



## CITY OF LA CROSSE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Please note that previous funding amounts are not a guarantee for continued support and any funding amount may be based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, performance, available City funds, and collaborating efforts by your organization with similar organizations.

### Contact Information

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### Proposal Summary

**Project Name**

Navigation Services

**Total amount of City funds your agency is requesting**

\$36,000.00

**Will any new jobs be created as a result of the project?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**If so, how many?**

Providing this funding will allow us to support clients to employment opportunities and jobs.

**What benefit has your organization provided to the La Crosse community, and specifically to the City, in 2024?**

Next Chapter La Crosse provides housing and supportive services to individuals and families that have been involved with incarceration. As a result of these services, we address homelessness, crime, substance use, and recidivism all factors that impact our community. These focus areas contribute to public safety and community health.

Our services also tap into the lived experience of those we serve. Those that are progressing have space to mentor people as leaders in our program, we have also hired four people that have lived experience with substance use and incarceration, since we started this organization.

**What does your organization have planned for the remainder of 2024 (that is of benefit to La Crosse, and specifically the City)?**

For 2025, we plan to continue to house and provide services for approximately, 30 men total throughout our service model to those that are La Crosse residents. This will occur through our services to men that are incarcerated in the county jail and/or prison (5-10 men). We will also transport men from the jail to long term treatment and maintain the relationship until they complete their 6-month treatment (7-10 clients). We will also provide coordinated services to those that live in the home (10-14 residents).

**What does your organization plan to accomplish with the help of City funding in 2025?**

Next Chapter La Crosse will support the City in co-creating a housing plan to this specific demographic. We will provide ongoing services with a high likelihood of public safety and health. We will continue to provide the services mentioned above at an increased level, likely doubling the numbers of those served.

Our hope is to be able to get our housing qualified for Housing Supportive Services provided by the City of La Crosse. This partnership will provide a consistent housing opportunity for those in need (a need of the city's population at risk of being homeless), this could also provide a stable income source for Next Chapter LaCrosse, which contributes to long term sustainability

## Organization Details

### Legal status of organization

Private, Non-Profit

### Federal Tax Identification Number

83-4404743

### What was your organization's total operating budget for the past year?

\$216,000.00

### Has your organization received City funds in the past?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### If yes, how much has your organization received and how many years has your organization participated in the program?

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## Organization Structure

### Attach the following documents (check off as you upload each file below)

- ☐ Concise organization chart showing your agency's major administrative structure
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- ☐ List of Board of Directors
- ☐ Current agency budget
- ☐ Current project activity budget if currently funded
- ☐ Other financial forms: Form 990, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, et al.

### File Upload

Articles of Incorporation with Filing Receipt (1).pdf	3.68MB
NCL Budget 2024 Proposal Revised.pdf	275.52KB
04 Form 1023 Budget.pdf	86.13KB
990 non Printing etc 2023.xlsx	10.34KB
990 Occupancy etc 2023.xlsx	10KB
990 Salaries 2023.xlsx	9.92KB
2023 Form 990ez Sch B.pdf	49.91KB
NCL Budget 2024 Proposal Revised.pdf	275.52KB
NCLX Board of Directors.docx	49.31KB

### What is your agency's primary funding source(s)?

Next Chapter La Crosse's primary funding source is from individual donors and local faith-based communities, and historically we have received money from local foundations.

### What percent of your anticipated total project budget does this City request represent?

2 months of funding

### What other source(s) of funds could your organization pursue? Does your organization receive similar funding from other municipalities?

We have recently developed a fundraising strategy and are working on the following:

A monthly donation campaign that we have launched

Monthly events that bring in approximately \$1,000

Housing Support Funding

Exploring a contractual partnership with La Crosse County Probation/Corrections

## Proposal Details

### Provide an overview of the program (this pertains only to the activity for which you are seeking funds).

Next Chapter La Crosse currently provides supportive services to those that are incarcerated, being transferred to long term treatment and while they are in treatment, and will ultimately come into our Housing Program.

While involved with Next Chapter La Crosse we are addressing, criminal thinking (using Thinking for Change strategies), connecting the participant with a mentor, addressing any outstanding debt/restitution through budgeting and job placement services.

**Specifically state how the requested funds will be used.**

These funds will help support an individual while in our program. It will support their personal needs (food, bedding, hygiene's, and other self-care products), allowances for monthly group activities, and other items provided by Next Chapter La Crosse. The funding will also support a portion of staffing expenses for those providing the direct services.

**State the specific local needs and problems that your proposal intends to address.**

The primary focus will be to address those that are high-risk for recidivating, relapse, and homelessness.

Recidivism: Through providing housing, linked with services. Addressing core needs (employment, financial discipline and budgeting, change of behavioral patterns-safety planning, etc.)

Relapse: Connect the individual to a healthy community that are both peers and professionals-we currently have a Licensed Graduate Social Worker on staff, previous business owner, and others that have been deeply invested in community.

Housing: We connect people to safe sober housing at our home or to other options through community partnerships.

**Identify the project target population your proposed program or activity will serve. Include unique characteristics such as: ethnicity/race, age, disability, income level.**

A significant number of our cliental are from BIPOC communities. All are historically underserved and have been impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences. This same cliental are currently being serviced by local corrections.

Age: 18 plus

Income level: Represented by poverty levels

**Describe methods used to measure success in achieving objectives and specifically meeting needs of the target population.**

We measure success through case planning and goal setting. Our goal is to ensure employment, attending weekly meetings addressing sober living/practices, addressing debt and/or restitution. We also work to get our cliental connected to a faith-based community which serves as a healthy protective factor.

**If more than one agency within the La Crosse area deals with similar problems or clients that you have identified, describe how your agency coordinates tasks and responsibility with these other agencies and how duplication of services will be avoided.**

Our strongest partnership is with La Crosse Community Corrections and the local jail. This is where the individual is generally referred to us from. We also develop shared practices and accountability with these two partners as the individual maintains involvement with our agencies/programs.

We partner with local treatment centers and outpatient services. We also partner with employment agencies, etc. to get them connected to jobs. We also partner with local food services.