

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
March 19, 2022

Subject: Nicole Kott of Helping Hands of Haywood about to get another \$8,750 from Gary Caldwell.

The Town of Waynesville has sent out an agenda for the next Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting, to be held at the Town Hall, Monday, 3/22/2022 at 6:00 pm. See the agenda on www.haywoodtp.net :

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220319-22-Mar-22-Item-1a-Agenda-BoA-full-min.pdf>

I direct your attention to Item 14 in the agenda, under New Business:

G. New Business

14. Helping Hands of Haywood Second ARP Installment

Motion: To approve the third installment of American Recovery Plan funding to Helping Hands of Haywood for the sole purpose of providing temporary housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$8,750.

Nicole Kott supplied the Town with another pile of useless information, attached after this piece.

Why?

Because **Gary Caldwell** signed a CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT with **Nicole Kott**, and **Nicole Kott** has declared that all of the receipts for people she is housing is Confidential. It would appear that **Nicole Kott** has identified two additional Hotels/Motels in Maggie Valley to funnel this money towards.

[**Editor's Note:** I was speaking with a Law Enforcement Officer in Maggie Valley, and casually mentioned that Helping Hands of Haywood had identified Our Place Inn as a location of a low barrier shelter to house homeless people on a daily basis. He said he had hear that rumor. If I was thinking faster, I would have said to this Law Enforcement Officer, "All you need to do is get a Court Order and plop a Subpoena down on Jesse Fowler's desk, and have him provide all of the Confidential Receipts supplied to the Town of Waynesville by **Nicole Kott.**"]

The following are the copies of materials supplied by **Nicole Kott** to the Town of Waynesville for this installment that appear in the agenda.

Can anyone guess if this Motion will pass at this meeting?

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer

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TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: March 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Helping Hands of Haywood Second ARP Installment

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: New Business
Item Number:
Department: Administration
Contact: Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Presenter: Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager

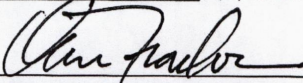
BRIEF SUMMARY:

Helping Hands of Haywood has provided the Town with a written report of how they have spent their previous ARP Funding installment of \$8,750. This money is used for the sole purpose of providing temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. If the Board is satisfied with the report provided to them by Helping hands of Haywood, then staff is asking for their direction in whether to provide Helping Hands of Haywood the second installment of American Relief Plan funding.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

Motion to approve the third installment of American Recovery Plan funding to Helping Hands of Haywood for the sole purpose of providing temporary housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$8,750

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT: \$8,750 in American Recovery Plan funding



Dean Trader, Assistant Finance Director

3/16/2022

Date

ATTACHMENTS:

- Helping Hands of Haywood Written Report
- Helping Hands of Haywood Letters of Recommendation

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Date?

Dear Board of Alderman and Mayor,

Helping Hands of Haywood is pleased to share the outcome of our second quarter increment from the American Rescue Plan funding that we have been generously awarded by the Town of Waynesville. Attached you will find receipts for hotel room stays totaling 192 nights. We were left with \$41.32 from our previous increment, giving us a total sum of \$8,791.32 for hotel shelter. We spent \$8,784.10 on 192 nights of hotel shelter, leaving a remainder of \$7.22. The remaining funds are not enough to provide further shelter, and will be added to the next increment of funding for hotel shelter. We have exceeded expectations by providing more shelter than we originally estimated, with an overall average between both quarters of less than \$46 per night.

Exposure from freezing weather can cause death or serious illness. Some participants were in shelter because they are not permitted at Haywood Pathways Center, and were at high risk for death or injury from exposure/freezing weather. Some other participants were in shelter with Helping Hands due to Haywood Pathways Center being unable to take them because of quarantine at Haywood Pathways Center from a Covid-19 outbreak, or having no space left in their family dorm. Other participants were not able to stay at Pathways due to various other circumstances such as having a service dog, or having medical issues that conflict with congregate living such as dementia, paranoid schizophrenia, and other severe mental illnesses. All participants were residents of the town of Waynesville, and were able to present us with identification. We are working diligently with other providers to permanently place our most vulnerable cases in facilities and housing opportunities that they are eligible for. We do our best to help these clients obtain medical insurance and other benefits, which are major factors in certain assisted living and other housing opportunities.

Meridian Behavioral Health visits many of the participants in hotel shelter, ensuring they get mental health assessments, employment specialist sessions, therapy, substance use treatment, medication assistance appointments, rides to appointments, and peer support. Lunch is delivered to most participants daily, and there is a food pantry and clothing closet that participants can access when needed. Transportation is provided for most participants during weekdays, ensuring they have access to services in town, and a way back to their hotel rooms at the end of the day. We collaborate with the Haywood County Jail, local law enforcement, local churches, The National Parks Service, and Haywood Regional Hospital to provide services when needed during regular business hours, evenings, and weekends.

We have had great success with this program, and are motivated to continue being a "step one" or "stepping stone" for people in need of housing. We appreciate your support, and look forward to continuing to help our Waynesville neighbors experiencing life without a home.

Nicole Kott
Executive Director
Helping Hands of Haywood
(828) 508-3420

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Haywood County Sheriff's Office

GREG CHRISTOPHER
Sheriff

31 March 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As the Sheriff of Haywood County, I would like to mention some issues here in our county that we are looking to "Helping Hands of Haywood" to assist not only law enforcement (LEO) with, but also our Emergency Medical Services ambulance teams (EMS) and our county's Emergency Operations Dispatch Center (EOC/911).

We have been inundated with people in our county that are calling the EOC/911 Center asking for help for issues such as being unsheltered or knowing someone who is unsheltered and because of our mountain weather being so unpredictable, it is imperative law enforcement or EMS respond to the call. Unfortunately, without the help of "Helping Hands of Haywood" assisting, there is normally nothing that can be done to assist.

We are also dealing with an overabundant of mental health calls where someone has been removed from a residence, many times no fault of their own, and they reach out for a place to stay. As I have described both of these situations, may I also mention that the individuals I am talking about has not committed a crime so they cannot be arrested and placed in our county's detention center nor do they qualify to be transported by EMS just because of their mental state of mind.

Our county is truly lacking resources available to address these issues and concerns but we have seen that when "Helping Hands of Haywood" has the resources, they have been extremely effective in helping those that can't help themselves. When "Helping Hands of Haywood" addresses this group's needs, they are also assisting LEO's, EMS and EOC/911.

This group has a heart of compassion and empathy for the community that we rarely see. They are diligent and relentless in attempting to make all people's quality of life better and for that all emergency services in Haywood County are most appreciative.

Respectfully,

Greg Christopher

Sheriff Greg Christopher

*This letter Dated prior To Nicole Kott
Being lit up like a Christmas Tree.*

WTF?

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Rick Marvin CAC, CADC II, ICADC II, NCCPSS
Addiction Counselor / Peer Support
Haywood County Sheriff's Department

January 5, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is Rick Marvin and I am the Addiction Counselor here at the Haywood County Detention Center. My focus and job here is to ensure all inmates who require and ask for addiction services, housing, and or mental health support, can and will receive it post release.

We have aligned ourselves with community support agencies and programs who can help us meet these post release goals and needs.

Helping Hands is now one of our partners and supporting programs to help these inmates fulfill needs upon their release. They are a vital support for inmates who are homeless and need assistance as soon as they are released.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at the number above.

Thanks,

Rick Marvin

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Letter

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Jamie Pendergrass <jamie.pendergrass@meridianbhs.org> Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 8:50 AM To: helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

For the past several months, the Community ACE team has had the opportunity to work with Helping Hands of Haywood. Together, we have built a strong relationship, that has connected a good number of individuals with much needed services to potentially improve their quality of life. They have worked with us as a partnership by allowing our agency, Meridian Behavior Health, to visit their location weekly to connect and engage with clients to ensure their needs are met. Helping Hands of Haywood continues to support their clients tirelessly.

Thank you,

Jamie Pendergrass

Meridian Behavioral Health Services

Peer Support Specialist

Phone Number: 828-508-3636

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." - Hebrews 10:36
