

PDAC Questionnaire
Supplemental Packet

2022

RESTORATION KITCHEN



RESTORING LIVES,
ONE MEAL AT A TIME

emerge
RECOVERY &
TRADE INITIATIVE





MIAMI VALLEY MEALS



MIAMI VALLEY MEALS RECOVERS AND TRANSFORMS DONATED FOOD INTO NUTRITIOUS MEALS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH A NETWORK OF NONPROFIT PARTNERS SERVING THE HUNGRY.

By “Serving those who serve the hungry,” we free up vital resources of our nonprofit partners and open doors to further outreach.

OUR IMPACT

400,000 +
Meals Donated

94
Distribution
Partners

381,276
Pounds of Food
Recovered

34
Zip Codes
Served

**March 2020 -
September 2022**

MIAMI VALLEY MEALS

HOW DOES IT WORK?

FOOD RECOVERY

Food recovery partners donate ingredients, preventing food waste in the supply chain

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MEAL PREP

Our team of chefs assess incoming ingredients and create a variety of delicious meals



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DISTRIBUTION

Meals are given to nonprofit organizations free of charge to support their pantry and service efforts



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SERVICE

Partner organizations serve meals to individuals and families as part of their various outreach programs



Learn more at miamivalleymeals.org

Raising hope in the people and communities we serve

The Emerge 48 -acre campus will provide an innovative, holistic ecosystem of care for youth aging out of foster care and men and women in recovery.



The Emerge Solution



On-site Business Partners



HOME, HEALTH, COMMUNITY and PURPOSE



The Emerge Solution

Work is one of the best predictors of positive outcomes for individuals with Substance Use Disorder.

The Emerge Trades School will provide certifications in HVAC, plumbing, and electrical and a menu of career trainings for long-term recovery.

*Research cited from SAMSHA, Substance Use Disorders Recovery with a Focus on Employment and Education

Meaningful work leads to:

- Lower rates of recurrence
- Higher rates of abstinence
- Less criminal activity
- Fewer parole violations
- Improvements in quality of life
- Successful transition back to the community

Additional career opportunities in progress:

Peer Recovery Support, STNA, Phlebotomist, Forklift training, CDL, Digital Marketing, Barbering, and Culinary.



HVAC



PLUMBING



ELECTRICAL



CUSTOMER SERVICE



DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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October 25, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for a PDAC grant to Miami Valley Meals and Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative for their collaborative project to incorporate culinary training with vital meals in a program that serves the community.

Miami Valley Meals (MVM) began in March of 2020 as an emergency culinary response team supporting other nonprofits serving the hungry. Through tremendous community and partner support along with initial major funding through the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership via CSBG dollars, MVM has distributed over 400,000 chef-prepared, free meals through over 90 partner nonprofits since its inception.

Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative is a residential addiction recovery program and transformational recovery housing for men and women while also providing onsite support for young men and women who have emancipated out of foster care and are transitioning into the world. While at Emerge, residents will have access to individual and group counseling services, trade schools, career internship, and apprenticeship opportunities, life skill mentorship, and GED classes.

MVM and Emerge seek to activate existing kitchen space at the Emerge Campus to provide critical job skills in the culinary field under the tutelage of Miami Valley Meals professional chefs and expand Miami Valley Meals' free meal program further into Greene County.

The Greene County Department of Job and Family Services is working closely with Emerge Trade & Recovery Initiative and its programming for job training, emancipated foster youth transition, and community collaboration. Job and Family Services offers a wide variety of benefits and services that help people succeed, including temporary cash assistance, Food Assistance (SNAP), Medicaid, Publicly Funded Child Care, employment and training services, child support establishment and enforcement, child and elder abuse investigations, safety plans, and case management.

I fully support the mission and programming of Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative and its collaboration with Miami Valley Meals. This partnership will expand opportunities for individual and family success as well as provided needed nutrition to Greene County residents.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Stephen A. Huffman
State Senator
5th District

October 31, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of efforts made by the Emerge Recovery and Trade Initiative, as well as Miami Valley Meals, to secure funding for the completion of a project to activate existing kitchen space at the Emerge Campus. This space will allow those who are recovering from addiction to develop necessary skills in the culinary field while aiding Miami Valley Meals in continuing their mission of feeding the hungry.

Since their inception in 2020, Miami Valley Meals have worked to support nonprofits that serve the hungry in order to assist in providing meals to those in need. As a result, Miami Valley Meals has distributed over 400,000 chef-prepared, free meals through over 90 partner nonprofits throughout the Dayton region. In addition to Miami Valley Meals, Emerge Recovery and Trade Initiative is a residential addiction recovery program and transformational recovery housing for individuals in need. Emerge works to equip these individuals with necessary skills to successfully enter the workforce.

As a member of the Ohio Senate, I welcome the opportunities that this kitchen space will bring and believe that the completion of this project will be a great benefit to Greene County and the Greater Dayton Area.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (614) 466-6247 or at SHuffman@OhioSenate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Huffman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stephen A. Huffman
State Senator
5th District



Oct. 27, 2022

To the PDAC Review Committee,

On behalf of the Hall Hunger Initiative, we would like to express our support for Miami Valley Meals' expansion through partnership with Emerge Recovery in Greene County, OH.

As one of the original supporters of Miami Valley Meals, HHI teamed with local food partners to assist them in getting started. We recognized their innovative approach as extremely valuable in our community. It has been exciting to watch MVM grow into a respected, vital part of our community's response to hunger. **Since its inception in March, 2020, MVM has distributed more than 400,000 free meals through over 90 partner nonprofits.** While they have increased their service capacity, they have also built their leadership capacity and earned a reputation for careful, wise planning.

With their experience, they are well-positioned for The Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative. This effort to help individuals in recovery create productive career paths will benefit for the guidance of the experienced MVM staff. With a sprawling campus in Xenia, OH, including ample kitchen space, Emerge is actively pursuing meaningful partnerships that further their mission and connect their participants to a noble purpose. MVM is the perfect partner for this effort!

MVM and Emerge seek to activate existing kitchen space at the Emerge Campus to; provide critical job skills in the culinary field under the tutelage of Miami Valley Meals professional chefs and expand Miami Valley Meals' free meal program further into Greene County.

We support this partnership that honors the dignity of those in recovery and those facing food insecurity through meaningful work and connection.

Sincerely,

Mark Willis
Director, Hall Hunger Initiative



To the PDAC Review Committee,

On behalf of Bridges of Hope, we would like to express our support for Miami Valley Meals' expansion through partnership with Emerge Recovery in Greene County, OH.

As a current partner of Miami Valley Meals, we are able to receive and distribute hearty, chef-inspired meals made with love to those who need it most. The free meals we receive not only bolster our food security efforts, but also allow us to foster deeper connections with our guests and provide other human services they may need.

The Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative is dedicated to providing individuals in recovery the necessary life and work skills to establish new career paths and thrive in today's job market. With a sprawling campus in Xenia, OH, including ample kitchen space, Emerge is actively pursuing meaningful partnerships that further their mission and connect their participants to a noble purpose.

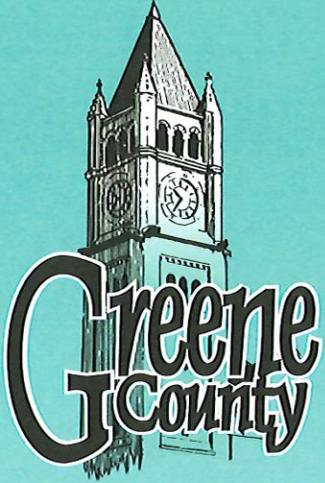
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Sincerely,
Grace Williams
Bridges of Hope Shelter Director

A Hub of Hope for those experiencing homelessness, poverty and the consequences of addictive behavior

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October 27, 2022

Priority Development and Advocacy Committee
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Re: PDAC Funding, Miami Valley Meals & Emerge collaboration

Dear Priority Development and Advocacy Committee,

We support the Miami Valley Meals (MVM) and the Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative application for funding for a project to activate existing kitchen space at the Emerge Campus. The project will address the hunger issue within Greene County while providing training and jobs in the culinary field.

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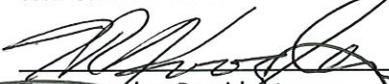
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This collaboration would provide critical job skills in the culinary field under the tutelage of Miami Valley Meals professional chefs and expand Miami Valley Meals' free program further into Greene County. This opportunity would benefit Greene County for many years to come and we urge you to consider their application for funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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