

Statement of Need

Beacon For Him has been supporting the homeless population in Long Beach for eight years. What makes us different than most non-profits is the relationships we build with the people we meet. This family-like support structure helps with long term change that lasts a lifetime. We meet people where they are at and help them with their current needs. That looks different with each case but our current most costly need is to help large families. This is where we are finding the largest gap in services provided by all other non-profits and the city. Currently most safe places for large families without housing are full or want to separate families due to space or gender. Mothers are not allowed to stay with teenage boys and fathers often can't stay with their wife and kids. We see so many families losing their housing and have nowhere to go. We step in and provide short term hotel funds while we help find a better long term solution.

Beacon For Him over the past eight years has been active in community outreach by going to the unhoused and offering a place to have fellowship with a community who accepts them how they are. We have provided food and clothing and other needed items just as a way to connect with people to encourage life changing behavior. We focus on what people need emotionally through mentorship and a safe place to eat, play games and do art together. Having this kind of environment gives people hope, dignity and a new family. Currently we are doing our outreach at MacArthur park for Monday Matters from 10am until noon. We partner with other organizations to support mobile showers and lunch.

We are currently funding all services we are requesting help with but are very low on funds and will have to start denying help if we don't get more support. This year we have fully furnished three households costing around three-thousand dollars each. We paid for prescription glasses, new tires, housing deposit, groceries, gas, laundry costs, and coffee and breakfast for around one-hundred homeless individuals every Monday. We have around twenty volunteers each week to support all we do at the park.

This funding will support around one-hundred people at MacArthur park each week with breakfast and coffee. We plan on supporting around one family in need each week in temporary shelter. At our current expense rate we will use ten-thousand dollars to support roughly five-hundred people in approximately five months. Thank you for your consideration in funding our project and the people we serve.