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*RFP for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*

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The long-term impact of the pandemic, loss of income and unemployment resulting from the economic shutdown, is making it more difficult for many in our county to make ends meet. Nearly 60% of households earning \$35,000 annually have reported struggling to pay for normal housing expenses (source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/03/02/united-states-pandemic-impact-people-poverty#>).

The proposed project will directly address this impact exacerbated by the COVID 19 pandemic by supplying permanently affordable homes to women and children in need and by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, resources and support to maintain secure housing in the long-term. The project aligns with several Buncombe County Focus Areas and 2025 Goals, including the need to increase affordable housing near existing transportation routes, infrastructure and jobs.

**Population Served\***

Define the population to be served by this project, including volume and demographic characteristics of those served.

Since 2018, we have helped 518 women and children find stable homes with sustainable living wage jobs. By demographics- African-American (22.2%), Caucasian (64.1%), Unidentified (8%), Other (5%).

Transformation Village currently serves single women and mothers with children in our emergency shelter and transitional housing. We give priority to female Veterans, those in recovery from substance use, and women with children enrolled in Buncombe County and Asheville City school systems. The school systems have identified almost 600 students as homeless or unsuitably housed.

In addition to the women served, ABCCM will also serve their children. Children who are homeless have twice the rate of learning disabilities, 50% are held back for one grade, 22% held back for multiple grades. They experience generalized anxiety disorder, clinical depression and isolation at rates three times higher than housed children. Children are often performing at one or two levels below grade when they enter our program. By the time these children exit our programs, they are at-or-above grade level, based on the data we collect. Their achievements are due at least in part to the stability and safety given by having a safe, stable

home and by the hundreds of volunteers, many retired teachers who tutor the children and help with homework.

## Results\*

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The impact of this project will be to reduce the number of women and children on the ABCCM waiting list to as nearly zero as possible in the short-term. Currently, the waiting list has 189 women and children waiting for the type of housing and programs that ABCCM offers. In the long-term, this project will provide permanently affordable housing with wraparound supportive services for women and children on an ongoing basis for the foreseeable future. This project will also serve as a catalyst for Phase IIB- the construction of three more apartment buildings that will provide housing for other identified groups of women and children.

3 performance measures to be tracked and reported:

1. The buildings will be completed within 15 months of funding. Designs and permits are current. The infrastructure has been installed and access is open to begin construction.

2. Eligibility assessment and intake of residents will begin within 60 days of buildings completion. ABCCM has plenty of experience in assessing applicants for assistance, including housing needs, and intake those who qualify for our programs. At Transformation Village, 3-5 women are accepted weekly.

3. The three apartment buildings will be fully occupied within six months of completion. The goal will be to reduce the waiting list of women and children to as nearly zero as possible.

## Evaluation\*

Describe the data collection, analysis, and quality assurance measures you will use to assure ongoing, effective tracking of contract requirements and outcomes.

To evaluate the programmatic services, ABCCM utilizes the NC-501's Homeless Management Information System and all residents are asked to sign a release to enter their data into the system for community reports and analysis. We utilize the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to determine level of risk and priority for service. ABCCM's uses a customized case management system developed on the Apricot software platform. Monthly, quarterly, and annual reports will be compiled by staff and reviewed by the Board of Directors.

With these evaluation systems in place for our case management and outcomes reports, ABCCM is honored to have an annual track record (except for 2020) where 8 out of 10 transitional housing residents exited our program and did not return to homelessness after two years. ABCCM has a dedicated Case Manager who faithfully tracks those placed into housing for 24 months after their exit to make sure they have stable income/jobs and are permanently housed.

ABCCM has extensive experience in effective tracking of federal contracts through its Veterans programs, including HVRP grants: HV-26000-14-60-5-37; HV-30896-17-60-5-37; HV-32089-18-60-5-37. Additionally ABCCM has managed North Carolina, Buncombe County and Asheville government grants with full compliance and fulfillment.

## Equity Impact\*

How will this effort help build toward a just, equitable, and sustainable COVID-19 recovery? How are the root causes and/or disproportionate impacts of inequities addressed?

Based on analysis of 2018 American Community Survey data, before COVID-19, 46% of all working women—28 million—worked in jobs paying low wages, with median earnings of only \$10.93 per hour. Low wage workers are higher among Black women (54%) and Hispanic or Latina women (64%) than White women (40%), reflecting the structural racism that has limited options in education, housing, and employment for people of color ([www.brookings.edu/essay/why-has-covid-19-been-especially-harmful-for-working-women/](http://www.brookings.edu/essay/why-has-covid-19-been-especially-harmful-for-working-women/)).

At Transformation Village, we accept everyone as part of our commitment to respect everyone's dignity. Our non-discrimination policy is inclusive and equitable so that any woman or child is welcome at our campus. We do not discriminate on basis of race, sex, gender identity, color or national origin. Transformation Village is an all female campus, but we also accept and serve those who identify themselves in the trans-gender community. Currently we house one person who is transitioning. ABCCM accepted this person when no other organization would. We accept those with criminal backgrounds, except registered sex offenders due to the proximity to children.

## Project Partners\*

Identify any subcontractors you intend to use for the proposed scope of work. For each subcontractor listed, indicate:

- 1.) What products and/or services are to be supplied by that subcontractor and;
- 2.) What percentage of the overall scope of work that subcontractor will perform.

Also, list non-funded key partners critical to project.

ABCCM is partnering with Goforth Builders to be the General Contractor for the project. Goforth will oversee all sub-contractors. Zach Stroud is the architect, a partner in the Charlotte based firm, 161 Architects. Marvin Mercer is the civil engineer. Jay Lee is COO for ABCCM and would be the project leader and ensure that weekly progress meetings with the contractors, architects and engineers were held. He will submit monthly reports and ensure that all draws are according to AIA submittal standards and approvals.

Other potential sub-contractors are: Gentry Heating for HVAC, Leicester Carpet for Carpet/Flooring, Southern Alarm for Security Cameras, Fire and Burglar alarm, card entry systems, Carolina Technologies for all low voltage wiring, Electronic Office for computer network, Bigham for underground conduit, Spectrum/Charter for TV service, ERC for Internet, MB Haynes for the Panic Blue Light System, Ring Free for telephones, and FRS for kitchen equipment.

Overall partners include Charles George VA Medical Center, NC Workforce Solutions, VAYA Health, AB-Tech Community College, Buncombe County DHHS, MAHEC, NC 501 CoC of Asheville, Buncombe County Veterans Council, Blue Ridge Council, HelpMate, Our Voice and NC Cares 360.

## Capacity\*

Describe the background, experience, and capabilities of your organization or department as it relates to capacity for delivering the proposed project and managing federal funds.

ABCCM has provided shelters and housing for people experiencing homelessness since 1984-85. From that initial shelter at St. Lawrence Basilica, ABCCM has developed a proven pathway to help people transition

from homelessness into our communities. In 2001, ABCCM opened Steadfast House, a transitional residential model that has helped hundreds of women escape the plight of homelessness and become productive, self-sufficient members of society. In 2008, ABCCM opened the Veterans Restoration Quarters, a 250-unit transitional residential location to help Veterans transition from homelessness to stable housing and employment. Since its opening, Veterans Restoration Quarters has helped almost 3,000 men, the equivalent of two battalions, restore their lives and find stable homes and sustainable employment.

These programs are sustainable and effective at ending homelessness for those who participate. The more recent data show that in 2021, 86.5% of residents who graduate from our residential programs have homes and continued employment after one year.

ABCCM's Veterans' program is the sixth largest in the nation. ABCCM has managed federal grants from the V.A., Labor and Commerce Depts. for years with clean audits.

## Budget\*

Provide a detailed project budget including all proposed project revenues and expenditures, including explanations and methodology. For all revenue sources, list the funder and denote whether funds are confirmed or pending. For project expenses, denote all capital vs. operating costs, and reflect which specific expenses are proposed to be funded with one-time Buncombe County Recovery Funds.

Download a copy of the budget form [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

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## Special Considerations\*

Provide any other information that might assist the County in its selection.

ABCCM's Recovery Living program differs from half-way houses because there is no immediate pressure to get a job to pay rent and food costs. Women are given time to complete rehab and be reunited with their children. This approach produces permanent changes and reduces relapses.

Women Veterans are the fastest growing segment of homeless Veterans in our region. According to the VA website, There are 1.9 million women Veterans, making women a significant minority amongst Veterans because they make up 9.4% of the Veteran population. It is estimated that 1–2% of all women Veterans and 13–15% of women Veterans living in poverty experience homelessness over the course of a year.

Veteran women are more than twice as likely as non-Veteran women and over three times as likely as non-Veteran women living in poverty to experience homelessness.

The City of Asheville and Buncombe County school systems have identified 586 students as homeless or unsuitably housed. Phase IIA will give some of these students a stable environment to complete their school year thereby reducing the possibility of dropouts and grade failures.

ABCCM cannot end homelessness for everyone. But we can end it for the almost 200 women and children already identified and waiting for help. And we will have a safe, stable and supportive facility to help similar women and children for years to come.



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Accounting Period Ending:  
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Form 990 Required:  
No  
Addendum Applies:  
Yes

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

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As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. This does not apply, however, if you make or have made a timely election under section 3121(w) of the Code to be exempt from such tax. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excises, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or

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In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

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You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

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Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

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The long-term impact of the pandemic, loss of income and unemployment resulting from the economic shutdown, is making it more difficult for many in our county to make ends meet. Nearly 60% of households earning \$35,000 annually have reported struggling to pay for normal housing expenses (source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/03/02/united-states-pandemic-impact-people-poverty#>).

The proposed project will directly address this impact exacerbated by the COVID 19 pandemic by supplying permanently affordable homes to women and children in need and by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, resources and support to maintain secure housing in the long-term. The project aligns with several Buncombe County Focus Areas and 2025 Goals, including the need to increase affordable housing near existing transportation routes, infrastructure and jobs.

## Population Served\*

Define the population to be served by this project, including volume and demographic characteristics of those served.

Since 2018, we have helped 518 women and children find stable homes with sustainable living wage jobs. By demographics- African-American (22.2%), Caucasian (64.1%), Unidentified (8%), Other (5%).

Transformation Village currently serves single women and mothers with children in our emergency shelter and transitional housing. We give priority to female Veterans, those in recovery from substance use, and women with children enrolled in Buncombe County and Asheville City school systems. The school systems have identified almost 600 students as homeless or unsuitably housed.

In addition to the women served, ABCCM will also serve their children. Children who are homeless have twice the rate of learning disabilities, 50% are held back for one grade, 22% held back for multiple grades. They experience generalized anxiety disorder, clinical depression and isolation at rates three times higher than housed children. Children are often performing at one or two levels below grade when they enter our program. By the time, these children exit our programs, they are at-or-above grade level, based on the data we collect. Their achievements are due at least in part to the stability and safety given by having a safe, stable home and by the hundreds of volunteers, many retired teachers who tutor the children and help with homework.

## Results\*

Describe the proposed impact of the project. List at least 3 performance measures that will be tracked and reported. If possible, include baselines and goals for each performance measure.

The impact of this project will be to reduce the number of women and children on the ABCCM waiting list to as nearly zero as possible. Currently, the waiting list has 189 women and children waiting for the type of housing and programs that ABCCM offers.

3 performance measures to be tracked and reported:

1. The buildings will be completed within 15 months of funding. Designs and permits are current. The infrastructure has been installed and access is open to begin construction.

2. Eligibility assessment and intake of residents will begin within 60 days of buildings completion. ABCCM has plenty of experience in assessing applicants for assistance, including housing needs, and intake those who qualify for our programs. At Transformation Village, 3-5 women are accepted weekly.

3. The three apartment buildings will be fully occupied within six months of completion. The goal will be to reduce the waiting list of women and children to as nearly zero as possible.

ABCCM cannot end homelessness for everyone. But we can end it for the almost 200 women and children already identified and waiting for help.

## Evaluation\*

Describe the data collection, analysis, and quality assurance measures you will use to assure ongoing, effective tracking of contract requirements and outcomes.

The certificate of occupancy will complete the evaluation of the 26 unit apartment project.

To evaluate the programmatic services, ABCCM utilizes the NC-501's Homeless Management Information System and all residents are asked to sign a release to enter their data into the system for community reports and analysis. We utilize the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to determine level of risk and priority for service. ABCCM's uses a customized case management system developed on the Apricot software platform. Monthly, quarterly, and annual reports will be compiled by staff and reviewed by the Board of Directors.

With these evaluation systems in place for our case management and outcomes reports, ABCCM is honored to have an annual track record (except for 2020) where 8 out of 10 transitional housing residents exited our program and did not return to homelessness after two years. ABCCM has a dedicated Case Manager who faithfully tracks those placed into housing for 24 months after their exit to make sure they have stable income/jobs and are permanently housed.

## Equity Impact\*

How will this effort help build toward a just, equitable, and sustainable COVID-19 recovery? How are the root causes and/or disproportionate impacts of inequities addressed?

Based on analysis of 2018 American Community Survey data, before COVID-19, 46% of all working women—28 million—worked in jobs paying low wages, with median earnings of only \$10.93 per hour. Low wage workers are higher among Black women (54%) and Hispanic or Latina women (64%) than White women (40%), reflecting the structural racism that has limited options in education, housing, and employment for people of color ([www.brookings.edu/essay/why-has-covid-19-been-especially-harmful-for-working-women/](http://www.brookings.edu/essay/why-has-covid-19-been-especially-harmful-for-working-women/)).

At Transformation Village, we accept everyone as part of our commitment to respect everyone's dignity. Our non-discrimination policy is inclusive and equitable so that any woman or child is welcome at our campus. We do not discriminate on basis of race, sex, gender identity, color or national origin. Transformation Village is an all female campus, but we also accept and serve those who identify themselves in the trans-gender community. Currently we house one person who is transitioning. ABCCM accepted this person when no other organization would. We accept those with criminal backgrounds, except registered sex offenders due to the proximity to children.

## Project Partners\*

Identify any subcontractors you intend to use for the proposed scope of work. For each subcontractor listed, indicate:

- 1.) What products and/or services are to be supplied by that subcontractor and;
- 2.) What percentage of the overall scope of work that subcontractor will perform.

Also, list non-funded key partners critical to project.

ABCCM is partnering with Goforth Builders to be the General Contractor for the project. Goforth will oversee all sub-contractors. Zach Stroud is the architect, a partner in the Charlotte based firm, 161 Architects. Marvin Mercer is the civil engineer. Jay Lee is COO for ABCCM and would be the project leader and ensure that weekly progress meetings with the contractors, architects and engineers were held. He will submit monthly reports and ensure that all draws are according to AIA submittal standards and approvals.

Other potential sub-contractors are: Gentry Heating for HVAC, Leicester Carpet for Carpet/Flooring, Southern Alarm for Security Cameras, Fire and Burglar alarm, card entry systems, Carolina Technologies for all low voltage wiring, Electronic Office for computer network, Bigham for underground conduit, Spectrum/Charter for TV service, ERC for Internet, MB Haynes for the Panic Blue Light System, Ring Free for telephones, and FRS for kitchen equipment.

Overall partners include Charles George VA Medical Center, NC Workforce Solutions, VAYA Health, AB-Tech Community College, Buncombe County DHHS, MAHEC, NC 501 CoC of Asheville, Buncombe County Veterans Council, Blue Ridge Council, HelpMate, Our Voice and NC Cares 360.

## Capacity\*

Describe the background, experience, and capabilities of your organization or department as it relates to capacity for delivering the proposed project and managing federal funds.

ABCCM has provided shelters and housing for people experiencing homelessness since 1984-85. From that initial shelter at St. Lawrence Basilica, ABCCM has developed a proven pathway to help people transition from homelessness into our communities. In 2001, ABCCM opened Steadfast House, a transitional residential model that has helped hundreds of women escape the plight of homelessness and become productive, self-sufficient members of society. In 2008, ABCCM opened the Veterans Restoration Quarters, a 250-unit transitional residential location to help Veterans transition from homelessness to stable housing and employment. Since its opening, Veterans Restoration Quarters has helped almost 3,000 men, the equivalent of two battalions, restore their lives and find stable homes and sustainable employment.

These programs are sustainable and effective at ending homelessness for those who participate. The more recent data show that in 2021, 86.5% of residents who graduate from our residential programs have homes and continued employment after one year.

ABCCM's Veterans' program is the sixth largest in the nation. ABCCM has managed federal grants from the V.A., Labor and Commerce Depts. for years with clean audits.

## Budget\*

Provide a detailed project budget including all proposed project revenues and expenditures, including explanations and methodology. For all revenue sources, list the funder and denote whether funds are confirmed or pending. For project expenses, denote all capital vs. operating costs, and reflect which specific expenses are proposed to be funded with one-time Buncombe County Recovery Funds.

Download a copy of the budget form [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

*[Unanswered]*

## Special Considerations\*

Provide any other information that might assist the County in its selection.

ABCCM's Recovery Living program differs from half-way houses because there is no immediate pressure to get a job to pay rent and food costs. Women are given time to complete rehab and be reunited with their children. This approach produces permanent changes and reduces relapses.

Women Veterans are the fastest growing segment of homeless Veterans in our region. According to the VA website, There are 1.9 million women Veterans, making women a significant minority amongst Veterans because they make up 9.4% of the Veteran population. It is estimated that 1–2% of all women Veterans and 13–15% of women Veterans living in poverty experience homelessness over the course of a year.

Veteran women are more than twice as likely as non-Veteran women and over three times as likely as non-Veteran women living in poverty to experience homelessness.

The City of Asheville and Buncombe County school systems have identified 586 students as homeless or unsuitably housed. Phase IIA will give some of these students a stable environment to complete their school year thereby preventing dropouts and failing grades.

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# File Attachment Summary

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## *Applicant File Uploads*

- IRS Tax Exemption Letter (1).pdf

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
401 W. PEACHTREE ST. NW  
ATLANTA, GA 30365

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 09 1994

ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE COMMUNITY  
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY INC  
FKA ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE  
COOPERATIVE MINISTRY INC  
24 CUMBERLAND AVENUE  
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801

Employer Identification Number:  
56-0945001  
Case Number:  
583336041  
Contact Person:  
ANN RUSSELL  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(404) 391-4927

Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Form 990 Required:  
No  
Addendum Applies:  
Yes

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. This does not apply, however, if you make or have made a timely election under section 3121(w) of the Code to be exempt from such tax. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excises, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or

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she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. See Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, which sets forth guidelines regarding the deductibility, as charitable contributions, of payments made by taxpayers for admission to or other participation in fundraising activities for charity.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$10 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

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Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Williams  
District Director

Enclosure(s):  
Addendum