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**CITY OF NEWPORT, OREGON  
NON-PROFIT, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is between the City of Newport, an Oregon municipal corporation (City), and CASA Voices for Children (Serving Lincoln and Benton CO) (Grantee).

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

**1. USE OF FUNDS**

Funding for this agreement is intended to assist community non-profit, social service organizations in the delivery of their services to residents of Newport. Grantee shall utilize funds provided under this agreement for that purpose.

**2. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT**

The Grantee shall be paid a lump sum amount of \$2,500.00 for services identified in Section 1.

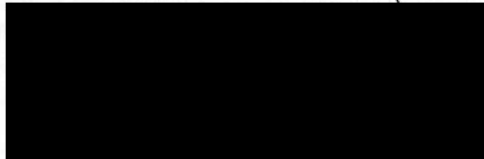
Payment to Grantee shall be made by City within thirty (30) calendar days after execution of this agreement, and on receipt, by the City of a W-9.

**3. SUBMITTING NOTICE**

All notices shall be made in writing and may be given by personal delivery or mail. Payments may be made by personal delivery, mail, or electronic transfer. The following addresses shall be used to transmit notices and other information:

**City:** City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
541.574.0613  
e.glover@newportoregon.gov

**Contractor:** CASA Voices for Children (Serving Lincoln and Benton Co)



Notices mailed to the address provided for notice in this section shall be deemed given upon deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid. In all other instances, notices, bills and payments shall be deemed given at the time of actual delivery.

#### **4. STATUS OF GRANTEE**

Grantee certifies that:

- A. Grantee is not an officer, employee, or agent of the City as those terms are used in ORS 30.265.
- B. No employee of the City, or any partnership or corporation in which a City employee has an interest, has, or will receive any remuneration of any description from Grantee, either directly or indirectly, in connection with this Agreement, except as specifically declared in writing prior to any reimbursement to Grantee.
- C. If applicable, Grantee will obtain a City business license.

#### **5. WARRANTY & INDEMNIFICATION**

Grantee certifies that:

- A. Grantee is fully liable for the acts and omissions of Grantee that cause any damage, injury, death, property damage or loss to any person or property.
- B. Grantee will indemnify and defend the City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers and hold them harmless from any and all liability, causes of action, claims, losses, damages, judgments, or other costs or expenses including attorney's fees that may be asserted by any person or entity which in any way arise from, during, or in connection with, the performance of the work described in this Agreement. Grantee's indemnification shall also cover claims brought against the City under state or federal workers' compensation laws. If any aspect of this indemnity shall be found to be illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this indemnification.

#### **6. FINAL REPORT**

Grantee shall submit a final report, by August 1, 2024, showing how the grant funds were used, and the number of City of Newport residents served by grantee from January through June 2024.

#### **7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND RULES**

Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

**City of Newport:**



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City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
Business Phone: 541.574.0603



\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Grantee:**

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CASA - Voices for Children  
(Serving Lincoln & Benton Co)



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Date

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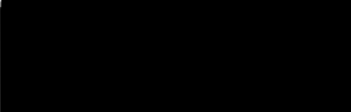
*A. P. Uhl*  
City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
Business Phone: 541.574.0603

05-07-24  
Date

Grantee:

*Kari Pinard*  
CASA - Voices for Children  
(Serving Lincoln & Benton Co)

05-07-2024  
Date





**NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION**

Agency Name: CASA - Voices for Children (Serving Lincoln & Benton Counties)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Person and Title: Kari Pinard, Executive Director

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \$ 2,500

1. Describe briefly the services provided by your agency to the citizens of Newport. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

(Please see pages # 3 - 7 for our full responses to each question listed. Thank you for your consideration!)

2. Describe your organization's target client population (cultural diversity, age, income, sex, special needs, family structure, qualifications, etc.). (Use additional pages if necessary.)

3. How long has your organization been in existence?

4. What is your organization's goal or purpose in providing services? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

5. What is your organization's procedure for making client referrals for additional services and services you are unable to provide? (Use additional pages if necessary).

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6. Describe any specific challenges, limitations, or restrictions that your organization faces in serving its clients. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

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7. How has your current organizational budget changed from last year's budget (i.e., new programs started, significant changes in expenditures or funding sources, agency restructuring, etc.) (Use additional pages if necessary.)

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8. How will your organization use the requested funds if your grant is approved? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

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9. What sources of financial support, in excess of \$2,500, did your organization obtain within the past 12 months? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

Source	Amount Obtained

10. Describe, on separate pages, how your programs and facilities are accessible under the Americans with Disability Act requirements. If not accessible, provide a plan for making programs and facilities accessible.

## CITY OF NEWPORT NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION

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Mailing Address:

Contact Person and Title: Kari Pinard, Executive Director

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Federal Employer ID No:

Amount Requested: \$ 2,500

1. Describe briefly the services provided by your agency to the citizens of Newport. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

CASA-Voices for Children recruits, trains, and professionally supports court-appointed community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect and are within the legal custody of the State in Newport and Lincoln County. Children are appointed a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a trained volunteer who speaks on behalf of their best interest and ensures that they have the best chance to heal from the trauma they've endured. CASA is a unique program; there are no other organizations or services that provide court-appointed advocacy on behalf of children in the child welfare system. A CASA volunteer speaks to the important people in a child's life, reviews their medical, educational, and service records, and most importantly gets to know the child on a personal level. Children with a CASA have increased referrals for services, helping to ensure that their needs are met. Independent research has demonstrated that children with a CASA volunteer perform better in school, are substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care, less likely to re-enter care, and more likely to reach a safe, permanent home.

2. Describe your organization's target client population (cultural diversity, age, income, sex, special needs, family structure, qualifications, etc.). (Use additional pages if necessary.)

CASA-Voices for Children serves children in the Child Welfare System in Lincoln County from birth to age 18, and youth up to the age of 21 who chose to keep their legal ODHS case open after the age of 18. These children are in the Child Welfare System due to experiencing abuse and/or neglect. The majority of these children live in poverty and have experienced residential instability.

3. How long has your organization been in existence?

CASA-Voices for Children (serving Benton County) was founded in 1997, and our service area expanded to include Lincoln County on August 6, 2022.

4. What is your organization's goal or purpose in providing services? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

CASA-Voices for Children's goal is to ensure that children who have experienced abuse and neglect are provided with the resources they need to have the best chance to heal from trauma, and reach a safe, stable, forever home. Advocates remain on a child's case until it is dismissed, providing consistent and continued support for children with in-home placements and encouraging stability as well as growth for families on the path to reunification.

CASA-VFC is committed to supporting all aspects of a child's well-being, ensuring that they receive all needed services for their physical and social/emotional health, and helping them to succeed in school with programs such as Trauma-Informed Tutoring. We are also in the process of developing an Independent Living Program (ILP) to help our teens gain the necessary life skills to successfully navigate the transition to adulthood. Our ILP Coordinator has been working diligently to create enriching and engaging curriculum material surrounding key topics including household maintenance, financial education, and career planning services.

Additionally, our Community Outreach & Resource Coordinator has been actively working to develop and strengthen our relationships with community partners across both Benton and Lincoln counties. These community connections are important as they allow us to better reach and provide for the families and children we serve. A major focus has been to engage and recruit culturally representative volunteers and advocates to better represent the diverse groups of families and youth we serve. This includes a specialized focus on communities of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and those with developmental diversities, disabilities, or specialized medical needs.

We help biological parents to build community connections so that once their case closes, they will have strong support networks in place to help them continue their lifestyle changes successfully. Advocates also prioritize achieving permanency for children in a timely manner, and if reunification is not safely possible, they will work to support the process of adoption, legal guardianship, or other arrangements to ensure the child finds a nurturing and permanent home.

5. What is your organization's procedure for making client referrals for additional services and services you are unable to provide? (Use additional pages if necessary).

CASA-Voices for Children consistently works with local organizations and service providers to ensure that children's needs are met successfully. The following departments and organizations are ones we frequently partner with, or ones with whom we hope to create and strengthen partnerships: ODHS Child Welfare, Lincoln County Juvenile Court, Lincoln County Juvenile Probation Department, Lincoln County Health & Human Services, Lincoln County School District, Samaritan Health Services/Samaritan House, Parenting Success Network,



Pollywog, Family Promise of Lincoln County/Coastal Phoenix Rising, Youth TIDES Shelter, Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center, Nurture Oregon/ReConnections Counseling, PFLAG Oregon Central Coast, Olalla Center, and others who provide needed services to children and their families.

Community members may come to CASA for many reasons. If they approach us and we find we are unable to help them, we conduct an informal interview to ascertain their needs and do our very best to provide information and guide them to the services or resources that may be helpful. We also offer handouts with lists of services. If there are language or reading difficulties or barriers, then we may call our community partners and ask if they know of or have the resources that could help. Even if someone is not eligible for our services, we want them to leave our office feeling supported, with helpful tools to move forward and referrals to community agencies and programs that are appropriate to support them.

6. Describe any specific challenges, limitations, or restrictions that your organization faces in serving its clients. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

One of the biggest barriers that CASA-Voices for Children faces in Newport and Lincoln County is the retention and recruitment of volunteers. We are in the process of rebuilding the Lincoln County program from the ground up. We have increased the number of children with an advocate in Lincoln County by over ten times (from 5 children served to 54 children) since we began providing services there in August 2022. CASA-VFC is committed to recruiting, training, and supporting new advocates as we continue working toward our goal of serving 100% of children in care in both Benton and Lincoln Counties.

CASA-VFC's goal is to bring consistent, caring support to the youth we serve. Some of the challenges we face in Newport and Lincoln County include higher rates of poverty, limited infrastructure for support resources, and transportation difficulties as children and their advocates may live in different areas of the county. As a tourism-heavy economy, Lincoln County has also struggled with more severe impacts from COVID-19 and economic recession, further undermining the financial stability of both our families and our prospective volunteer base. This has led to challenges in recruiting a dedicated group of volunteers to provide advocacy and stability for our children in care.

CASA-VFC is striving to overcome the barriers that exist in our communities, including the challenges faced by our children from historically marginalized and underrepresented groups. CASA-VFC has implemented specialized trainings and programs to help ensure that all of our children in care feel seen and supported for who they are and that parts of their identity are not lost while in care, thus emphasizing the importance of equity within the Child Welfare System. We also work to help our children and families overcome the barriers of poverty by providing necessary clothing and academic items and referrals to free or low-cost services.

7. How has your current organizational budget changed from last year's budget (i.e., new programs started, significant changes in expenditures or funding sources, agency restructuring, etc.) (Use additional pages if necessary.)

CASA-Voices for Children has continued to adjust our budget to support our recently-added service area of Lincoln County, rebuilding the Lincoln County program and increasing the number of children served. We also recently received a Community Violence Intervention grant to help us reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for community violence among the youth we serve. The CVI grant will expand our organizational budget and allowed us to hire several new staff members to support our special programs, and will allow us to provide increased community outreach and volunteer recruitment, enhanced data tracking to ensure youth receive needed services, educational and extracurricular supports, and an Independent Living Program for youth preparing to age out of care. The grant was awarded in July (\$121,627 for Lincoln County over an 18-month grant period) but we have not yet received the funds.

8. How will your organization use the requested funds if your grant is approved? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

CASA-Voices for Children would use the requested funds for operational expenses to recruit, train, support, and supervise CASA volunteers in Newport and Lincoln County who will advocate for children in the Child Welfare system who have experienced abuse and/or neglect. We are seeking to significantly grow our Lincoln County volunteer base and increase the number of children and families who receive the support of a dedicated advocate. Funds will also be used for program staff salaries and outreach to build connections for our youth within the community, and up to 10% may be put toward administrative expenses.

9. What sources of financial support, in excess of \$2,500, did your organization obtain within the past 12 months? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

- Source: Oregon CASA Network Pass-Through – VOCA Replacement (one time) & State Funding
- Amount Obtained: \$106,217
- Source: Lincoln County Nonprofit Social Service Agency Allocation
- Amount Obtained: *(\$7,575 awarded, but not yet received)*
- Source: Roundhouse Foundation
- Amount Obtained: \$15,000
- Source: Spirit Mountain Community Foundation
- Amount Obtained: \$25,000
- Source: Ford Family Foundation
- Amount Obtained: \$8,900

- Source: Early Learning Hub
- Amount Obtained: \$8,940

10. Describe, on separate pages, how your programs and facilities are accessible under the Americans with Disability Act requirements. If not accessible, provide a plan for making programs and facilities accessible.

CASA-Voices for Children is committed to providing accessible and equitable programs and facilities for the children and families we serve. Our Lincoln County program office is fully accessible and inclusive to all youth in ODHS custody and their families. The office is located on the ground floor and is an ADA-compliant facility. We also make accommodations for our youth and families that have sensory or environmental sensitivities (for example, to loud sounds or bright lighting) before coming to our office. We are continuing to enhance the supports we offer for people with disabilities, and are always happy to arrange for any accommodations that may be beneficial for our staff, volunteers, and the children and families we serve.