



**Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Investment Connection Proposal**

Proposal title	St. John Center Shelter and Social Services
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Organization name/address	St. John Center, Inc. same Louisville, KY 40202
Mission statement	St. John Center’s mission is to help homeless men address barriers to self-sufficiency and housing so that they may leave homelessness for good. By providing shelter, social services, supportive housing, and serving as a hub with partner agencies, St. John Center is where homeless men “seek help, find hope, and move home.”
Overview of organization	<p>The St. John Center for Homeless Men is an emergency day shelter that provides critical social services to homeless adult males, including housing support, mental health counseling, and job placement assistance. Located in a low-income tract in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, the Center serves an average of 2,000 men each month, many of whom visit multiple times. St. John Center’s focus on providing long term solutions to homeless men through assistance with permanent affordable housing and employment makes them an ideal CRA partner supporting several key facets of community development.</p> <p>SJC is staffed with social workers and case managers who helped 193 clients overcome barriers to housing last fiscal year. The Center is open every day and offers a myriad of essential social services, all with a common goal of helping clients solve the problems that prevent them from acquiring and maintaining housing. SJC is a low-barrier shelter that takes clients as they</p>

	<p>are. SJC operates a permanent supportive housing program, a housing counseling program, and an employment assistance program. It also welcomes representatives from several partner agencies.</p> <p>These are just a few of SJC’s accomplishments last fiscal year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81 men currently enrolled in the Permanent Supportive Housing program, which provides intensive case management support and leasing funds for chronically homeless men, many of whom suffer from physical and/or mental disabilities. • 517 in-house and official state identification cards provided to clients, which allow clients to apply for jobs and apartments. • 47 men found full-time, permanent work through the Employment Assistance project. This program will expand in 2018 to including a dedicated housing counselor who will work one-on-one with the newly-employed men to help them locate housing and provide support as they transition into their new homes.
Website	http://www.stjohncenter.org
Social media link(s)	Facebook https://www.facebook.com/St.JohnCenter/
Location of project/activity	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN (MSA) Kentucky Jefferson County
Geographic Impact	Citywide Countywide Multicounty Neighborhood(s)
Support request	Grant
Requested dollar amount	\$50,000
Proposal description and structure	<p>Funding will support SJC’s emergency day shelter and social services programs. When a client arrives for the first time, he meets with one of the Center’s social services staff. Depending on his needs, he might then receive aid for transportation, help ordering a birth certificate and ID card, referrals to SJC’s case managers or housing counselors, encouragement to meet with SJC’s Employment Specialist for help with job resources, referrals to outside agencies for medical, psychological, or substance abuse help, and aid with any other problems or issues he faces that might impede his path to regaining self-sufficiency and accessing housing.</p>

	Each of these small steps builds upon the previous one, with the intent of leading the client to locate a source of income, an apartment, and/or treatment for medical, mental health, or substance abuse problems. SJC's goal for each client is to give him the tools he needs to regain self-sufficiency and leave homelessness behind for good.
Issues addressed	Affordable Housing Community Facilities/Services Economic/Workforce Development Financial Access, Capability and Empowerment
Target population/geography	<p>St. John Center (SJC) serves homeless adult men in the Louisville area, at a rate of approximately 156 each day. All clients are LMI. Fifty-eight percent of the clients served are of an ethnic or racial minority, and many face barriers to finding housing on their own (including low income or lack of income, chronic and severe physical and mental disabilities, addictions, and lack of affordable housing available in the area). Of the men who came to the Center in fiscal year 2017-2018, 38% reported a chronic health condition, 27% reported mental illness, approximately 35-41% reported substance abuse, and 14% were veterans. SJC's clients range in age from eighteen years old to over seventy years old.</p> <p>The agency is located in Louisville's inner-city Phoenix Hill neighborhood. SJC is located half a mile from Louisville's largest overnight emergency shelter, is next to the health center dedicated to healthcare for the homeless, and within two miles of all emergency shelters in the city.</p>
Population served including income	<p>SJC serves homeless adult men in the Louisville area. All clients are LMI (data specific to SJC clients comes from the federally-mandated HMIS database). Homelessness is caused by a variety of factors, including lack of income. Homeless individuals are almost always unemployed or underemployed (see https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/what-causes-homelessness/incomeinequality/). Forty-four percent of homeless individuals work low-wage jobs. The remainder are unemployed or receive disability. (see http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/employment.html) Those seeking work face a number of barriers, including mental health problems, lack of transportation, and lack of necessary documents.</p>
Anticipated outcomes/impact	Objective 1: 90% of clients will receive services beyond basic shelter services, such as meeting with a housing counselor or case manager, meeting with a partner agency, entering the employment assistance program, or obtaining identification or verification of homelessness during fiscal year 2018-2019.

	<p>Objective 2: 400 individuals will receive housing coordination services from SJC’s housing counselor and workforce housing counselor</p> <p>Objective 3: . 180 men will enter housing through SJC’s programs and through coordination with programs at other homeless services agencies.</p>
<p>How will the program be evaluated</p>	<p>The Center tracks its effectiveness through Salesforce and the federally-mandated HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). HMIS provides data on when and where clients entered housing, and Salesforce provides specific outcomes for client services. Using both databases, SJC will track the ways clients engage with a variety of services, and how many of these clients ultimately enter housing. Data entered into these databases comes from intake sheets, client-staff meetings, partner agency records, and, for HMIS, other local homeless services agencies. SJC compiles ongoing statistics to ensure its programs remain on-track. Some of the services measured include receipt of identification cards, housing coordination activities, and job coordination activities, among many others.</p> <p>SJC also gathers a client focus group twice per year and invites Spalding University’s social work department to create and implement a client survey. These provide self-reported statistics from clients.</p>
<p>Project time frame</p>	<p>Existing Program Project Duration: Ongoing Program</p>
<p>Other significant partners in the proposal</p>	<p>Veteran’s Administration Other The VA utilizes office space at St. John Center four times per week to meet with veteran clients and help them with income, housing, and medical care. https://www.va.gov/</p> <p>Coalition for the Homeless Other SJC, along with other homeless services organizations in Louisville, works under the umbrella of the Coalition for the Homeless. The Coalition partners with SJC on federal housing grants, maintains the multi-agency HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) database, and helps ensure partnership and a minimal duplication of services among all agencies. http://louhomeless.org/</p> <p>Kentuckiana Works Other</p>

	SJC partners with Kentuckiana Works to provide job skills classes and other job-seeking services for clients of the Center's Employment Specialist. https://www.kentuckianaworks.org/
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