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Grant Application

Date of Application: December 14, 2023

Official Name of Organization: CASA, Inc. (Court Appointed Special Advocates of the River Region)

Address: P. O. Box 225, LaGrange, KY 40031 (Oldham County Office)

EIN: 61-1066568

Date and Place of Incorporation: November 1984 / Louisville, Kentucky

Name, Complete Address, Email and Phone Number of Contact Person:

Nicole Cardwell / nicole@casarr.org / 502-595-4911

CASA, Inc.

982 Eastern Parkway, Box 9

Louisville, KY 40217

**Purpose of Organization and Services Rendered:**

CASA of the River Region is a volunteer-based agency whose mission is to promote and provide volunteer advocacy for children with active cases of abuse/neglect in Oldham County's Family Court. CASA recruits community volunteers and trains them to be mentors and advocates for victimized children. CASAs develop meaningful relationships with the children they serve and provide Family Court judges with detailed, personalized recommendations regarding services needed to mediate trauma and ensure appropriate permanent placement. All services are provided at no cost to the children or their families.

So far this year CASA has advocated for 46 Oldham County children (13% more than in 2022).

**Proposal for funding:**

**Statement of need**

**Proposed use of funds**

**Project budget**

**Attachments:**

- List of Officers and Directors – Name, Office, Address, Business Affiliation, Compensation from Organization.
- Copy of 501c(3) tax-exempt status letter.
- Most recent Organization/Agency budget, balance sheet, or income statement
- If a recipient of funds for the prior year, a statement of the use of those funds.
- Photographs and/or letters of support.





# PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT

## STATEMENT OF NEED

The children CASA serves have often faced daily insecurity including living in unsafe homes and receiving inadequate food, clothing, healthcare, and supervision. This trauma can negatively impact development, academic performance, and self-esteem, resulting in physical, behavioral, emotional, or mental health issues.

In addition, these maltreated children are often removed from everything familiar and find themselves in a world filled with social workers, lawyers, and courtrooms where life-altering decisions are made for them. CASA volunteers are a caring, consistent presence in children's lives, serving as the "eyes and ears" of Family Court, and ensuring children receive the services they need to address the trauma they have endured.

To date in 2023, CASA has served 46 children in Oldham County, up 13% over last year. To continue to meet the needs of maltreated children in Oldham County, we must continuously recruit and train new volunteers. Oldham County Family Court Judge Doreen Goodwin explained: "*Children's guardian ad litem just can't give the time and attention that a CASA volunteer can. It's really beneficial to have CASAs as they see children on a regular basis and are a great monitor of the overall situation.*" Children with a CASA are more likely to do better in school, spend less time in out-of-home care, and receive more needed medical and therapeutic services than those without one.

## PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS/BUDGET

CASA is requesting \$3,000 to support its **Advocacy Academy and Support Program** activities in Oldham County which include *recruitment, training, and ongoing supervision of CASAs*. CASA continually recruits new volunteers via online and in-person activities. CASA offers extensive pre-service training classroom sessions six times/year as well as flexible individual guided learning options to meet a variety of schedules. Continuing education training is also provided throughout the year to ensure CASA volunteers are equipped with skills and resources to be effective advocates for children. As mandated in KRS 620.505(3), CASAs are assigned to an Advocacy Supervisor who oversees up to 30 volunteers. The Advocacy Supervisor serving Oldham County is based out of our LaGrange office, represents CASA in Family Court clerks and with other agencies, accompanies CASAs on home visits, communicates with them on a regular basis, and provides overall case management and support.

The projected 2024 program budget for Oldham County is \$63,412. Operations in Oldham County are underwritten by donations, grants, and events overseen by CASA's Main Office in Louisville.

## USE OF PRIOR YEAR'S FUNDS

Oldham County Fiscal Court funds supported CASA's Advocacy Academy and Support Program, providing free advocacy services to 46 Oldham County children who had experienced abuse/neglect.



## **CASA of the River Region**

### **Oldham County Proposed Program Expenses 2024**

<b>Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 48,000.00</b>
<b>Payroll Tax</b>	<b>\$ 3,672.00</b>
<b>Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 3,360.00</b>
<b>Travel and Staff Training</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Payroll Processing Fee</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Business Meals</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Dues and Subscriptions</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Rental - Office Space</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Small Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Tech</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,412.00</b>





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Employer Identification Number: 61-1066568  
Person to Contact: Mr Gerdig  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your June 29, 2011, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in July 1985.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number  
shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



S. A. Martin, Operations Manager  
Accounts Management Operations

Revenue		
Fiduciary Acct. #	Category	CY 2023 Budget
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
3000	Individual Contributions	\$ 193,000.00
New	Board Gifts	\$ 17,000.00
3500	Grants - Applied for & Received	\$ 550,000.00
3300	Organizational Giving	\$ 260,000.00
4013	Children's Needs	\$ 5,000.00
4198	In Kind Giving	\$ 5,000.00
4199	In Kind Expense	\$ (5,000.00)
	<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,025,000.00</b>
<b>EVENTS</b>		
4401	Embrace A Child Income	\$ 50,000.00
4402	Embrace A Child Expenses	\$ (10,000.00)
	Bullitt Golf Scramble Income	\$ 20,000.00
	Bullitt Golf Scramble Expenses	\$ (5,000.00)
4463	CASAblanca Income	\$ 75,000.00
4467	CASAblanca Expenses	\$ (35,000.00)
4450	Small Event Income	\$ 1,500.00
4451	Small Event Expenses	\$ (1,500.00)
	<b>Total Event/Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 95,000.00</b>
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,120,000.00</b>

Expense		
Fiduciary Acct. #	Category	CY 2023 Budget
<b>PAYROLL</b>		
4505	Payroll	\$ 720,000.0
4510	Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 57,600.0
4515	Contract Labor	\$ 58,000.0
4560	Insurance - Health	\$ 65,000.0
4565	Insurance - Life	\$ 1,600.0
4580	Retirement	\$ 50,400.0
	<b>Total Payroll and Employee Related Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 952,600.0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
5645	Advertising	\$ 30,000.0
6075	Bank Service Charge	\$ 3,000.0
6100	Board Expenses	\$ 500.00
6115	Business Meals and Entertainment	\$ 1,000.0
5065	Children's Needs	\$ 2,500.00
6175	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,000.0
NEW	Fuel Reimbursement	\$ 7,000.0
6250	Insurance - Liability	\$ 8,000.0
5300	Kid's Events	\$ 500.0

6345	License & Permits	\$ 500.0
5745	Marketing	\$ 3,000.0
5070	Meeting Expense	\$ 1,000.0
6375	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 2,000.0
6410	Office Cleaning	\$ 4,800.0
6415	Office Supplies	\$ 4,000.0
4570	Parking Expense	\$ 8,300.0
5720	Postage	\$ 3,000.0
5725	Printing	\$ 2,500.0
6600	Rental - Office Space	\$ 2,500.00
6602	Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 3,000.0
6610	Security	\$ 1,000.0
6605	Small Equipment	\$ 10,000.0
5120	Staff Training & Recruitment	\$ 5,000.0
6635	Tech	\$ 23,000.0
6645	Telephone	\$ 13,000.0
5125	Travel	\$ 4,000.0
6680	Utilities	\$ 15,000.0
5140	Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 9,500.0
5135	Volunteer Training	\$ 1,500.0
5130	Volunteers	\$ 5,000.0
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 178,100.0</b>
<b>OUTSIDE SERVICES</b>		
6010	Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$ 8,000.00
6460	Payroll Processing Fee	\$ 4,300.0
6525	Professional Fees	\$ 5,500.0
	<b>Total Outside Services</b>	<b>\$ 17,800.0</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,500.0</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
8220	Interest Income	\$ 35,000.0
8300	Change in investment value (Other Income)	
9500	Building Expense	\$ -
	<b>Total Other Income (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>



## VISION

To pair a CASA volunteer with every vulnerable child who needs one.

## MISSION

To support & promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused, neglected, and dependent children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.



December 14, 2023

Oldham County Fiscal Court  
100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 4  
LaGrange, KY 40031

Dear Grant Committee:

Through your generous support, CASA of the River Region has continued to provide free volunteer advocacy services to children with active cases of abuse and/or neglect in Oldham County's Family Court. Last year, CASA served 41 children in your community, up from 33 in 2021. This year, we have already provided our services to 46 children as of December 1 this year.

Our highly trained CASA volunteers provide a consistent, caring presence for their children and help judges make more informed decisions for their short- and long-term livelihood by providing personalized and thorough reports. CASAs become abused/neglected children's voice – not only in Family Court, but also with social workers, therapists, counselors, teachers, and pediatricians, improving access to the services they need to heal from trauma and break the cycle of abuse.

CASA relies upon grants, donations, and fundraising events to fund our entire annual budget (as we do not charge for services). VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) has provided a significant source of funding for CASA since 2011. All recipients have seen awards decrease and have been notified that amounts will continue to diminish. CASA's VOCA funding was cut by more than 23% this year and is less than half of the award received in 2019.

I hope Oldham County Fiscal Court will again support CASA and help ensure that abused and neglected children in Oldham County have a CASA to advocate for their best interests.

Sincerely,

Nicole Cardwell  
Director of Development

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