



Eugene Community Service Center

Catholic Community Services—1464 West 6th Ave.

Services Provided

Catholic Community Services (CCS) served 10,556 people at the Eugene Service Center in 2015 including individuals and families experiencing homelessness, low income people, un/underemployed people, and families with children. This facility is the largest distributor of food boxes among 150 Food for Lane County partners. Last year, over \$1 million in emergency energy assistance was provided at this location. CCS also provides emergency housing vouchers for homeless families, rapid-rehousing, and housing counseling at The Eugene Service Center.



Proposed Improvements

CCS requests CDBG funding to replace the walk-in freezer/cooler, improve the building exterior, accessibility, and energy efficiency.

- **Walk-in Freezer/Cooler** - The existing freezer is in constant need of repairs, costly to operate, and cannot be used for refrigeration. This limits CCS' capacity to accept and distribute fresh food. The installation of a walk-in freezer/cooler will enable CCS food pantry to receive and distribute significantly larger amounts of healthy fresh produce and other perishable and frozen food items.
- **Accessibility** - At present, the entrance of this facility is difficult for people using wheelchairs as well as families with strollers. Installation of wider electric doors will improve accessibility.
- **Energy Efficiency Improvements**— Outdated windows and light fixtures are a source of significant energy loss, particularly during the cold weather months. Energy efficient windows and lights will provide greater comfort for community members seeking services and also reduce ongoing operating costs.
- **Exterior Improvements**— Installation of wider awning on the exterior of the building will provide shelter for community members waiting in line for services. New paint will preserve the exterior surface of the building and improve the appearance.

Community Impact - The improvements proposed will increase the longevity, comfort and accessibility of this critical community resource, reduce ongoing operating costs and allow for expanded food pantry and self sufficiency programs.

Allocated CDBG Grant Amount—\$168,200