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Dear Homeless Services Advisory Committee,

Christian Outreach Appeal dba Christian Outreach in Action (COA) is seeking funds for a walk-in freezer to support their food bank program which is offered three times a week.

### **About COA**

COA Christian Outreach in Action (COA) is a non-denominational non-profit organization whose mission is to transform the lives of homeless and impoverished individuals in Long Beach and surrounding areas so they may reach and sustain self-sufficiency and independence. COA follows faith-based teachings that tell us to provide compassionate assistance to anyone in need, no one is turned away.

For over 40 years we have served the local Long Beach Community by offering food and clothing to anyone in need. We are the only agency in Long Beach that provides hot meals every day of the week. Our programs include a triweekly food bank distribution featuring fresh produce and non-perishable items, a weekly diaper giveaway, pet food, hygiene kits, clothing, household furniture and goods, public bathrooms, holiday community events, legal clinic, low-income housing units, Men's Program, and other essentials.

### **Statement of Need**

COA is requesting funds in the amount of \$49,000 to purchase a walk-in freezer to support our triweekly food bank program. Our food bank supports low-income families, seniors, and homeless individuals with food in the Long Beach area.

### **Project Budget**

COA is requesting \$49,000 for a one-time expenditure towards the purchase of a walk-in freezer.

We appreciate the Mayors Fund commitment to support homeless services in the Long Beach area. Please give me a call at 562-423-8083 if you require any further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Dohrmann  
Executive Director