

# Council Grove Area Foundation Application for Grant

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_ Flint Hills Rebuilders, a Christmas in Action Org., Inc.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ 1479 S 975 Rd, Council Grove, KS 66846

Contact Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Carl Smitheran

Contact Person's Title \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

Is the organization tax-exempt? \_\_\_\_\_ Tax exemption, 501(c) 3, was granted Sept. 22, 2015.  
Our employer identification number is 47- 4764347 and our 990-N is up to date.

Project Title and Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_ To provide assistance to the needy in the winterization,  
repair, or accessibility of their owned homes.

Geographic Area to be served \_\_\_\_\_ The greater Morris County area.

Individual Group to be benefitted \_\_\_\_\_ Low income individuals and families.

Size of Group \_\_\_\_\_ Federal guide lines Indicate that 16.8% of Morris County residents are  
below Federal poverty guide lines.

Anticipated Project Period \_\_\_\_\_ It is hoped and planned to be perpetual.

Type of Request \_\_\_\_\_ Continued support

Total Project Cost \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000 We are guessing about the need. \$30,000 is this years  
budget. We presently have two applications that will need to be addressed in 2019.

Amount Requested from Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000/ Foundation for a total of \$30,000.  
Attached is a 2018 to date review.

Amount and Source of Pledges/Commitments to date \_\_\_\_\_ During the past 3 years,  
approximately 25% of our funds have been from individuals and community groups.  
Foundations and grants have generously provided the rest.

Other Funding Sources(and Amounts) applied for this project: \_\_\_\_\_ We are applying for \$5,000  
from seven different trust and foundations to fund 2019.

Signature Carl S. Smitheran Date 10-29-18

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1. Purpose \_\_\_\_\_ Our major purpose is to assist needy home owners so that they may stay in their owned homes.
2. Need \_\_\_\_\_ We can't predict the need. It is assumed that some years there could be more request than other years.
3. Approach \_\_\_\_\_ An application has been created to determine need. The need is presently based on the Federal poverty guideline of \$24,250 per year for a family of 4, with adjustment of \$4,160 per individual above or below that amount. We have an Executive Board, who will make the decision.
4. Support \_\_\_\_\_ A group of area volunteers are growing tired. We are finding it very difficult to complete projects, in a timely manner, solely with volunteers. At times it has been necessary to hire local professionals.
5. Coordination \_\_\_\_\_ We are not aware of another group working on this problem in this manner.
6. Our Funds \_\_\_\_\_ This money would help establish the funds needed to finance 2019 projects.
7. Anything Else \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your consideration. Attached is a 2018 review of activities requested by a Foundation.

## Flint Hills Rebuilders 2018 Review

The goal of the Flint Hills Rebuilders, a Christmas in Action Organization, is to provide affordable and reliable assistance to the needy in the winterization, repair, or accessibility of their owned homes, when they are unable to physically or financially provide it themselves. We adopted this goal in 2015. By the end of this year, we will have assisted 19 individuals or families in the greater Morris County area.

Our emergency funds, set aside for quick repairs when there is not time to fundraise, have not been needed. Those funds, \$3,000, will be on hand for when there is a need.

Our reusable aluminum, ADA approved ramps are used for accessibility needs. They have been found to be a blessing for those in need. We currently have 4 ramps installed and 3 in reserve. At present, the only cost of this program has been when we need to attach our ramp to their structure. This year that expense has been under a \$100. We have installed and deinstalled ramps 3 times this year.

We have accepted 6 applications for rebuilds during the year. Two houses have had minor repairs completed and two coats of paint applied. We will finish a once started siding job on one home. Three homes are to get new metal roofs, which should make them eligible for home insurance. One of those homes also needs an electrical update.

Donations from our community have been received from the monthly Community Table Dinners, several clubs, organizations and individuals. These groups have provided approximately 25% of our income. Trust and foundations have been very generous with their support. The Pleasant Ridge Church made a generous dissolution donation of \$10,000. Our total income for 2018, at present, is \$30,000. Currently, we have committed \$21,000 for home repairs, keeping \$3,000 set aside for emergencies, and the practice of keeping an extra 20% on hand for unexpected expenses uncovered, when working on old housing. That is a to date brief summary of 2018.