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City of Lawrence Commissioners:

Heartland Community Health Center would like to request a change in its use of FY2013 City funding. HCHC originally applied for \$58,000 in funding to help pay expenses related to a clinical social worker. The City approved a total of \$21,913 in funding for this project.

HCHC requests a change in its use of City of Lawrence funding to include funding for AmeriCorps health coaches and an electronic health records subscription fee instead of funding for its clinical social worker.

HCHC had originally applied for funding for the clinical social worker's salary because the grant that previously paid her salary ended. However, we received another two-year grant through the same foundation that will continue funding her position here. It is for this reason we would like to request that City of Lawrence pay for the AmeriCorps health coaches (\$15,000) and part of the electronic health records subscription fee (\$6,913) for a total of \$21,913 in city funding, the amount that was approved for HCHC (see original budget).

AmeriCorps health coaches work in case management and are supervised by the clinical social worker. These AmeriCorps members meet with all new patients to screen for substance abuse, refer at-risk patients to the clinical social worker, provide coaching on healthy behaviors and work with patients to connect them to other needed resources. They work in conjunction with the clinical social worker and all HCHC primary care providers to provide holistic health care to all HCHC patients- physical, mental, behavioral, social, and spiritual.

The EHR subscription fee was in HCHC's original project proposal, and we would like for it to remain funded. This subscription fee allows the clinical social worker to be recognized as a provider in HCHC's electronic health record and allows her to bill for her services, which leads to increased sustainability of the position.

Because the activities detailed above largely contribute to HCHC's ability to screen and treat for substance abuse, HCHC believes that this change in request would be an appropriate use of funding from the Local Alcohol Liquor fund. It's important to note that though this funding will be used for a different piece of the work we do around substance abuse, all the originally stated outcomes will still be achieved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ali Edwards", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ali Edwards, Development Director