

## **THE GREEN HOUSE® GRANTS**

Pursuant to Act 193 of 2007, codified as Ark. Code Ann. § 20-10-209(b), the Office of Long Term Care may utilize monies from the Long-term Care Trust Fund “for programs or uses that, in the determination of the Director of the Office of Long-Term Care, enhance the quality of life for long-term care facility residents through the adoption of principles and building designs established by the Eden Alternative or The Green House® Project or other means.”

It is the intent of the Office of Long Term Care to create a pilot program to determine the efficacy of The Green House® Project model of long-term care facilities.

The Office of Long Term Care was provided both appropriation and funding to award up to one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) per fiscal year from the fund in grants to qualified providers to defer costs associated with the construction and operation of Green House® facilities. To effectuate the intent stated above, the Office of Long Term Care will award grants to a limited number of facilities that meet the Eligibility Criteria set forth herein. The maximum award for any single grant is five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), with the Office of Long Term Care determining the grant amount. No more than one grant per proposed project will be awarded to a single recipient. For purposes of these grants, the term *project* refers to a grant of authority, as evidenced by the Permit of Approval issued by the Health Services Permit Agency, to construct a new long-term care facility or to make additions to an existing long-term care facility.

Those seeking a grant award shall submit a grant proposal in the manner and in the time set forth herein. The Office of Long Term Care shall evaluate proposals based upon the criteria established herein, and shall consider the reasonableness and likelihood of project completion as established in the proposals.

### **I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GRANT**

To be eligible for a grant, an entity must:

- a. Submit evidence of a current, valid Permit of Approval issued by the Health Services Permit Agency for the construction of a new facility, or the addition of Green House® homes to an existing facility or campus if applicable.
- b. For a new facility, demonstrate that it has either purchased, or has an option to purchase, sufficient land for the construction of a facility.
- c. For a new facility, present documentation supporting site approval by the Office of Long Term Care.
- d. Submit with the grant proposal a Letter of Assurance that the proposed facility will adhere to the principles and requirements for a Green House® facility,

both in construction and operation of the facility, as set forth by The Green House® Project, NCB Capital Impact, or both, during at least the life of the pilot project.

- e. Submit proof of acceptance as a Green House® Project facility by NCB Capital Impact or The Green House® Project, or both.
- f. Provide a letter of assurance that the completed facility will provide the Office of Long Term Care or its designee with medical and financial information as required by the Office of Long Term Care. The completed facility must agree to conduct a baseline medical and social assessment of all residents admitted to the facility, and updates to the information no less than annually.
- g. Nursing facilities must be certified as a Medicare or Medicaid provider. If the recipient nursing facility or project is not certified as a Medicare or Medicaid provider at the time of the grant proposal submission, the nursing facility must agree in writing to become either Medicare or Medicaid certified as soon as practicable.
- h. Nursing facilities must perform and submit Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessments on all residents of the facility, regardless of payment source, in accordance with the federal regulations governing MDS assessments and submissions as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 483.20 as of October 1, 2007, and which are incorporated herein by reference. Facilities that are not nursing facilities, such as Assisted Living Facilities, must perform any assessments of residents as specified by the Office of Long Term Care and must comply with any state or federal requirements set forth in the regulations governing the facility during the life of the project.
- i. Provide a copy of the Technical Services Agreement and Sub-License Agreement executed by the facility or project and by NCB Capital Impact or its designee.

## **II. SELECTION CRITERIA**

In the event that the number of applications for grants exceeds the amount to be awarded, the Office of Long Term Care shall base the awards on criteria that includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Demographic diversity. Selection of competing grant proposals will be based upon whether the proposed facility will be located in a rural, urban, or suburban locale. The Office of Long Term Care may award a grant to the proposed facility that is located in a locale for which few or no Green House® facilities exist or are proposed.

- b. Projected completion date. Selection of competing grant proposals will be based upon the proposed completion dates. The Office of Long Term Care may award a grant to the proposed facility that offers the earliest and most feasible proposed completion date.
- c. Percentage of Use. The project that has the largest percentage of beds for the entire facility – to include both Green House® units and traditional units - assigned or devoted to Green House® units may receive preferential consideration.
- d. Innovation. The project that provides or offers innovation in meeting long-term care goals established by the Department of Human Services or the State of Arkansas may receive preferential consideration.

### **III. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

Entities seeking a grant award shall, by November 30, 2009, submit a grant proposal. The proposal shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. The specific location of the proposed facility.
- b. Proof of compliance with all Eligibility Criteria.
- c. The grant amount requested.
- d. A financial statement setting forth the manner in which the proposed grant award will be applied to offset costs unique to and associated with construction and operating a Green House® facility. Examples of such costs include but are not limited to specialized Green House® staff training as provided through The Green House® Project, increased or added costs for architectural plans meeting Green House® requirements, and increased or additional costs incurred in the construction of a Green House® facility. For each unique cost associated with the construction or operation of a Green House® facility, the proposal shall set forth the amount of the award that will be applied to the cost.

Proposals should be sent to:

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#### **IV. GRANT AWARD**

- a. Thirty days after review by Legislative Council of the grant, if applicable, the Division of Medical Services will allocate up to one-half of the amount awarded for the grant.
- b. The remaining amount of the grant will be awarded upon delivery of a letter of support from NCB Capital Impact or The Green House® Project, or their designees, stating that the goals of the project are being met and that the project is performing within operating principles as established by NCB Capital Impact or The Green House® Project, or their designees. This letter must be received by the Office of Long Term Care between May 1 and May 15, 2010.
- c. **PLEASE NOTE:** Any condition that must be met prior to the award of funds must be completed in the sole determination of the Office of Long Term Care no later than May 31, 2010, unless otherwise specified herein. Failure to meet this requirement will result in loss of the unpaid funds.

#### **V. TERMINATION**

In the event that the grantee abandons the project, the grantee shall provide the Office of Long Term Care with a written statement detailing the reasons for abandoning the project. The written report shall be provided to the Office of Long Term Care within thirty (30) days after the determination to abandon the project.