

1. **What services does Courage to Change Sober Living currently offer? We offer low barrier, affordable, peer and staff supported transitional housing to those suffering from substance misuse disorder. We have two women's and two men's houses. Which hold a total of 26 clients**

2. **How are these services currently funded? We are funded through grants, , Sober Joe coffee and some donations. Our residents also pay rent which covers a portion of our expenses. Recovery Works monies which is for clients with a felony or pending felony. These are billed weekly. The clients that are not covered by recovery works pay 575.00 monthly. The clients on recovery works pay a portion of the monthly fees after the 1st 3 months/**

3. **Are the needs of your organization currently being met? No! If not, what needs are not being met? We always have a waiting list for our residences, I average 4 calls a day about putting in an application. However, I do have to tell them that there is a lengthy waiting list. Since 4/21/23 we have gotten 52 online applications. We get applications from the county jail, prison, public defenders, etc. These are paper applications, which is not included in the n 52 I mentioned.**

We would love to be able to open up another men's house and another women's house but that takes funding. So in terms of needs not being met we would say the needs of the community in terms of transitional sober living housing is not being met.

4. **If you had unlimited funds to address your organization's needs, how would you use them? Funding for staffing is always difficult to obtain through grants and we are certified as Recovery Residences, with the state, which means we have to have house/case managers for our residences.**

If we had unlimited funds we would open more residences to serve the needs of this community as those needs continue to grow each year. We rent our houses/residences and as everyone else is experiencing, rent is very high in Bloomington and Monroe County. We also have criteria that need to be met in terms of the size of our residences, number of bedrooms and bathrooms and location since most of our folks need to be close to a bus line. With unlimited funding we would have money to open more residences, hire staff to oversee those residences and ultimately buy our own houses so we would not have to pay rent to landlords and could use that money to continue to grow our organization.

5. *Since we do not have unlimited funds, what needs would you prioritize?*

The priority for us is making sure we remain fiscally responsible as an organization while providing quality services to our residents which means not opening up any new housing until we are sure we are able to pay the rent and utilities, hire staff and continue to provide the services we have always provided for our residents.

6. *What could be done now to improve your organization's response to our community's justice needs?*

More funding for staffing so we can open up more housing since that is a huge need in our community.