kind of funding to New Roots Recovery Center would be a great benefit to our community. We thank you for any and all assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely,

Luzerne County Council

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Signed this 24th day of September 2019 by the Luzerne County Council:

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