# Restoring Health and Health Equity in Central Wisconsin Housing: WPP Community Impact Grant

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Wisconsin Partnership Program UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH What we'll be covering today

- 1. Overview of CAP Services' Rehab program
- 2. Strategies behind the grant: Process and the Project
- 3. Time for Questions and Answers



CAP Services' mission is to transform people and communities to advance social and economic justice.



### CAP's Housing Repairs Program

#### History

- → CAP Services started the Housing Repairs program in **1993**
- → Between 2007-2024 Approximately
   462 homes have been rehabbed (prior to 2007-projects weren't tracked as extensively as they are now)

#### By the numbers as of late Feb 2025

- → 16 homes are in some phase of rehab currently
- → 30 homes are currently on the waitlist
- → 22 approved contractors on our contractor list



#### After

- New roof
- New front porch
- Interior improvements

### CAP's Rehabilitation Process

2 months	2 months	6-10 months
In-Take	Bid Processing	Rehab begins. Must complete within 10 months after Rehab Contract is signed with Contractor
Includes application processing, income verification, approval or denial of application	Includes HQS home inspection, work plan, request for bid, bid processing and notice of awards	Includes funding appropriation, CAP corporate funding approval, closing with client, notice to proceed to contractor, project coordination, completion reports.



#### Involvement of impacted community & number of individuals to be reached



After (right): New roof to prevent leaking and mold, new siding, windows, lead removal, and interior improvements.

#### How has the community identified this priority?

- CAP's Community Needs Assessment, Community Client Surveys, Focus Groups
- Input from WISCAP community action agencies in Wisconsin (18)
- Agencies work directly with low-income families
- CAP's tripartite board of directors is divided into **three** equal parts:
  - representatives of the **low-income population** we serve,
  - elected public officials or county board designees, and
  - representatives of the **community at large**.

#### Who will be impacted?

- **240 individuals** during the initiative
- Hundreds of other individuals through sharing our findings and replicating our process in other agencies across Wisconsin through the WISCAP network

#### Partnership



**Project Lead** 

**Academic Partner** 

Partner in Evaluation

### Grant Application Timeline

Early Spring 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Fall 2024	Winter 2024	
Attended informational session, Request for	Letter of Intent due in June 2024	Invited to full application, application due Aug. 2024	Invited to finalist presentation, presented Nov. 2024	Notified of program award, funding began Jan. 2025	
Partnerships released in April 2024 Initial conversations began between CAP and Extension	Outlined main goals of the grant project and identified partners	Developed budget, program activities and timeline, and evaluation plan	Provided 7 min presentation, addressed reviewer comments		

#### About a 9 month long process!



### Goal of the initiative and social determinant of health

**Goal:** to increase health equity and improve health outcomes for low-to-moderate income (LMI) households by **improving the timeliness and accessibility** of housing rehabilitation services and expanding the reach to **linguistically and culturally diverse audiences** in our service area.

Social determinant of health: Neighborhood and Built Environment - Quality of Housing. Serious health complications from housing issues which could lead to disease or death from:

- mold
- lead based paint
- asbestos
- unsanitary plumbing issues
- unsafe electrical wiring









Mold removed, new tub and surround installed.



### Timeline of Grant Project

Q1-Q2	Q1-Q2 + Quarterly	Q4 of each year + ongoing	Q2 + Q4 of each year	Conclusion of Initiative	
Identify current barriers to access and timeliness of	Build program capacity through staff and partners	Increase program awareness and expand program	Improve health equity and health outcomes through program	Build capacity throughout the state	
home rehabilitation services. Facilitated meeting with CAA's	Hiring one bilingual In-Take personnel.	Promotion of program through tax bills, and ongoing rehabilitation of homes.	evaluation Establish baseline health equity measures. Comparison from baseline to health equity improvement	Final report and action plan are developed. Present at 3 conferences. New funding opportunities are pursued by CAA's.	



#### Budget Over 3 Year Term: How Do the Proposed Costs Support the Primary Activities?

	Proposed Costs
<ul> <li>CAP Services</li> <li>Assistant Director</li> <li>Housing Coordinator</li> <li>Housing Coordinator</li> <li>Housing Specialist</li> </ul>	Salaries: \$160,895 Fringe: \$49,413
<ul> <li>UW-Madison &amp; UW-Madison Division of Extension</li> <li>Associate Director, CommNS Co-Create</li> <li>Student Hourly, CommNS Co-Create</li> </ul>	Salaries: \$ 22,114 Fringe: \$ 6,222
<ul><li>CAP Services</li><li>Supplies and Travel</li></ul>	\$16,409
TOTAL ABOVE TOTAL MATCH	\$255,053 \$283,061

#### **Primary Activities:**

Housing Specialist: in-take, application processing, income

#### Housing Coordinator/Inspector:

verification. Interpreting as needed.

HQS home inspections, work plans, bid processing.

#### Housing Coordinator: funding

appropriation per project; project coordination and completion.

<u>Assistant Director:</u> oversight of process; recruit contractors; grant reporting; coordinate with evaluation



### Matching Funds Sources

- → HOME Homebuyer and Rehabilitation Program (HHR)
- → Affordable Housing Program (AHP) through Federal Home Loan Bank
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)







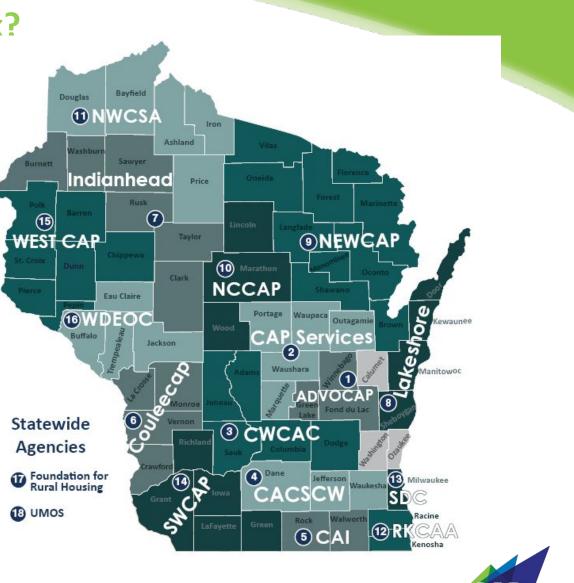


#### What does this award mean for our work?

- The expansion and enhancement of a proven program that helps LMI homeowners in 5 Wisconsin counties achieve health equity and social/economic justice
- The ability to serve linguistically and culturally-diverse homeowners
- The opportunity to create a replicable and scalable program throughout Wisconsin

#### **Thinking Beyond Funding**

- Building tools for replicability
- Establishing policies and procedures
- Increased capacity through the Community Action Agency network in Wisconsin



## What questions do you have?

