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June 23, 2017

Mr. Patrick Melvin  
McLeod County Administrator  
McLeod County Courthouse  
830 11<sup>th</sup> Street East, Suite 110  
Glencoe, MN 55336

Dear Mr. Melvin:

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for financial support by McLeod County for fiscal year 2018.

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) is an agency created by the merger of two agencies previously known as Heartland Community Action Agency and Western Community Action. Both organizations had been in existence for over 52 years prior to the merger which occurred October 1, 2016. As an agency who has spent its collective history serving vulnerable people, many of whom are in crisis, UCAP connects people in need with services that help them.

UCAP's mission is "eliminating poverty by empowering individuals and strengthening communities." We implement our mission by advocating for and providing direct services to low-income persons with services such as Outreach, SNAP Outreach, Head Start, Thrift Stores, emergency housing assistance, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Child Care Aware, health care enrollment, free tax clinics, and the Helping People Get There vehicle donation program.

A priority service for UCAP is our Outreach Program and is the initial point of contact for our clients. Outreach staff assess and identify client needs, provide information and referral about community services, and advocate and assist in accessing services. United Community Action employs one full-time and one part-time Outreach worker in our McLeod County office.

**United Community Action Partnership, Inc. is requesting \$7,000 for 2018 to support Outreach activities.** Your contribution will be used to support Outreach services so our staff is available to provide information, referral, advocacy, homeless prevention, housing assistance, crisis services, and food support to our clients, and partnerships with other local entities.

On behalf of United Community Action Partnership's clients, Board of Directors, volunteers and staff, thank you for your past and future financial support.

I look forward to attending a Commissioner's meeting in the near future to give you a personal update on UCAP's activities in McLeod County.

Sincerely,

Nancy Straw  
Executive Director

*Serving individuals and families in Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lyon, Meeker, McLeod, Redwood and Renville Counties and surrounding communities.*

*United Community Action Partnership, Inc. is an EOE / AA / ADA employer.*





## Emergency Housing

Homeless or imminently homeless households

- 245 households (514 persons) seeking assistance
- 196 number of children in households

Assistance provided

- 58 households (127 persons) – emergency lodging
- 71 households (213 persons) – past due rent
- 14 households (41 persons) – 1<sup>st</sup> month rent/deposit

Funds paid to McLeod County landlords - \$45,111

## H.O.M.E.S.



Housing Options in McLeod for Emergency Shelter

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## "Helping People Get There"

	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	Totals
Donors	3	0	3	1	7
Recipients	2	0	0	2	4

### Recipients Surveyed

	# of Recipients	# Surveyed	% Surveyed
2014	14	7	50%
2015	12	4	33%
2016	17	10	59%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>		

### Currently Employed

	# Surveyed	% Surveyed
2014	4	57%
2015	4	100%
2016	9	90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	

### Vehicle Helped Keep or Find a Job

	# Surveyed	% Surveyed
2014	7	100%
2015	4	100%
2016	10	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	

### No Longer Receiving Cash Assistance

	# Surveyed	% Surveyed
2014	3	43%
2015	4	100%
2016	9	90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	

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McLeod County MInsure Activity for 2016

Unduplicated number of persons	625
Unduplicated number of families	249

HOUSEHOLD INCOME PERCENT (Program Year PG)			
Up to 50% poverty level	43	17.27%	
Served under No Attached Poverty Guideline	41	16.47%	
51% - 75% poverty level	18	7.23%	
76% - 100% poverty level	25	10.04%	
101% - 125% poverty level	22	8.84%	
126% - 150% poverty level	27	10.84%	
151% - 175% poverty level	14	5.62%	
176% - 200% poverty level	11	4.42%	
201% poverty level and over	48	19.28%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>249</b>		

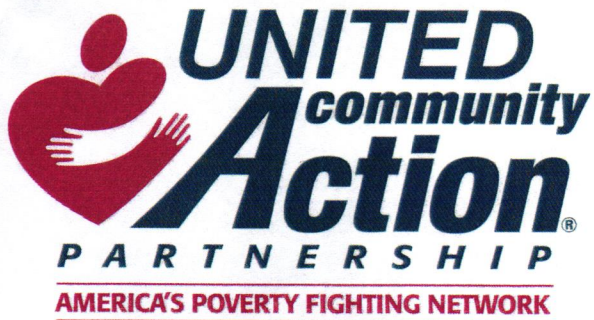
GENDER			
*No gender information obtained*	0	0.00%	
Male	278	44.48%	
Female	347	55.52%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>625</b>		

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION			
Single Parent/Female	57	22.89%	
Single Parent/Male	6	2.41%	
Two Parent family	62	24.90%	
Single Person	80	32.13%	
Two or More Adults (no children)	23	9.24%	
Other	4	1.61%	
Grandparent Raising Child(ren)	0	0.00%	
Extended Family	1	0.40%	
Mixed Adults with children	6	2.41%	
Unspecified	8	3.21%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>249</b>		

2016 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL	100%	138%	150%	200%	250%
HH 1	\$11,770.00	\$16,242.00	\$17,655.00	\$23,540.00	\$29,425.00
HH 2	\$15,930.00	\$21,983.00	\$23,895.00	\$31,860.00	\$39,825.00
HH 3	\$20,090.00	\$27,724.00	\$30,135.00	\$40,180.00	\$50,225.00
HH 4	\$24,250.00	\$33,465.00	\$36,375.00	\$48,500.00	\$60,625.00
HH 5	\$28,410.00	\$39,205.00	\$42,615.00	\$56,820.00	\$71,025.00
HH 6	\$32,570.00	\$44,946.00	\$48,855.00	\$65,140.00	\$81,425.00



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## Energy Assistance

- Assists with paying for a portion of a household's heating costs
  - 571 households served
- Assists households who are experiencing a shut-off
  - 100 households served
- Assists with furnace repairs
  - 24 households served
- Works with eight McLeod utility vendors

## B.E.S.T.

Building Energy Savings Together

These sessions are designed to help participants with outstanding energy bills to greatly reduce, or possibly eliminate, their energy debt. Participants who successfully complete a BEST class receive a credit with their electric company.

- Past two years 131 households
- 2016/2017 heating season – 54 households

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