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Green Mountain Care Board  
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Recovery House Inc., is requesting a jurisdictional determination from the Green Mountain Care Board for the following proposed project.

Recovery House Inc., is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to providing services to Vermonters suffering from Substance Use Disorders. Recovery House has been operating “Serenity House” a residential Substance Use Disorder treatment facility in Wallingford, Vermont for approximately 49 years. Recovery House Inc., has also been operating “Grace House” in Rutland, Vermont for approximately 35 years. Grace House has been a “halfway house” for individuals suffering Substance Use Disorders. Grace House has also been the location for the Rutland County Public Inebriate Program for approximately 15 years and Grace House is also the site of a small Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic currently serving 14 clients. The Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic is a spoke like activity which means no medications are provided on site but clients are provided with prescriptions.

In the Spring of 2017 Grace House was operating as a “halfway house” as well as the location for the Rutland County Public Inebriate Program and Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic. The halfway house was funded on a self-pay basis augmented by a Transitional Housing grant of \$87,058 and the Public Inebriate Program was funded through a Public Inebriate Substance Use Disorder Intervention Grant of \$223,380. Both grants were provided through the Vermont Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs office. The Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic is funded through the Vermont Blueprint for Health as well as Medicaid and private Insurance on a fee for service basis. In March of 2017 Maple Leaf Farm (a residential Substance Use Disorder treatment facility located in Underhill, VT) closed. This closing meant a loss of approximately 30 treatment beds in the Vermont system of care. To partially address this shortage of treatment beds Recovery House Inc., suspended operation of halfway house activities at our Grace House location and began using Grace House beds to house up to 10 additional Vermonters needing residential Substance Use Disorder treatment. These individuals were transported daily to Serenity House where they received residential treatment services. The use of Grace House in this manner increased the capacity of Serenity House’s residential treatment services from 24 to 34. This was done in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health ADAP and the Vermont Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) offices. The Rutland County Public Inebriate Program continued to operate from the Grace House facility as did the Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic. This was an excellent emergency response and Recovery House Inc, with the assistance of \$400,000 allocated by the Vermont State legislature, began constructing an addition at our Serenity House location to consolidate

treatment beds. This addition was completed in the Spring of 2019 and 10 more treatment beds are now available at the Serenity House. The completion of the addition at Serenity House has made the Grace House beds available to resume the provision of Substance Use Disorder treatment once again. Grace House has 5 beds that are dedicated to the Rutland County Public Inebriate Program and has 12 other beds licensed as Therapeutic Community Residence beds by Vermont's Department of Aging and Independent Living (license #0514). These 12 licensed beds are currently empty.

In consultation with ADAP and DAIL Recovery House has modified the "half way" program services previously provided at the Grace House and has developed Low Intensity Residential Treatment beds programming for 10 beds at the Grace House location. The modification of services includes a higher level of care coordination and increases the level of Substance Use Disorder counseling services received by Vermonters who will be residing at the Grace House location. Funding for the 10 Low Intensity Residential Treatment beds is provided through ADAP/Medicaid and a State Opioid Response Grant totaling \$102,000 in January through June State FY 2020. The Rutland County Public Inebriate Program continues to operate from the Grace House facility and continues to be funded through ADAP, The Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic continues to operate from Grace House and continues to be funded through the Vermont Blueprint for Health as well as Medicaid and private Insurance on a fee for service basis. Total first year expenses (January through June 2020) associated with the implementation of Low Intensity Residential Treatment beds at the Grace House facility are \$86,215. This amount includes all payroll and program expenses and is detailed in the following tables with attached spreadsheets.

#### Current Staffing

Service	Provider Level	FTE	On/off site
SUD screening and safe bed supervisors	Non licensed/Non Certified Trained members alcohol response team (permitted provider level by legislation)	3.2	Primarily on site but can occur at a correctional facility
Medication Assisted Therapy -prescription medications	Physician	.1	On site
Medication Assisted Therapy Counseling – individual and/or group	Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor (LADC)	.2	On site
Administration	Admin	.135	On site
Clinical supervision	LADC	0.675	On Site

#### Additional Staff required

Service	Provider Level	FTE	On/off site
Counseling individual and or group	LADC or Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor (CADC)	.3	On site
Care Coordination	Care Coordinator	.5	On site

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Dale Robb  
CEO Recovery House, Inc.