

**STATE'S
EXHIBIT NO. 69**

REQUEST NO. 3

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1. Who does your organization serve?

People who are experiencing poverty and homelessness.

2. What is the size of the organization (number of clients served, geographic area covered, annual budget)?

South Central Indiana

200 people a day

\$160,000 annual budget

3. What is the purpose of the organization?

The purpose is to provide safe day time shelter for individuals and families who are homeless.

Our mission is to relieving the plight of those experiencing poverty in South Central Indiana. Since access to food, housing, education, and health and human services are fundamental human rights, we seek to meet these basic human needs. As a nonprofit resource center, we deliver social services directly and in collaboration with other agencies, in a respectful and secure environment. We advocate for the most vulnerable among us and promote activities that empower people to develop their assets to the fullest extent possible.

4. Are you personally aware that many homeless persons do not have current drivers license?

Yes.

5. Are you personally aware that many homeless persons do not have current identification cards?

Yes. On any given day, fifty people are in our facilities lacking and seeking identification.

6. Are you personally aware that homeless people have difficulty in transportation (may cause difficulty in

getting to BMV for ID)?

Absolutely.

7. Are you personally aware that homeless people may not have original of birth certificate?

Absolutely!

8. Are you personally aware of difficulty in obtaining birth certificate (e.g.cost, difficulty in getting from other state)?

Yes! Absolutely! Tedious and time consuming process.

9. Are you personally aware of requirements to obtain state id from BMV?

Yes.

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1. Who does your organization serve?

Homeless families with children in Jackson County

2. What is the size of the organization?

of clients: 2005: 14 families have lived at the shelter equaling 40 people

Area: Jackson County

Annual Budget: Approx. \$115,000

3. What is the purpose of the organization?

Provide a clean, safe, drug & alcohol free, safe haven for families with children in which to foster lifetime independence.

4. Are you personally aware that many homeless persons do not have current drivers license?

Yes - we guide them through obtaining their license, savings plan to complete paying of fines, etc.

5. Are you personally aware that many homeless persons do not have current identification cards?

Yes - we help them get their ID cards including transportation to BMV and paying for the ID card.

6. Are you personally aware that homeless people have difficulty in transportation (may cause difficulty in getting to BMV for ID)?

Yes

7. Are you personally aware that homeless people may not have original of birth certificate?

Yes - we help them fill out necessary forms, pay for postage to mail & cost to obtain original birth certificate.

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8. Are you personally aware of difficulty in obtaining birth certificate (e.g.cost, difficulty in getting from other state)?

Yes - we help them fill out necessary forms, pay for postage to mail & cost to obtain original birth certificates from other states.

9. Are you personally aware of requirements to obtain state id from BMV? -

Yes. Our BMV allows a staff person from our shelter to accompany person to their office and vouch that they are living at our shelter as a proof of their residency.

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1. Who does your organization serve?

Elderly, disabled and low-income households

2. What is the size of the organization (number of clients served, geographic area covered, annual budget)?

We serve an 8 county area as an Area Agency on Aging and 4 counties as a Community Action Agency. The annual budget exceeds 8 million dollars. We provide Head Start, Weatherization, Energy Assistance, Section 8 Housing, Housing Development, Intensive Case management, Pre-Admission Screening, Information and Referral, etc....

3. What is the purpose of the organization?

To provide a better quality of life to disadvantaged citizens.

4. Are you personally aware that many homeless persons do not have current drivers license?

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5. Are you personally aware that many homeless persons do not have current identification cards?

yes

6. Are you personally aware that homeless people have difficulty in transportation (may cause difficulty in getting to BMV for ID)?

yes

7. Are you personally aware that homeless people may not have original of birth certificate?

yes

8. Are you personally aware of difficulty in obtaining birth certificate (e.g. cost, difficulty in getting from other state)?

yes

9. Are you personally aware of requirements to obtain state id from BMV?

yes

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Alternatives Incorporated operates a domestic violence emergency shelter. Our mission is as follows: Alternatives Incorporated strives to eradicate family violence in all its facets through education, intervention and prevention in Central Indiana. During Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005, we sheltered 380 women and children (203 women and 177 children). Our primary service area is Madison, Marion, Hamilton, Hancock and Henry Counties. Our annual budget is \$1,200,000.

We know for a fact that this legislation presents barriers for domestic violence victims who have often had to flee their homes with very few possessions. Often they must flee to another Indiana community because Indiana only has 29 domestic violence shelters to serve the 92 counties. On many occasions, when the police escort them back to their homes to retrieve clothing and vital information, the perpetrator has destroyed their personal items. We do literally shelter women and children who enter with only the clothing they were wearing during the domestic violence incident. Many come with little or no financial resources because they were financially dependent upon the perpetrator--only 16% of the women sheltered were employed and 95% of the 16% were earning a wage far below the self-sufficiency standard.

It is without hesitation that I state this legislation will be a burden for at least 50% (102) of the women sheltered by our organization. The legislation is clearly taking away their right to vote--a right guaranteed to Americans.