

County of Lancaster

Request for ARPA Funding

Organization ALPHA – Alliance for Low-Income Personal Care Home Advancement **Date** May 31, 2022

Submitted By Cynthia Gartman, Convenor **Authorized Signature**  _____
Email Address: _____

Please attach any supporting documentation for consideration. Submission should be in PDF Format.

<p>Project/Item Description</p>	<p>To assist and enable the low-income Personal Care Homes in Lancaster County to meet the demands of our current healthcare issues and be better prepared for future pandemics or other healthcare crises. There are 11 Personal Care Homes in Lancaster County that specifically serve low-income individuals.</p> <p>To be better prepared, we are specifically requesting funds out of the County’s Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act to help these homes build space for social distancing, isolation and can have improved cleanliness and a better pandemic response. There are 11 low-income PCHs in Lancaster County that support 479 low-income individuals. This project would allow these 11 Personal Care Homes to better care for low-income senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities that need supportive assistance to live and for these homes be better prepared for any on-going public health emergency.</p>
<p>Estimated Cost – how cost was derived & provision of partner funds (who is providing, how much and show commitments).</p>	<p>Attached to this form is the project that came out of a meeting in August 2020 that ALPHA Convenor, Cynthia Gartman had with Larry George and Patrick Mulligan. The report demonstrates both the needs of these homes and how your investment in these low-income Personal Care Homes would provide for a brighter future for our low-income seniors and those with disabilities that need supportive assistance.</p> <p>A request is made for \$100,000 per Personal Care Home or 1.1 million dollars, specifically for construction and renovation infrastructure dollars.</p>
<p>Which County ARPA Community-wide Benefit(s) does the project meet?</p>	<p>This project will meet community-wide benefits numbers 6 and 7. Planning and/or mitigation for disease prevention and control in congregate settings and Affordable housing that serves senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities.</p>
<p>Briefly explain how the project meets the County’s guidelines.</p>	<p>These projects provide an indispensable piece of the long-term healthcare continuum in Lancaster County. Without this assistance, these homes may be forced to close and these at-risk senior citizens and persons with a disability will have no available housing with supportive assistance. As a result, homelessness would increase and the hospital systems would be further taxed.</p>
<p>Why should this project be a priority and how will it help the County? Also, if this application is for more than one project, please identify each one, provide information and rank them in order of your priority.</p>	<p>These low-income Personal Care Homes provide direct support to Lancaster County in many ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relieve the burden on our health care system by freeing up bed space in both hospitals and nursing facilities. 2. Provide a support system for low-income seniors and those with disabilities with needs, avoiding further danger without critical supervision and support. This directly benefits not only the individuals, but also supports the difficult work that the Area Agency on Aging conducts daily. 3. 11 Employers of Choice – with skilled and less skilled labor opportunities for about 185 positions. 4. Companion Business Purchasing Power with Pharmacies, Grocery Stores. Home Maintenance Trades, Doctors, Home Health and Non-Medical Care companies benefitting from the needs of these low-income PCHs. 5. Keeping Lancaster County residents in Lancaster County, not moving to other counties.
<p>Will this project require ongoing expense (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses</p>	<p>This is a one-time project request.</p>

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already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project?	
Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed.	All 11 constructions projects will take cumulatively about 18 to 24 months. We would suggest funding be released by the individual construction project at 33%, 66% and 100% completion strike points.
Are there other organizations a part of this project? If yes, please list them and their role, including funding. If not, explain why?	<p>Yes, each SSI home and contractor is identified on the attached report. We would further suggest that the funding checks be written out to both the SSI Home and the Construction Company, like an insurance check.</p> <p>Additionally, ALPHA is prepared to help these low-income Personal Care Homes in Lancaster County as well. We have expanded our direct support organization to provide these homes with assistance ranging from business coaching to advocacy and resources. As we build out our ALPHA organization in Lancaster County, we will have an eye towards helping these homes become more sustainable.</p>

ARPA Committee Comments	
ARPA Committee Recommendation	
Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval)	\$