I. Organization Background Information

Name of Organization:

One Stop Career Center of PR, Inc.

Mission Statement:

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One Stop Career Center of PR, Inc. (OSCC) is a private nonprofit organization 501 (c) (3) with nineteen years of experience providing the necessary services to ensure that low-to moderate income households, individuals (especially incarcerated and formerly incarcerated) families and communities (including female head of house, elderly, laid-off workers, unemployed and other disadvantaged populations) have the tools needed to improve their quality of life and to use a proactive approach to create an Island-wide collaborative service network for the communities of greatest need and betterment of our society. OSCC accomplishes its mission through health, workforce development, housing and education programs to empower the socio economically disadvantaged populations in urban and rural areas.

Overview of Organization:

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Vision - To develop and support programs that provide services to sensible communities, directing and maximizing the use of our resources for individual direct services.

Mission - To ensure that individuals of sensible communities acquire through our services, the necessary tools to improve their quality of life allowing a transformation into a proactive society at the service of our island.

Description of programs and service

- Transitional and Post-Incarceration Reentry Program that provides services such as, job-readiness, job placement and job retention, individual and group career counseling, remedial and personal development services, including outpatient substance use and mental health treatment services, mentoring, parenting, health prevention, and follow-up assessments services necessary to succeed in the community and avoid recidivism.
- HIV Continuum of Care Model Transitional Care Coordination for HIV+/AIDS soon to be release and released re-entry clients to improve health care access.
- Workforce Development Training and Job Placement Program provide low- and moderate-income individuals with the tools they need to improve their opportunity to gain employment and help them on a path to economic self-sufficiency.
- Housing Counseling Agency to assist program clients in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership.
- Counseling and legal representation to low income 50 years of age or older who are facing problems with their housing and redevelopment.
- Community Housing Development Organization to provide affordable housing for low- and very low-income families.

Website:

https://www.onestopcareerpr.org/

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III. Proposal Information
Proposal Title:
Hijos de Bélgica II - Sons of Belgica II

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Support Request (check all that apply):

Investment/Grant

Requested Dollar Amount:

\$350,000

Please list other Significant Partners in the Proposal:

Belgica community (and its community leaders) in Ponce to involve them in the decision making process on rehabilitation work.

Proposal Description:

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OSCC is grantee (2019) of Hispanic Federation for Hijos de Belgica (Sons of Belgica) – HdB. HdB is a one-year project consisting of housing rehabilitation (fifteen units for families affected by hurricane Maria) and advocacy (identify community problems and channel their solutions). Now, OSCC completed eigth housing rehabilitation and three are in progress. OSCC is proposing to continue rehabilitating additional twelve housing units applying Puerto Rico Building Code (PRBC) in Belgica Community in Ponce. Also, OSCC will create eight jobs opportunities for justice involved individuals from its workforce development program. OSCC's Hijos de Belgica II (HdB II) Investment Connection program will coordinate with Ponce's Municipal Office of Municipal Citizen Affairs to facilitate construction permits.

OSCC will make rehabilitation repairs and reconstruction for homes that have been damaged by the storm in targeted neighborhoods in Ponce. For the home rehabilitation, OSCC will target families that have the greatest need according to HUD income limits 2018 and do not qualify for another program assistance. OSCC's justice involved person workforce development program participants with experience will make housing rehabilitation, which will serve as a source of income for those whose jobs were displaced.

OSCC will utilize Investment Connection Program funds (\$305,000) for cover costs associated with housing rehabilitation materials (66.7%) and workforce development salary of justice involved person who will do the home rehabilitation (33.3%), which will serve as a source of income for those whose jobs were displaced or unemployed. Also, OSCC will use the administrative costs (\$45,000) for part of the Salary of a Project Manager, costs related to the filing of permits, studies, plans, costs of official seals and required documentation for HdB II Investment Connection program and insurance requirements for the project.

Issues Addressed (check all that apply):

Community Services and Facilities, Disaster Relief, Workforce Development / Economic Development

If your project affects multiple states or counties, please use the CTRL key to multi-select.

Geographic Impact

Neighborhood(s)

U.S. States & Territories:

Puerto Rico

Population Served:

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OSCC will target families affected by hurricane Maria (that were already assessed during OSCC 's Census fo Needs as part of Hijos de Belgica, first phase) that have the greatest need according to HUD income limits 2018 and do not qualify for another program assistance. OSCC will provide jobs opportunities for justice involved individuals from its workforce development program.

Population Income by Area Median Income (AMI) and other identifiers (percentage of Free and Reduced Lunch for youth or designated "Disaster Area" or designated "Distressed or Underserved" served by proposal:

After Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico in September 20, 2017, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Puerto Rico a Disaster Designated Area (FEMA DR-4339). Bélgica community (Census Tract 718) in Ponce is composed by population of 1,837 (2013-2017 American Community Survey) 22.4% - 62 years or older, 65.8% below poverty level, 18.3% employment rate and 1,131 housing units, 13.1% built 1939 or earlier.

Anticipated Outcomes/Impact:

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OSCC will rehabilitate fifteen housing units applying Puerto Rico Building Code (PRBC) in Barrio Belgica en Ponce.

OSCC will create eight jobs opportunities for justice involved individuals from its workforce development program.

OSCC will provide case management for residence of Belgica community to meet the needs who understand require assistance.

Describe evaluation methods used to measure success:

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Evaluation methods for:

Housing rehabilitation - Architect Reports, work orders and canceled checks. OSCC hired an architect who determines what the necessary repair work is and ensures that these rehabilitation are carried out in accordance with PRBC.

Jobs opportunities for justice involved individuals from its workforce development program - Pay stubs of employees who are participants on OSCC programs.

Case management - Quarterly reports from the Case Managers detailing demographic information and services provided.

Project time frame - Is your request for an existing or new program?

Existing Program

IV. Submit Supporting Documentation - Please attach your most recent audited or reviewed financials in PDF format to this proposal application. Your proposal application will be considered incomplete until the appropriate financial documentation is provided. By submitting a proposal application you agree to share with the Federal Reserve information regarding connections that were made with funders regarding the proposal or other work your organization conducts that was identified by a funder that used the Investment Connection platform. After you submit a proposal application, we will follow up with you to see if Investment Connection was helpful with your informational and business needs.

Upload your most recent audited or reviewed financials

(for internal uses only)

One Stop Career Center 2018 Audited FS (3).pdf

V. Other Supporting Documentation - You may submit a photo (jpeg) and/or a video (mp3 or mp4) that helps describe your proposal. (information available to funders)

Upload a picture or video that helps describe your proposal or organization (information available to funders)

OS_Housing_Techo CoamoR.mp4

Upload additional picture or video

(information available to funders)

Sector Bélgica - Program.pdf

Add any additional links to supporting documentation

(information available to funders)

News report highlighting OSCC program into Belgica community in Ponce. https://www.primerahora.com/noticias/isla/nota/aunquelentomejorabelgica-1364960/? fbclid=lwAR3Gs98J_bu0OX5hJlstFljLHlJmf-xOVRIVplqOTVpH4J2y6ox56SBzrUE

Housing rehabilitation participant https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQpdfLD9oBs

Justice involved program participant https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKUxw9R-qDs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmftEEgVHhg

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