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GRANT APPLICATION

***Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below**

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: 4/6/2021

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Family Advocates, Inc.

Address P.O. Box 705, 250 North Court Street

City, State, Zip Platteville, WI 53818

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Person Responsible for the Grant Darlene Masters

Position in the Organization Executive Director

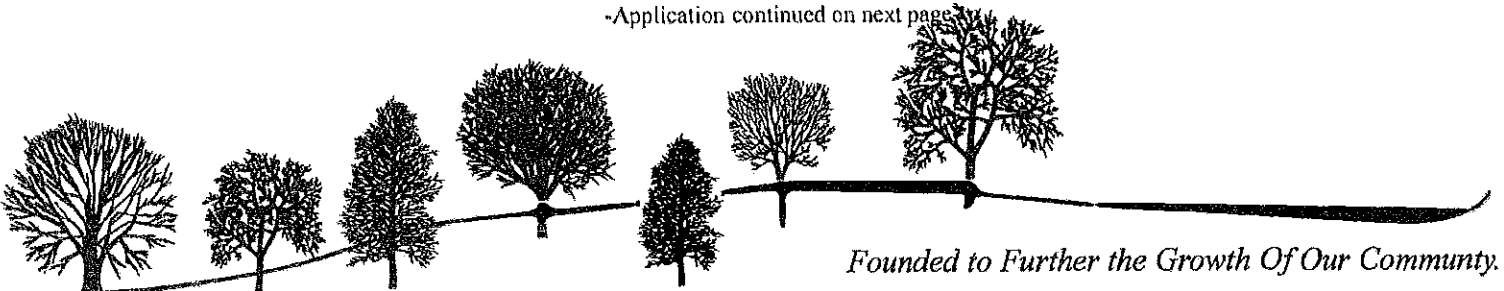
Organization's Purpose Family Advocates is dedicated to the eradication of abuse. Prevention and intervention services will be provided to victims and survivors of domestic, sexual, child and elder abuse in Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1,508.28

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

- A. Supporting information.
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 - 5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

- B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and October 15th. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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Reason for the grant request: Family Advocates, prior to the pandemic, held in-person support groups for victims of abuse. During these sessions, victims participate in the "Art of Healing." This program has been developed by our Shelter Director to not only provide therapy through arts and crafts, but also to aid in the growth of the individual. Art therapy is a technique rooted in the idea that creative expression can foster healing and mental well-being. If awarded funding, this would allow us to continue our support programming virtually and in-person while still including this important component toward a victim's healing journey.

Additionally, we are asking for support in providing blank keys that have our hotline number engraved on the metal surface. Family Advocates provides these keys to hospitals, police departments, and doctors' offices as a discreet way to give a potential victim our hotline number to receive help. Especially, if their abuser is accompanying them.

A. Supporting Information

1. **Specific use of grant:** Art therapy is a therapeutic technique that uses different types of visual arts to improve the physical, mental and emotional well-being of a person. Being able to provide this therapy not only in-person but virtually as well would bring a sense of normalcy and healing to a trauma victim's life.

1. Art therapy gives trauma victims a way to make their emotions visible so that they slowly become more self-aware.

2. Working on and creating art helps victims focus on the present moment and reduce stressful thoughts.

Family Advocates staff, through the use of zoom and the art boxes, will give guided instructions for our support group members to create art and heal through the creative process. Art therapy is not only a very cathartic experience but it can also help group members find a new hobby that helps them cope with their feelings. After completing treatment, they can continue to draw, paint and create their own forms of art to express themselves. Creative hobbies can make life more fulfilling and helps people communicate their inner thoughts with other people in their lives.

Family Advocates has used the engraved keys to reach victims in a discreet manner for over ten years. Professional offices rely on and request the keys to help their clients in way as to not embarrass or call attention to that person, but to get them the help they may need.

2. **Time schedule:** Family Advocates would purchase the attached list of supplies and the engraved keys once funding is approved.
3. **Other sources of funding:** Traditionally, Family Advocates received funding for art therapy through A Window Between Worlds; however, this funding was cut and had added expenses that were too costly for our non-profit to continue. The Biddick Foundation would be the sole supporter of this programming.
4. **Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time:** Postponing this request will result in more remedial less costly art therapy projects. The engraved keys are almost out of stock at all the locations we give them to so this would result in victims not receiving the help they may need.
5. **Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt:** All individuals, including men, women, LGBTQIA+, who experience(d) sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse who are in need of safety and are homeless due to abuse will be sheltered. All races/ethnicities are served including Latino, White, African American, Asian, etc. with the only criteria of having an above abusive trauma (current or past). In fact, over the last five years, 48% of persons staying at our shelter were non-white individuals, 8% are over the age of 50, and over 18% have a disability and have needed emergency shelter due to a domestic violence or abusive trauma.

Not only do we cover the three aforementioned counties (56% of our shelter residents in 2020 came from these three counties) but we receive many referrals from urban areas (Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Paul) of individuals

looking for shelter to flee an abuser. Many of these individuals then make the decision to take up residency in Wisconsin, often within the three counties served by our agency.

Our advocates continue to work with the victim throughout the healing and medical follow-up appointments. Once this is completed, our advocates remain with the victim through our counseling and referral programs. As you can see, a victim and their family are continually evaluated and helped long after the initial assault/trauma. Specific to this program, following-up on stress levels on the family regarding needs, health, and well-being will be determined through evaluation of each individual.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services and composition:

Family Advocates, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of abuse. Prevention and intervention services are provided to victims, secondary victims and witnesses of domestic, sexual, child and elder abuse. A shelter facility with administrative offices is located in Grant County with outreach offices in Iowa and Lafayette Counties. In the 1970's a group of concerned individuals began discussing how to respond to the prevalence of abuse in Grant County and the surrounding area. At this time, a telephone hotline services was provided for victims, survivors and concerned individuals to access. Later, safe houses were offered by community members. In 1982, a shelter facility was acquired through the City of Platteville and a Community Development Block Grant. The shelter continues to house victims of abuse; however, the agency is now housed in a larger facility.

Family Advocates' shelter has 2 single bedrooms (one of which is handicap accessible), 2 double rooms, and 2 family rooms along with a communal kitchen, dining room, living room and three bathrooms. Our shelter staff covers a 24-hour/365-day operational shelter. Each client is empowered to decide how and when services are provided and for how long. Individuals are given tools to make informed decisions regarding service provision. Each person is treated with dignity and respect and as individuals. Not all clients choose to participate in all services, in fact, very few clients find all services as helpful or needed for their situation. Each client is given the opportunity to participate in all services that are provided, but have the power to decide what is appropriate for them as individuals and/or families. Advocates listen and support while encouraging each client to define their own needs and success. Additionally, the agency offers prevention and education services to area schools, agencies and organizations. The agency also has offices in Darlington and Dodgeville which offer all of the same services with the exception of sheltering.

ART SUPPLY LIST

Item	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Pack of Transparent Paper	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
Watercolor Paper	2	\$10.50	\$21.00
Masking Tape	3	\$7.43	\$22.29
Paint Brushes	1	\$10.97	\$10.97
Envelopes	1	\$5.70	\$5.70
Clear Contact paper	1	\$13.97	\$13.97
Gel Roller Pens	2	\$13.89	\$27.78
Ribbon, String, Yarn	1	\$19.91	\$19.91
Hole Puncher	3	\$14.43	\$43.29
Pastels	2	\$11.58	\$23.16
Paint	12	\$3.97	\$47.64
Tape	4	\$3.56	\$14.24
Multi-Colored Card Stock	1	\$17.72	\$17.72
Small Buckets	12	\$1.25	\$15.00
Popsicle Sticks	4	\$3.00	\$12.00

Glitter Glue	12	\$5.50	\$66.00
Glitter	2	\$7.46	\$14.92
Glitter Paint	1	\$26.49	\$26.49
Tempra Paint	12	\$4.97	\$59.64
Wooden Recipe Boxes	12	\$2.50	\$30.00
Opaque/Metallic Pens	6	\$13.68	\$82.08
Markers	12	\$9.98	\$119.76
Construction Paper	12	\$4.40	\$52.80
Glue	12	\$3.69	\$44.28
Scissors	4	\$7.99	\$31.96
Postage	12	\$13.20	\$158.40
Workbooks	12	\$33.69	\$404.28
Support Group Virtual Art Total			\$1,405.28
ENGRAVED KEYS			
AmericanKeySupply.Com	500	\$0.35	\$175.00
Total Amount Requested			\$1,580.28