

## **Oldham County Fiscal Court Grant Application Guidelines**

Oldham County Fiscal Court accepts grant applications from non-profit, tax-exempt organizations which meet these criteria:

- Have a significant presence in Oldham County;
- Serve a public purpose in concert with the goals and activities of OCFC;
- Have the capacity to be accountable for use of donated funds;
- Show support from the majority of their clients/beneficiaries.

### **Funding categories**

Arts and Humanities - activities which meet any or all of the following qualifications:

- Contribute to tourism in Oldham County;
- Conduct activity (e.g., record keeping) on behalf of Fiscal Court;
- Support community-wide celebrations;
- Encourage arts activity on the part of Oldham Countians;
- Play an educational role for Oldham Countians, particularly students.

Social Services - agencies which meet any or all of the following qualifications:

- Provide a needed service to disadvantaged Oldham Countians;
- Provide an emergency social service to Oldham Countians;
- Provide a social service not otherwise available to Oldham Countians.

Recreation - activities which meet any or all of the following qualifications:

- Serve Oldham County residents in facilities within the County;
- Activities are largely financially supported by the participants

### **Timing and Process**

In order to process grant applications in a timely and efficient manner, OCFC has established the following schedule:

- Accept grant applications postmarked up to December 30 or the last work day of each year.
- In January, Committee members accept for review the compiled applications.
- In March, the Committee will convene to discuss their individual ratings.
- The Committee will make recommendations to the Fiscal Court for grant awards no later than the first Fiscal Court meeting in June.

### **Accountability**

Any agency or organization requesting funds will be held to a high standard for reporting its current financial situation and its specific intention for use of requested funds. Moreover, any agency or organization requesting funds, and which has previously received a grant from OCFC, will be asked to report in detail on the use to which those funds were put.

**Oldham County Fiscal Court  
Grant Application**

**Date of Application:** 12/28/2024

**Official Name of Organization:** Rapha Farm Corp.

**Address:** 5407 Brookswood Court, Crestwood, KY 40014

**EIN:** 88-2562093

**Date and Place of Incorporation:** 5/31/2022, Oldham County, KY

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

Briahna Michalsky, LCSW

5407 Brookswood Court, Crestwood, KY 40014

raphafarmcorp@gmail.com

**Purpose of Organization or Mission Statement and Services Rendered:**

Our Mission: Promoting wellness of the body, mind, and spirit for people who have felt or experienced suffering —from a Christ-centered, trauma-informed perspective.

We do this by utilizing equine-facilitated psychotherapy and horticultural means (planting, growing, botanical dyeing, paper making groups, etc) at various locations in Oldham, Jefferson and Nelson Counties, though based out of Oldham County. We have Memorandums of Agreement with Equid (where we offer therapy in Nelson Co) and with the Thoroughbred Retirement FDTN (where we offer therapy in Oldham Co) while we work to establish our future farm location on Hwy 53 in La Grange.

**Amount Requested:** \$ 7,500

**Proposal for funding. On a separate page, please provide the following:**

**Statement of need for project**

**Proposed use of funds to remediate the need**

**Project budget**

**Attachments:**

List of Officers and Directors – Name, Office, Address, Business Affiliation, Compensation from Organization.

- Copy of 501c(3) tax-exempt status letter from IRS;
- Documentation for most recent form 990;
- Documentation for most recent filing with KY Secretary of State;
- Most recent Organization/Agency budget **summary**, or balance sheet, or income/expense statement (Please, no complete budgets!);
- If a recipient of funds for the prior year, a statement of the use of those funds;
- Photographs, videos, letters of support.

**Submission Guidelines:**

**Email complete applications to:** Becky Zocklein [rzocklein@oldhamcountyk.gov](mailto:rzocklein@oldhamcountyk.gov) no later than 12/30/2024.



## Needs Statement

One hundred percent of Kentucky counties have a shortage of mental health care professionals (UK Prevention Research Center, 2021). According to the Community Health Needs Assessment (2020-2022) conducted by KentuckyOne and collaborators, the mental health provider ratio in Kentucky is 525:1, as opposed to the national average at 470:1. Additionally, Kentucky adults have a higher prevalence of anxiety and/or depressive disorders (37.4%) compared to the national average (32.3%) (Kaiser Family FDTN, 2023), a higher suicide rate than the national average, and according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (2021) struggle to find the assistance they need to address their mental wellbeing.

Oldham County itself has a diverse population, with La Grange Elementary School considered 56% "economically disadvantaged" (Kyschoolreportcard) while the median income of the county is \$115,000 (census.gov), potentially leading to the lower income population being overlooked in community resources.

## Proposed Use of Funds (to remediate need)

By working within a major sector of Kentucky's industry (equine services), we aim to enhance mental health service provision while making it accessible to those across socio-economic statuses through partnerships, funding, and fee-based workshops (using the workshops as a source of income). To this end, we are requesting \$7,500 in funding from the Oldham County Fiscal Court to go toward client session sponsorships, both for individual and group sessions—for Oldham Countians demonstrating need.

Equine services fit in the local culture, but more than this, they are evidence-supported to provide resilience and empathy, improve relationships and improve mental wellness for populations suffering from PTSD, depression, anxiety, ADHD and many other issues. Though a still-emerging method of addressing mental health issues, equine-facilitated psychotherapy has shown effectiveness in the research, particularly with clients who have experienced trauma (whether veterans with PTSD or adolescents with Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs).

## Project Budget

Expenditures			
Individual client sessions	\$24,960	At \$160/hr, will enable us to offer sliding scale fees to encourage ownership but also allow services to continue. At least 156 client sessions, or 3 scholarship clients/week. Includes host farm fees	These two categories are where OCFC funds would be applied, for Oldham County residents demonstrating financial need.
Group sponsorships	\$4,000	At \$125-\$150 per wellness group (4 hours), this sponsorship allows persons from all socioeconomic statuses to participate (27 scholarships)	



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## Board of Directors 2025

Briahna Michalsky, President  
5407 Brookswood Court, Crestwood, KY 40014  
No Compensation

Advocate Grant Consulting

Jonathan Michalsky, Treasurer  
5407 Brookswood Court, Crestwood, KY 40014  
No Compensation

Kalitta Air

Kimberly Deman, Officer  
1340 Conner Station Road, Simpsonville, KY 40067  
No Compensation

Community Volunteer

Amber James, Officer  
5155 Bell Avenue, Shelbyville, KY 40065  
No Compensation

Shelby Veterinary Clinic

Anna Dehut, Officer  
4313 Hawk Lane, Sherman, TX 75092  
No Compensation

Whitaker's Flower Patch

Jeremy Dehut, Officer  
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RAPHA FARM CORP  
5407 BROOKSWOOD COURT  
CRESTWOOD, KY 40014

**Date:** 06/24/2022  
**Employer ID number:** 88-2562093  
**Person to contact:**  
Name: Customer Service  
ID number: 31954  
Telephone: (877) 829-5500  
**Accounting period ending:**  
December 31  
**Public charity status:**  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
**Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:**  
Yes  
**Effective date of exemption:**  
May 31, 2022  
**Contribution deductibility:**  
Yes  
**Addendum applies:**  
No  
**DLN:**  
26053565003192

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Stephen A. Martin".

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

**A** For the **2023** Calendar year, or tax year beginning **2023-01-01** and ending **2023-12-31**

**B** Check if available

**Terminated for Business**

**Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less**

**C** Name of Organization: **RAPHA FARM CORP**

**5407 Brookswood Court,**

**Crestwood, KY, US, 40014**

**D** Employee Identification

Number **88-2562093**

**E** Website:

[raphafarm.org](http://raphafarm.org)

**F** Name of Principal Officer: **Briahna Michalsky**

**5407 Brookswood Court,**

**Crestwood, KY, US, 40014**

**Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice:** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws.

The organization is not required to provide information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of the Form 990-N is covered in code section 6104.

The time needed to complete and file this form and related schedules will vary depending on the individual circumstances. The estimated average times is 15 minutes.

**Note: This image is provided for your records only. Do Not mail this page to the IRS. The IRS will not accept this filing via paper. You must file your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) electronically.**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**Michael G. Adams, Secretary of St**

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 KY Secretary of State  
 Received and Filed  
 5/6/2024 4:18:52 PM  
 Fee receipt: \$15.00

Michael G. Adams  
 Secretary of State  
 P. O. Box 1150  
 Frankfort, KY 40602-1150  
 (502) 564-3490  
<http://www.sos.ky.gov>

**Annual Report  
 Online Filing  
 For the Year 2024**

ARP

**Company:** Rapha Farm Corp.

**Company ID:** 1211887

**State of origin:** Kentucky

**Formation date:** 5/31/2022 12:00:00 AM

**Date filed:** 5/6/2024 4:17:58 PM

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Principal Office**

5407 Brookswood Ct  
 Crestwood, KY 40014

**Registered Agent Name/Address**

Briahna Michalsky  
 5407 Brookswood Ct  
 Crestwood, KY 40014

**Current Officers**

President	Briahna Michalsky	5407 Brookswood Court, Crestwood, KY 40014
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**Directors**

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Director	Anna Dehut	3376 Drennon Road, Campbellsburg, KY 40011
Director	Jeremy Dehut	3376 Drennon Road, Campbellsburg 40011, KY

County: Oldham  
 Business size: Small  
 Business type: Social Services

**Signatures**

<b>Signature</b>	Briahna Michalsky
<b>Title</b>	President

<b>2025 Projected Budget</b>			
<i>Income</i>			
Donations	\$5,000	fundraiser, ongoing requests through newsletters, etc. OCFC, Sam Swope FDTN, Oldham County Community FDTN, Nelson County Community FDTN, Humana FDTN requests	
Grants	\$22,500		
Horticultural Workshop Fees	\$1,800	approximately one a quarter with Yew Dell	
Wellness Group Fees	\$3,000	5 full-paying individuals for each of 4 wellness events	
Horticulture Education	\$240	NE YMCA 4x annually Hosting local business boards/staff for equine-assisted learning	
Professional Development Events	\$1,200		
Counseling Fees	<b>\$14,400</b>	approximately \$1,200/month from paying clients	
	<b>\$48,140</b>		
<i>Expenditures</i>			
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Group sponsorships	\$4,000	At \$125-\$150 per wellness group (4 hours), this sponsorship allows persons from all socioeconomic statuses to participate (27 scholarships)	
Supplies	\$1,550	Horticultural tools, seeds, soil, yoga bolsters and blocks, printing costs, etc.	
Host Farm fees	\$990	Applicable to wellness events	
Insurance	\$375	Covers Rapha and additional insured locations/farms	
Software & Hosting	\$294	Squarespace website hosting	
Electronic Records System	\$1,020	Zencare Platform	
Memberships	\$450	Natural Lifemanship (equine modality) plus local Chamber of Commerce	
Begin savings	\$7,001	For move to land, eventual horse care, etc.	
Executive Director salary	\$5,000	Exec. Director currently volunteering services as LCSW and operating agency. Approx. 15 hours/week	
Volunteer Stipend	\$2,500	Support for horticultural/community workshops at schools/YMCA, Marketing	
	<b>\$48,140</b>		



### Memorandum of Understanding

Rapha Farm Corp. and Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation  
located at Chestnut Hall Farm (12611 US-42, Prospect, KY 40059)

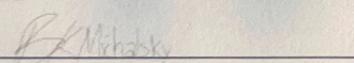
*This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **Rapha Farm Corp (Rapha)** and **Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF)** serves as an agreement of collaboration in serving client populations in Kentucky through equine-facilitated psychotherapy and associated therapies, as determined by agency representatives.*

Terms are applicable to the extent agreed upon by representatives of both agencies—at time of this signing, meaning on **Mondays during which services are provided** by Rapha at the Chestnut Hall property, or other days as agreed upon in writing.

In these and like situations, both entities will serve for the benefit of clients living in Kentucky, working in conjunction to ensure the services are:

1. Confidential (volunteers and staff at TRF during service hours will sign confidentiality agreement)
2. With reimbursement by clients to Rapha for sessions, with TRF receiving 30% of client fees for each session (at time of this writing, sessions are reimbursed at a rate of \$160/hr)
3. Charted in a HIPAA compliant documentation system (The responsibility of Rapha Farm Corp)

This MOU is enacted this **18th day of October 2023**, and shall renew for successive terms of one year each unless or until terminated. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time, without cause, by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least 30 days prior to the effective date of termination.

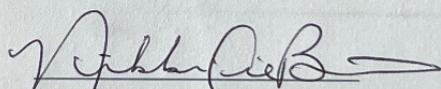
  
Rapha Representative

Executive Director

Title

18 Oct. 2023

Date

  
TRF Representative

Farm & Events marketing Manager

Title

11/7/23

Date

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Rapha may be subcontracted to provide the services of a licensed clinical professional to see Equid clients, for which Rapha is reimbursed for the clinical services.

Equid may provide services to Rapha clients, for which Rapha reimburses Equid for services.

In these and like situations, both entities will serve for the benefit of clients living in Kentucky, working in conjunction to ensure the services are

1. Enacted
2. Paid for through client fees, scholarships, and/or grant funding and sliding scale accommodations
3. Charted in a HIPAA compliant documentation system.

This MOU is enacted this 14th day of September 2023, and shall renew for successive terms of one year each unless or until terminated. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time, without cause, by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least 30 days prior to the effective date of termination.

Rapha Representative

Executive Director

Title

14 Sept. 2023

Date

Equid Representative

Owner/Equine Specialist

Title

9/15/23

Date

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