

RESOLUTION

363-95

WHEREAS, Francis Lauer Youth Services has a critical space need due to a continual increase in the demand for shelter services in the North Iowa area in which they serve; and,

WHEREAS, this space problem must be resolved with due haste to avoid further distractions from service levels their clients are already experiencing; and,

WHEREAS, the most expeditious and cost effective solution is to construct a new youth shelter facility, residential treatment facility and offer services to families and children under one roof; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has available a financial assistance tool ideally suited to such projects entitled the Community Development Block Grant Program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY THAT MITCHELL COUNTY supports and co-sponsors an application for Community Development Block Grant Funds to construct a new facility desperately needed by Francis Lauer Youth Services to help meet the needs of the troubled youth in Mitchell County.

Passed this 24th day of October, 1995.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Don Hendrickson	<u>X</u>	___	___
Robert Lincoln	<u>X</u>	___	___
Betty McCarthy	<u>X</u>	___	___

ATTEST:

Sandra Heckstein
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County Auditor

Betty McCarthy
Chairman Betty McCarthy
Board of Supervisors

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FRANCIS LAUER YOUTH SERVICES, INC.

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October 18, 1995

Dear Chair:

I previously sent a letter letting you know we will be submitting a Community Development Block Grant through NIACOG with Cerro Gordo County agreeing to be the lead agency.

Enclosed is a resolution that we ask you to review and give consideration for approval at your next board meeting. This resolution authorizes the county to be a co-sponsor with the other 7 counties for a submission of a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Francis Lauer Youth Services.

Attached is our proposal for a new facility.

Please contact me if you have additional questions regarding the resolution. Joe Myhre from NIACOG is also available to answer questions.

My phone number is 423-7362 and Joe Myhre number is 423-0491.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hoffmaster
Executive Director

Over 25 Years of Service

October 18, 1995

**Francis Lauer Youth Services
Need for New Facility**

The Need

The following points are the reasons we are looking at a new facility.

1. Present facilities are inadequate to meet present needs and it would not be cost effective to remodel. The shelter turns away between 250-300 children annually, the Group Home can only serve one sex, we had to find a new facility for our new program opening October 1.
2. We have added new programs and present facilities cannot accommodate our present rate of growth. The number of clients has been increasing 25 percent a year.
3. State licensing has given us special accommodations to use our present facilities with the understanding that we will be developing new facilities.
4. Our present facilities are inadequate for present programming and care. This is particularly true in the areas of bedroom space, living area, recreation area, client supervision and management, and staff utilization and coverage.
5. Our residential services cannot be provided without a facility that can accommodate specialized care needs. Under lease arrangements we are subject to a landlord's desires if they would want us to vacate under the contract. This would place our agency in a difficult position to find another specialized facility to meet those specialized needs. Our present leases have a one year and sixth month notice by either party.

Benefits

1. Secure a facility to meet present and future North Iowa community needs.
2. Design a facility that better meets specialized programming needs and gives greater flexibility for program usage.
3. Strengthen local economy by growing a local business. A current loss as high as \$551,000 would remain in the North Iowa community instead of going outside the North Iowa community because the service is presently not available locally.

UTILIZATION

During the past five years, Francis Lauer Youth Services has experienced growth in utilization of nearly 125%, or nearly 25% per year.

ANNUAL # SERVED

<u>PROGRAM</u>	'89-90	'90-91	'91-92	'92-93	'93-94
Youth Shelter	236	216	297	281	268
Youth Home	32	35	25	27	30
CHOICES	(1)	(1)	(1)	20*	31
Family Centered Services	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	61
Outreach					
Individuals	(1)	N/R	N/R	N/R	214
Families	(1)	83#	95	118	(123)
	<u>268</u>	<u>334+</u>	<u>391+</u>	<u>446+</u>	<u>604</u>

N/R Figures for number of individuals served by our Outreach Program were not recorded until FY1993. Totals of persons served from 1990 through 1993 could be more depending on the number of persons per family served.

(1) Program not in existence

* Reflects period of February through June, 1993

Reflects period of November 1990 through June, 1991

Note: For the period 1991 - 1994, we were unable to admit 896 children referred to our shelter due to inadequate facilities. Since July of 1994, we have had to turn away 316 children.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED

During the past five years, Francis Lauer youth Services has served youths from more than 40 counties in the State of Iowa (see list below). The majority of the clients served by Francis Lauer Youth Services come from Cerro Gordo and surrounding counties in North Central Iowa.

LIST OF GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN OF CLIENTS SERVED BY FRANCIS LAUER YOUTH SERVICES FISCAL YEARS 1990 - 1994

Allamakee	Hamilton	Story
Black Hawk	Hancock	Wapello
Boone	Hardin	Webster
Bremer	Howard	Winnebago
Buchanan	Humboldt	Winnesheik
Butler	Ida	Worth
Calhoun	Kossuth	Wright
Cerro Gordo	Marian	
Chickasaw	Marshall	
Clayton	Mitchell	
Delaware	Muscatine	
Dickinson	Osceola	
Dubuque	Palo Alto	
Emmet	Pocahontas	
Fayette	Polk	
Floyd	Pottawattomie	
Franklin	Poweshiek	
Grundy	Scott	