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## GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FORM

Project Name: Community Based Outreach HIV/AIDS Prevention Project

Submitting Entity: Gulf County United Community Development (GUCD) Corporation, Inc.

I. Please select one or more eligible activity that the project is classified under:

Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.

Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.

Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.

Workforce development and job creation.

Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

Planning assistance.

Promotion of tourism and seafood in the Gulf Coast region.

I. Please provide an executive summary of the project. Describe/quantify the economic (jobs, infrastructure, tourism, etc.) and environmental benefits (habitat, quality, knowledge, long-term sustainability, etc.).

Gulf County United CDC will utilize sustainable community concepts that will address the urgent need for a diverse home based HIV/AIDS Outreach Program targeting the youth, minority population, and to educate the people on the importance of early detection, access to treatment, and to increase the occurrence of testing within the target at-risk group will therefore reduce the incidence of HIV infection. The administering of a home-based intense community HIV/AIDS Outreach intervention and prevention programs will definitely create jobs, eliminate or reduce this major healthcare disparity (particularly in the African-American community where HIV/AIDS is rapidly increasing). Overall HIV/AIDS Outreach Minority funding from the state, federal government, and donations will bring a positive effect to our economy and the

services available will enhance tourism. By leveraging our resources with the recent establish Sacred Heart Hospital, our health department, and currently our local doctors already treating clients has presented an opportunity for the operation of an Outreach long-term sustainable community based HIV/AIDS program. Timely, affordable, quality, and available HIV/AIDS healthcare services will help our citizens become educated and productive. The travel distant to Panama City for HIV/AIDS services is a major barrier for uninsured and underserved residents. Several socio-economic factors, i.e., income, poverty level, and lack of education have shown to be unfavorable and have significantly impacted both early as well as timely access to quality health care.

GCUCD will raise awareness by hosting community meetings to address the dangers of HIV/AIDS. The sessions are to involve the residents in a discussion on how we can work together to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS, and make our neighborhood a safer and successful place to live in.

### **Deliverables**

- 1) Timeline for training and developing of projects activities
- 2) Draft and document existing HIV/AIDS state negative statistics
- 3) Draft and document existing HIV/AIDS state positive statistics
- 4) Summary of public workshops and preferred surveys results

### **Scope of the Work**

Scope of the work is divided into two parts: Part I: Community Planning Task/Capacity Building Task. Part II: Community Organizing Task. GCUCD will collect data relevant to informing and conducting one-on-one communication with the Gulf County residents about HIV/AIDS Outreach that consists of educational prevention, intervention, counseling, OraSure Swab no-needle testing, and other current services available. GCUCD will meet with community representatives of the local businesses, city and county governments, social, civics, educational, and religious leaders to develop the survey questionnaires. Work with the Gulf County residents to produce a strategic plan based on their vision regarding HIV/AIDS.

II. Please provide a cost summary/budget. Detail any matching/cooperative funds available for use, and any cooperative support from governmental or other agencies.

See attached

III. Please provide a timeline for project completion. Explain the technical and environmental feasibility (including any permitting considerations) of the project.

**1-Year.** Upon approval of this grant, 1-year for completion. GCUCD is home based in North Port St. Joe. With this project we plan to implement services that ensure culturally appropriate services, as well as services that will be accepted by the community. We are a minority governed non-profit community based organization dedicated to aiding and assisting those living with HIV/AIDS, their families, friends, and providing HIV/AIDS awareness, education, prevention information, and referrals to the residents of Gulf/Franklin County and other disadvantaged surrounding rural counties. GCUCD has been serving the predominantly rural community by offering a variety of free social services to the public since 1997. In 2000, GCUCD became a certified HIV/AIDS Test Site, offering confidential free no-needle OraSure HIV/AIDS Antibody Testing. Regularly monitored testing records have always received favorable reviews with remarkable results. GCUCD works in collaboration with the Gulf County Health Department, Sacred Heart Hospital, North Port St. Joe Ministerial Alliance, Port St. Joe Ministerial Alliances, Juvenile Justice Council, Central Panhandle AIDS Council, The Bridge At Bay St. Joseph Nursing Home, Disability Research Center, Florida Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Life Management, Bay County Health Department, Chemical Addiction Recovery Center, North Port St. Joe Combined Youth Choir, Wewa 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Community Worship Service, New Gulf Coast Missionary Baptist Association (serving Apalachicola, Blountstown, Wewa, Jackson County, Port St. Joe, and Panama City) and other surrounding area social, civics, nonprofit organizations, and religious institutions,

**PROVIDE CAPACITY BUILDING:** Establish memorandum of agreement between Sacred Heart Hospital, Gulf County Health Department, local physician, and GCUCD that are involve with HIV/AIDS awareness and treatment.

**Establish and Maintain:** A list of specific outreach of counseling, testing, and venues to ensure maximum outreach to the target population, ensure properly executed Memorandum Of Agreements (MOAs) and HIPAA associated Agreements with all community linkage partners, provide 501 training and staff development as necessary to ensure continuous testing certification, host quarterly seminars, provide post testing counseling and return test results, conduct outreach at specific venues, complete an initial risk screening to identify potential referrals, complete consumer satisfaction survey, conduct annual programmatic review with report on outcomes and

quality to the target population, conduct quality assurance review activities, including data collection and direct field monitoring activities. Understanding the process of the HIV/AIDS problem at the grass root level is of vital importance for effective implementing and organizing strategies that will meet our rural county needs. The staff for this project will consist of the (2) volunteers.

IV. Please provide the qualifications of the Submitting Entity, the financial feasibility/sustainability and the economic feasibility and sustainability of the project (probability of success, etc.).

GCUCD is located at 212 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Port St. Joe. It is a non-profit organization. Despite some progress in our overall HIV/AIDS Outreach program, there are continuing needs for innovative programs designed to improve the learning and developmental skills in the targeted community. Rural counties that have close ties among their neighboring counties ( Gulf, Franklin) where residents can galvanize their strength and leverage their resources (Sacred Heart Hospital) can be very effective in combating HIV/AIDS and meeting their needs. The HIV/AIDS virus knows no age, generation gap, race, nor socio-economic background. It continues to have a significant impact on all ages; particularly within the African-American poor communities. It's rapid spread is an perfect example of the relationship between lifestyles, environment, and the transmission of the virus. However, GCUCD is committed for (13) years to eliminating and/or reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

V. Please provide the anticipated results of the project, and whether it is included in a City of Port St. Joe, City of Wewahitchka or Gulf County Comprehensive and Mitigation Plan?

Our basic assumption is that we can and must do a better job of making a positive change in eliminating the spread of HIV/AIDS in our Gulf County community. We anticipate strengthening the capacity of our project by working together with other agencies to achieve real change. In addition, we anticipate a more effective partnership and have a clear and direct understanding of our purpose and outcome with this project. We expect to spread outreach prevention messages that acknowledge the spiritual and cultural beliefs of an underserved and neglected population, to decrease the disproportionately high HIV transmission rate among target population of teens, African-Americans, heterosexuals, and other minorities,

moreover change the underlying attitudes of despair that has led so many of our people to drugs, crime and HIV/AIDS infections. The opportunity of a minority HIV/AIDS Outreach Project targeting at-risk persons, working in a concerted effort with Sacred Heart Hospital will produce revenue, jobs, quality healthcare, inform citizens, productive citizens, and will reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS.

**Submitted By:**

*Amy Rogers*

*2/28/2013*

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**Gulf County United Community Dev., Corp., Inc.**

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## BUDGET

Year 1

	HIV PREVENTION BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1	AMOUNT
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
Program Supervisor .25		\$12,000
HIV Prevention Staff (x3)		\$70,000
Clerical support .50		\$12,000
Fringe		\$14,100
Equipment		\$ 6,000
Incentives		\$ 3,000
Program Supplies		\$10,000
Travel and Training		\$ 7,000
Administrative costs (10% of total to cover rent, insurance, utilities etc.)		\$12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$146,100</b>

Year 2

	HIV PREVENTION BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 2	AMOUNT
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
Program Supervisor .25		\$12,000
HIV Prevention Staff (x2)		\$70,000
Clerical support .50		\$12,000
Fringe		\$14,100
Equipment		\$ 4,000
Incentives		\$ 6,000
Program Supplies		\$ 9,000
Travel and Training		\$ 7,000
Administrative costs (10% of total to cover rent, insurance, utilities etc.)		\$12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$146,100</b>

Year 3

HIV PREVENTION BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 3	AMOUNT
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	
Program Supervisor .25	\$12,000
HIV Prevention Staff (x2)	\$70,000
Clerical support .50	\$12,000
Fringe	\$14,100
Equipment	\$ 4,000
Incentives	\$ 6,000
Program Supplies	\$ 9,000
Travel and Training	\$ 7,000
Administrative costs (10% of total to cover rent, insurance, utilities etc.)	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,100</b>

PROJECTED SOURCE OF FUND

Revenue  
 In-Kind Donations  
 Total Revenue

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RESTORE ACT COMMITTEE (R.A.C.)**

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**PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND PUBLIC ACCESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR  
GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT APPLICANTS**

I, Amy Rogers the undersigned authority and/or representative of the entity- Gulf County United Community Development Corp., Inc., and or the individual who has submitted the Gulf County RESTORE Act Proposal/Pre-Proposal titled Community Based OUTREACH HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROJECT thereby acknowledge, consent and accept the following representations that coincide with my/our submission for consideration, evaluation and possible recommendation and approval by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for funding from the RESTORE Act distribution that strictly complies with the guidelines and regulations set forth under the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012:

1. I/We am the authorized representative of the application/pre-proposal referenced above.
2. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Gulf County Public Records policy.
3. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Florida Statute Chapter 119 which controls and permits public access to information.
4. I/We hereby acknowledge, consent and agree to the controlling policies and statutes above as well as the free and open exchange of any and all submissions provided hereunder this application/pre-proposal and all information exchanged hereafter including but not limited to further amendments to these proposals as well as surveys, studies, research, data production, books, drawings, property records, work papers, county owner lists, files, forms, reports, accounts, documents, manuals, handbooks, instructions, printouts relating in any manner for the production of the application. In addition, all papers, notes, data, reference material, documentation, programs, printouts, and all other media and forms of expression that in any way include, incorporate or reflect any confidential information of what ultimately shall become the Gulf County plans for use and application of the RESTORE Act funding.
5. I/We acknowledge, agree and fully consent to cooperate with the appointed Gulf County RESTORE ACT committee, county officials and staff as a continuing obligation and condition of final review for this RESTORE Act application/pre-proposal.
6. I/We have submitted this acknowledgment to Gulf County RESTORE Act Committee and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose and intent of receiving an evaluation, review and possible recommendations for anticipated funding from the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.

*Amy Rogers* Date: 2/28/2013  
Signature of RESTORE Act Applicant

Amy Rogers, President  
Gulf County United Community Development, Inc.