

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Transitional Living in The Village at the Women's and Children's Campus Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is WestCare Nevada, Inc. at 1711 Whitney Mesa Drive, Henderson, NV 89014.

WestCare Nevada is a private, non-profit organization providing substance use disorder (SUD) treatment across the state. WestCare plans to construct transitional housing units for 84 women and their children at 5659 Duncan Avenue, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

WestCare specializes in state-of-the-art and evidence-based services for women, many with children. Transitional housing cottages for women in recovery and their children, The Village at the Women and Children's Campus will provide a safe, stable and nurturing living environment while families move to economic and emotional self-sufficiency.

The project will construct a Village on a 5-acre portion of the existing Women's and Children's Campus, with 84 cottages and common outdoor spaces. Women may have one or more children in residence with them (up to age 9) for a maximum length of stay of 18 months, although women may transition to permanent housing sooner. An average stay of 180 days is anticipated, but support is provided based on the need of each woman. Women will continue to work on their recovery and with a case manager's support will ensure that the social determinates of health are addressed, instead of being discharged to uncertain lodging where recidivism to criminal justice, jail, substance use, and homelessness may result. Capacity at the Women's and Children's Campus will triple, allowing women in recovery discharged from other programs to also reside in The Village with their children.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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