

THE MARION COUNTY LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP
2022 SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING REPAIR PROJECT
PROVISO 117.21

First, we wish to express sincere gratitude for your determining our project to be of substantial benefit to the citizens of Marion County. The Marion County Long-Term Recovery Group's 2022 Safe and Secure Housing Repair Project will serve eligible families using the HUD median family income guidelines. The MCLTRG program determines eligibility for its clientele based on the current 2022 FY Income Limit Area as established by HUD guidelines for 30%, 50% and 80% of LMI. This corresponds to the categories of Extremely Low Income, Very Low Income, and Low Income. The allocated funds will be used to assist these homeowners whose deferred home maintenance has made them vulnerable to various health and safety concerns.

Our target population of homeowners, because of their limited finances, have housing issues that differ from those in moderate-income and high-income brackets, to state the obvious. This typically leads them into difficult decision-making situations: the choice between / among the upkeep of their dwellings, or the paying for of utilities and other monthly bills, or the making of essential purchases such as food, clothing, and medications. Understandably, home maintenance is frequently neglected or is at best piecemeal and reactionary. And yet, ironically, the poor conditions of housing can be a key contributor to the poor health of the occupant, leading to ever higher healthcare costs and other needs. For example, it is leaking roofs and black mold on walls and floors that have precipitated or aggravated severe respiratory issues among many. Your awarding of these funds will enable us to aid the needy in addressing at least some of these most critical needs.

We estimate that the number of roofs to be repaired and/or replaced and HVAC units repaired and replaced at 7-10 clients. These numbers are recognized as tentative based on the issues that may be discovered upon our repair or demolition of existing damage. Also cautionary is the costs of the supplies and equipment needed for construction.

We firmly believe that all our citizens need and deserve safe, secure, and sanitary housing; therefore, we are conscientious in providing excellent work and craftsmanship as our service. The Marion County Long-Term Recovery Group has a General Contractor who is responsible for the securing of the best qualified sub-contractors, while ensuring that accepted quotes are in line with the market, and utilizing standards and tools that comply with or exceed other state and federal funding. Our organization has a record of proven reliability in this regard. Secondly, we have a Case Management System that has been recognized by other organizations as an unbiased and consistent qualifier of needs based on income and health issues.

Once again, we thank you for your partnership. We pledge that we will utilize these resources according to your guidelines, fully endeavoring to provide for those who need provision the most.