County of Lancaster
Request for ARPA Funding

Organization	DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT CENTER **Date** August 22, 2022
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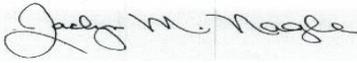
Please attach any supporting documentation for consideration. Submission should be in PDF Format.

Project/Item Description	Nursing Home Transition
Clearly state the amount being requested. What is the total cost? How was the cost derived?	$671,000 Please see attached expense spreadsheet for breakdown.
Which County ARPA Community-wide Benefit(s) does the project meet?	Lancaster
Briefly explain how the project meets the County's guidelines.	Please see below.
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.	Please see below.
Will this project require ongoing expense (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project?	After the 1st year, Residents that are transitioned from the nursing home will have one year to find housing within the community which will allow others to move in with funding from the Office of Long Term Living. We will also partner with a developer to manage the building purchased.
Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed.	Please see below.
Are other organizations part of this project? If yes, please list them and their role, including funding. If not, explain why.	The Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) will provide funding after the first year to transition other community members from nursing homes.

ARPA Committee Comments	

ARPA Committee Recommendation	

Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval)	$

Nursing Home Transition (NHT) Development Program

NEED -Why do we need a nursing home transition program?

Any day, any hour, any minute of our lives could change by a catastrophic event; people with congenital disabilities may go through many changes throughout their life which will affect their independence; people are put into institutions because they are told they have no other option.

Nursing facilities (NF) breed infectious disease, as was enhanced and well borne out during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, Pennsylvania was ranked the number one state for deaths in NF due to COVID-19 in the United States. NF are not aggressive rehabilitation centers, therefore people who hope to get stronger and leave, rarely do.

Disability Empowerment Center (DEC) would like to develop our own NHT COORDINATORS Program. We are thinking outside of the box! The PA State NHT COORDINATORS program is not working well and is cumbersome. When Pennsylvania first began this vital program, the CILs were the obvious choice to deliver the program as we were doing transitions for years. Our mantra since CILs began started with the concept of Consumer Choice and Transitioning people from NF and other institutions to the Community with services. When the state provided funding, we were able to do much more for our consumers. Jump ahead a decade, and the state now contracts with managed care organizations (MCO) (insurance companies), who do have a bottom line, and are profit organizations…CILs are not.

With guidelines, procedures, and spending tables, we can provide more for our consumers, and track/follow through during and after the transition. We need to cut out the middleman!

Disability Empowerment Center (DEC) would like to be considered as an organization that can fulfill the guideline of "Affordable housing that serves senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities, or housing for low-to-moderate income households that also provide assistance working toward financial stability, affording market rate housing and/or homeownership". Research shows that the biggest age population of those who find themselves in nursing facilities are between the ages of 35-54 due to illness or injury. A majority of those admitted to nursing homes are there due to lack of accessibility or support within their community.

The funding that is requested would allow our organization to purchase a building that would be designed to provide 12 individuals with an apartment for one year. In addition, the funds would be used for household goods, transportation, and any medical devices and supplies that are not covered by their health insurance. Within that year our NHT COORDINATORS will work with the individual to attain other suitable housing. The residents will also be expected to pay rent that is equal 30% of their monthly income when it is received. This is the standard percentage of income for subsidized housing. If they don't currently receive income when they are transitioning, the NHT COORDINATORS will work with them to receive financial assistance through county and state resources.

To maintain the funding for the building and the program moving forward our organization will partner with a developer. Future funding for other residents transitioning after the first year will be covered with the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL). O TL is the state agency who is responsible for the nursing home transition state program within the Commonwealth. Rent collected and future fundraising or collaborations with other organizations will help us maintain the program as it is designed. Below is our proposed budget:

**Please note that the building purchase includes any accessibility modifications that may be needed. The funding needed is as follows:

Expense Line Item	Costs
Building purchase and 1 year upkeep	500,000.00
NHT Coordinator supervisor salary and benefits	41,000.00
NHT Coordinator I salary and benefits	38,000.00
Building Manager salary (1 year) and benefits	38,000.00
Transportation (for 12 people)	6,000.00
Household Furniture (for 12 people)	38,400.00
Medical devices and supplies (not covered)	6,000.00
Food for one month (for 12 people)	3,600
Totals	671,000.00

The proposed project timeline is as follows: *Funding will be needed as soon as possible to begin.

Time Period	Activity
September 1, 2022 - October 31, 2022	Enter into contract with a developer for building management and construction and ADA requirements
November 2022 - December 2022	Secure building/ make needed modifications
December 2022 - January 30, 2023	Hire NHT COORDINATORS
February 1, 2023- May 31, 2023	Receive resident information from IEB (12) and begin the assessment
June 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	Move in residents, set up their apartments, and ensure services are started.
September 1, 2023 - October 31, 2022	Monitor their transitions, complete evaluation, and come up with a plan to move out within 12 months.