

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**

**WORKSHOP, 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

To become the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025

1. **HomewardBound Request:** Request for financial support for the shelter.

[Attachment
Supplemental Documents](#)

2. **Follow-up USA Pro Cycling**
3. **Council Communications**
4. **Other Business**
5. **Board Reports**

11/30/2015

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From: Belinda White
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>>> Tim Moore 11/25/2015 3:20 PM >>>
All,

In anticipation of our meeting next Monday I wanted to include a couple of things for your review before we meet. First is the attached scope of work for the Grand Junction Homelessness Needs Assessment. Next is an email (below) from Bill Wade of Homeward Bound discussing the funding challenges they are having. Thanks you all and have a nice Thanksgiving, Tim

>>> William Wade <wwade@hbgv.org> 11/10/2015 9:44 AM >>>

Tim - appreciate the bad news - I left you a voicemail yesterday morning detailing the situation - but I wanted to put it on paper as well. Last week I went on camera to detail the fact that we get no actual support from either the municipality or the county in which we are resident. We are the only major shelter in Colorado that gets no support. The issue is not complex - it is purely financial. Our Bed nights are up to 53 thousand - an increase of 7% last year - we serve 112,000 meals - and our occupancy by families is up 30%.

In 2015's fiscal year - 9/2014 thru 9/2015 - we had an operating loss of over 50K - we made up that loss by depleting our reserve account by 60%. Our projected operating loss for fiscal year 2016 has been reduced to approx. 45K. If we receive no additional funding to make up that loss - our total reserves will be gone by mid-2016. Should neither the city or the county accept any responsibility to provide some support - we will of course appeal to the people for help. But as a board we have a fiduciary responsibility to cease operations if they cannot be funded. That would place the responsibility for dealing with this issue squarely back on the plate of the city and county to pay for the 500K of services we provide.

In addition - every single one of the private foundations we go to for support asks the same question - What ongoing support are you receiving for shelter operations from the city and county. We always answer that by referencing CSBG grants - which are federal pass thru dollars and the vocal support we get from the mayor - staff and council. Frankly, that answer no longer works - Why should Boettcher, Gates, Daniels and the other foundations expand their support if our own governmental agencies provide no support.

In the past 24 months we have raised 275K to remodel the existing facility- raised 8.9 million in LTC credits to finance Pathways Village - and we continue to seek funds for the Family Center. But as a board we will have no alternative but to lay off the staff and cease operations if we cant make North Avenue at least break even. The apartments will get built regardless, but the housing and support situation will be pretty sad in this valley when we are forced to close our doors and put those people on the streets.

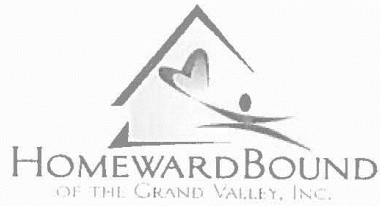
I think you are very aware of how deeply I personally care about this issue - and how grateful I am for the advice and counsel you and our city officials have given to HomewardBound, but the situation can no longer just be left unaddressed. Either we find a solution or we have no alternative but to cease providing services to our most vulnerable population.

I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you directly and show you our costs and numbers in detail before we take other steps. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. WNW

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HomewardBound of the Grand Valley - 5 year trends in service levels

CATEGORY	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	% CHANGE OVER 5 YEARS
Nights of Shelter Provided	39,785	47,785	49,671	49,400	53,982	+35.7%
Number of Meals Provided	101,462	100,003	97,300	109,300	112,822	+11.0%
Number of Individuals Sheltered	1002	1170	1071	1308	1340	+ 33.7%
Number of Families Sheltered	69	76	67	67	81	+17.3%
Daytime Medical Shelter Days	523	688	291	494	857	+38.9%
Overflow Bed-nights Provided	2854	2330	2789	1823	2978	+4.3%
% of Homeless Veterans	9%	14%	11%	11%	18%	+100%
% of Female Adult & Youth Residents	33%	31%	33%	40%	34%	+1%
% of Male Adult & Youth Residents	67%	69%	67%	60%	66%	(1%)



*a safe and healthy
first step*

your shelter dollars at work

2014-2015

Nights of shelter provided	53,982:	6% ^
Number of meals provided	112,822:	3% ^
Number of individuals sheltered	1,340:	2% ^
Number of families housed in shelter 81: 13% ^ (243 people):		25% ^
Daytime Medical Assistance Shelter Days	857:	42% ^
Overflow Services Bed nights provided	2,978:	39% ^
Percent of homeless Veterans	18%:	7% ^
Percent of female adult & youth residents	34%:	-6%
Percent of male adult & youth residents	66%:	6% ^

Residents placed in our Phoenix Veteran Program	13
Residents placed in our Family Transitional Program	61
Average length of stay for single men & women	
Average length of stay for families	

the real cost

1 night of shelter, 2 meals per person	\$10.37:	3% ^
One day in Mesa County Jail*	\$53.40:	same
Average cost of a hotel room for one night*	\$90.68	
Average cost of one visit to St. Mary's ER	\$1,296	
Average hourly wage of a "service" worker in Mesa County	\$10.35:	29% ^
Wage needed to support a 2 bedroom home in Mesa County	\$15.02:	14% ^

*figures provided by Mesa County Department of Human Services, Mesa County Department of Corrections, and GJ Chamber of Commerce

your compassion

Amount received last year from Grants	\$481,782:	27% ^
Amount received last year from misc. fundraising activities	\$21,333:	-27%
Amount received last year from government contracts	\$84,635:	48% ^
Amount received from churches, businesses & people	\$134,728:	40% ^
Total shelter operating expenses year	\$597,406:	-8%

dedicated volunteers

Volunteers assisting overflow and shelter program	1221:	-13%
Volunteer hours donated	18,039:	-8%

"Encouraging a pathway home"

2853 North Ave. 81501 970-256-9424 www.homewardboundgj.org

Projects funded with CDBG

2014:

- Hilltop Latimer House--\$10,320
- Salvation Army Kitchen Rehab--\$25,000
- GJHA Walnut Park Apartments Rehabilitation--\$50,000
- Homeless Shelter Improvements--\$1,500

2015:

- Karis Asset House Improvements--\$10,200
- HRWC Emergency Repair Program--\$22,500
- Homeless Shelter HVAC improvements--\$28,293
- Catholic Outreach Transitional Housing Rehab--\$4,000
- Strive Group Home HVAC Replacement--\$27,210

Projects funded with Economic Development Budget

2014

Catholic Outreach-St Martin \$99,439
Housing Resources \$5,000

2015

Housing Resources \$5,000

2016

Grand Junction Housing Authority-The Highlands \$388,329 on "B List" {Authorized in April 2015}
Homeward Bound-Pathways Village Apartments \$100,000 {Discussed in May 2015}
Housing Resources \$5,000 on "B List"