



**CALISTOGA AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

A Non-Profit Tax Exempt Corporation

1332 Lincoln Avenue

Calistoga, CA 94515

CITY OF CALISTOGA

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September 25, 2010

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Dear Mr. Norton;

We are again writing a letter of interest to express our desire to request funding for expenses related to the continuation of "Rebuilding Calistoga." This program was revived in April 2010 and was so successful that we are continuing the program in 2011. This grant request will strengthen our community's cohesiveness while providing needed health and safety repairs to low-income elderly and handicapped Calistoga homeowners.

CAH is proposing to continue this low-income homeowner repair program called "Rebuilding Calistoga" because of the large need that was shown during the 2010 program. We had anticipated repairing 10-15 homes but needed to expand to 33 because of large amount of applications plus the severity of the health and safety needs. This very popular program utilizes community volunteers with donated materials to make the repairs. This year's budget is \$60,000 and we are aiming to assist twenty-five homeowners. Last year your generous \$17,000 grant was matched by \$15,000 from the Gasser Foundation, \$10,000 by the DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation, and \$5,000 from the Home Depot Corporation. This year we are requesting \$20,000 from the City of Calistoga and are seeking matching grants from the Gasser Foundation, and Home Depot to obtain the needed \$60,000. We have already received a \$20,000 grant from the Auction Napa Valley for this year's budget.

CAH continues to work on establishing new affordable housing units within Calistoga and views "Rebuilding Calistoga" as a greatly needed rehab program that extends the life of the current affordable housing stock. Calistoga's low-income elderly and handicapped residents are on fixed incomes and have no resources to make needed health and safety repairs.

Calistoga Affordable Housing is a 501(c) 3 public charity working in Calistoga. Our mission is to provide and advocate for high quality, safe and healthy affordable housing for Calistoga families with low and moderate incomes.

Thank you for reviewing our request. Please contact us with any questions you might have at (707) 942-5920 or on my cell at (707) 738-2294.

Sincerely,

Erica Roetman Sklar  
Executive Director

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May 19, 2010

Jim McCann  
City Manager, Calistoga  
1232 Washington Street  
Calistoga, CA 94515

Dear Jim,

Thank-you for your support. As a donor to CAH's "Rebuilding Calistoga" your support was critical and essential to the success of our project. You provided the essential tools for making this community effort a huge success, exemplifying the concept of "neighbor helping neighbor".


We had over 150 volunteers working on 32 homes. We recruited 14 contractors to assist as team captains, and many worked both Saturday and Sunday, our main effort. Some spent quite a few hours in the weeks before the event doing preparations. While some of the volunteers were from out-of-town sources such as Pacific Union College, Napa 4H, and area Home Depot stores, Calistoga residents turned out in huge numbers, including many high school students.

We had great success collaborating with Stop Falls of Napa Valley and PG & E to expand our benefits. The biggest evidence of our success was the people whose lives were changed. Many decks were repaired, some of which could no longer be used as entrances and were a danger to visitors. Many homes had extensive dry rot damage in bathrooms and under water heaters. One home actually had holes in the floor that had to be avoided when walking through the house. The most monumental changes were in the homes where water heaters, stoves and stove tops had not worked properly for months or years. These repairs made it possible for owners to bathe and prepare meals normally.

Attached please find an example of articles and thank-yous from our local paper.

We sincerely appreciate your support. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Erica Roetman Sklar  
Executive Director  
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Thanks for all your help!