



Steven L. Mahan
CDBG Milwaukee
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Room 606
Milwaukee, WI 53202

January 3, 2017

Dear Mr. Mahan,

Asha Family Services ("Asha") currently has a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with your organization. With Asha's full support, we are writing to request that Asha's CDBG be transferred into the name End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. ("End Abuse")

Asha has been in crisis for some time and during 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), Asha's largest funder, made the decision to stop funding Asha, leaving them with no choice but to close their doors. Eventually, DCF agreed to release Asha's 2017 funds, but only to another organization that would manage the grant funds while Asha staff carried out the programmatic work. Several organizations, including End Abuse, volunteered to help manage those grant funds and Asha chose us.

Since that decision was made, End Abuse has added Asha to their staff roster and made arrangements to open the office again by getting the utilities restarted and reinstalling the phones and internet. Fortunately, the same space they had occupied was still available, so they moved right back in.

Asha's funding for 2017 consists of the DCF grant and the Milwaukee CDBG. Switching the CDBG to End Abuse would make it easier to administer and have all of Asha's funding under one umbrella. Also, by transferring the CDBG to End Abuse, the CDBG would be included in the End Abuse 2017 audit. As a side note, End Abuse has had clean audits with no findings for the last 6 years.


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End Abuse has worked with Asha for a long time and sees the need for their culturally-specific services, especially since many of their clients would rather go without services than seek out a mainstream provider.

End Abuse has no plans to interfere in their programmatic work or keep Asha on permanently; just long enough to get Asha back up on their feet, fully funded, and independent again.

We believe that it is vitally important to make sure that Asha's services are available and we are grateful for the opportunity to help make that a reality. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patti Seger', with a large, sweeping flourish at the beginning.

Patti Seger
Executive Director