



Lake Family Resource Center
Strengthening Families

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The Honorable Mike Thompson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Thompson:

Lake Family Resource Center is pleased to express its strong support for the Lake County Probation Department's (LCPD) request for Community Project Funding for the Justice-Involved Housing Project and its related workforce development efforts.

As a longstanding, comprehensive family-serving nonprofit in Lake County, Lake FRC works daily with individuals and families impacted by poverty, trauma, substance use disorders, domestic violence, and justice involvement. We see firsthand the critical gap that exists in our community for structured, supportive housing for individuals reentering society under probation supervision. At present, there is no dedicated reentry housing option in Lake County — a barrier that significantly increases the risk of homelessness, relapse, unemployment, and recidivism.

The proposed Justice-Involved Housing Project represents a practical and urgently needed solution. By pairing stable housing with accountability, workforce training, and coordinated supportive services, this initiative addresses the root factors that contribute to reoffending and community instability.

LCPD has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to rehabilitation and successful reentry. Their work connecting individuals to behavioral health services, substance use treatment, cognitive behavioral programming, and employment pathways aligns directly with Lake FRC's mission of strengthening families and building community resilience.

Lake FRC stands ready to collaborate in support of this initiative. Through our existing programs we can help participants address underlying barriers to stability. Our team is experienced in trauma-informed service delivery and coordinated case management, and we recognize that successful reentry requires more than housing alone. By partnering alongside Probation and other community stakeholders, we can help ensure individuals have access to the wraparound supports necessary for long-term success.

Importantly, the integration of workforce development into this project creates a pathway toward long-term self-sufficiency. With strong local partners such as North Coast Opportunities' BUILD Program and other job training resources, participants will have access to meaningful skill development and employment opportunities while contributing positively to the community. This project is not simply a housing initiative — it is a public safety strategy, an economic stability strategy, and a community well-being strategy. Investment in this effort will reduce recidivism, improve housing stability, and support safer, stronger communities throughout Lake County.

Lake Family Resource Center fully and enthusiastically supports Lake County Probation's funding request. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 245-9255 or lisam@lakefrc.org should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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