

Narrative

Case Id: 31104

Name: New Horizons; Homicide Prevention Shelter;

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Narrative

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Please provide a narrative regarding any accomplishments or barriers during this quarter. You may also upload any supporting documentation below.

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Name: New Horizons; Homicide Prevention Shelter;

Report Id: 324: 7/1/2025-9/30/2025

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Narrative

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Of the 28 unduplicated individuals from the City of La Crosse who received shelter services during the reporting period, 1 person left shelter to a rental with no ongoing housing subsidy.

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Name: New Horizons; Homicide Prevention Shelter;

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Narrative

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Of the 9 clients served from the City of La Crosse, all 9 still remain in our shelter.

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Name: New Horizons; Homicide Prevention Shelter;

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Narrative

Please provide the following information.

Please provide a narrative regarding any accomplishments or barriers during this quarter. You may also upload any supporting documentation below.

No accomplishments or barriers to share at this time.

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Final Report

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Name: New Horizons; Homicide Prevention Shelter;

Report Id: 316: 4/1/2025-3/31/2026

Final Report

Please provide the following information.

1. Briefly describe the public service activity and its purpose. Mention who the activity was intended to help and the community need it addressed.

This grant supported the facilities manager, whose time is primarily spent at our homicide prevention shelter. Our shelter serves individuals and families fleeing from domestic/sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking.

2. Summarize key accomplishments, such as the number of people served, types of services provided, and any specific outcomes achieved.

Between 4/1/25-3/31/26, we provided 72 unduplicated individuals with 3,479 bed nights of shelter. While this number is lower than anticipated, we believe this is due to our decision mid-2025 to extend maximum length of shelter stays from 90 to 120 days.

3. Explain how the activity has positively affected the community. Describe the changes in quality of life, access to resources, or any specific benefits for the target population.

Our homicide prevention shelter does a lot more than provide a safe place to stay; it creates ripple effects that strengthen the entire community. It increases safety for everyone: When survivors have a place to go, it interrupts cycles of violence. That reduces repeat incidents, emergency calls, and harm not just to individuals, but to neighborhoods as a whole. It supports long-term stability: Shelters help people access housing, employment, childcare, and legal support. When survivors regain stability, they're better able to contribute to the community—economically and socially. It protects and supports children: Kids who experience violence are at higher risk for long-term challenges. Shelters provide trauma-informed care, helping children heal and succeed in school and relationships, which benefits future generations. It reduces strain on public systems: By providing early intervention, shelters can decrease reliance on law enforcement, healthcare systems, and emergency services—saving community resources over time. It raises awareness and prevention: DV shelters often lead education efforts around healthy relationships, consent, and bystander intervention. That kind of prevention work helps shift community norms and reduce violence overall. It builds a culture of support and accountability. When a community visibly supports survivors, it sends a clear message: abuse isn't tolerated here. That encourages more people to seek help and more accountability for those causing harm.

4. Briefly mention any challenges faced during the project and how they were addressed. This demonstrates adaptability and problem-solving.

Our largest barrier is not having enough space for everyone who needs it. Here are some of the key challenges: Turning survivors away: The hardest reality is that some people seeking safety may be told there's no room. That can mean staying in or returning to a dangerous situation, or scrambling to find alternatives that may not be safe or supportive. Increased risk and escalation: Without immediate access to shelter, survivors face a higher risk of continued or escalating violence, especially during the time they're trying to leave, which is often the most dangerous period. Strain on other community resources: When shelters are full, survivors may turn to hospitals, law enforcement, or homelessness services, which may not be equipped to provide trauma-informed, DV-specific support.

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Hidden homelessness Many survivors end up “couch surfing” or staying with friends/family. While it may seem like a temporary fix, it can be unstable and isolating—and often keeps the situation invisible. Barriers to leaving Knowing there may not be space can discourage survivors from even attempting to leave, especially if they have children, pets, or complex needs. Staff burnout and moral distress: Advocates often carry the emotional weight of not being able to help everyone. Turning someone away goes against the core mission and can lead to burnout. Equity gaps widen: Limited space can disproportionately affect survivors with additional barriers, such as those with disabilities, larger families, language barriers, or those from marginalized communities. Longer-term system impact: When people can’t access shelter early, crises often deepen, leading to longer shelter stays later, greater financial needs, and more intensive services.

5. Include any success stories or testimonials.

One of our clients just aged out of the foster care system. The last few years she has been sex trafficked by her boyfriend who often uses emotional manipulation and drugs to coerce her into doing things for him. He often only requests she see him when he is need of money or drugs. He will use her emotional attachment against her and refuse to contact her or update her, knowing that she will go looking for him. By the time he reaches out again she is there waiting for him. Recently she was worried that he was detained by ICE or arrested and taken to Milwaukee. Together we called the La Crosse jail and also the Milwaukee jail to see if he was there. After 3 days she finally heard from him, and he informed her he was house sitting for a friend and safe the entire time. We are hoping that her time at shelter can focus on safety and learning what that looks like and does not look like. If we are able to show her kindness, understanding, and support there is a greater chance that one day she will be able to heal and move on from this part of her life.