



REMERGE

Mission:

To restore mothers and families through a comprehensive diversion program of treatment, recovery, and hope.



WHAT IS REMERGE?

- ReMerge is a comprehensive female diversion program designed to transform pregnant women and mothers facing incarceration into productive citizens.
- ReMerge works alongside the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to reduce the rate at which women are incarcerated and interrupt the intergenerational cycle of incarceration and poverty.



HOW CAN REMERGE HELP?

- ReMerge provides services which will reduce or permanently remove the barriers preventing women from leading healthy and productive lives.
- ReMerge offers a variety of services including basic needs provision, housing, transportation, medical and behavioral health care, domestic violence intervention and counseling, education training and job placement, parenting and family services, legal services, life skills and more.



HOW DOES REMERGE DO THIS?

- The twelve to twenty-four month program is challenging and offers life changing opportunities for the women and their children. Participants are on site daily, placed in sober living housing, and monitored by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. The program provides every opportunity for the women to change the trajectory of their future for themselves and their children.



- Two-thirds of women in state prisons are there for nonviolent offenses.
- America now incarcerates eight times as many women as in 1980, and only Thailand seems to imprison women at a higher rate
- Currently there are 555 Native American Women incarcerated in Oklahoma according to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections





ACES TOO HIGH?

- Ace stands for “Adverse Childhood Experiences”

There are 10 types of negative childhood experiences measured in the ACE Study. This gives the test taker a score to use as a guideline for their level of trauma that they were exposed to in childhood.



PARTICIPANTS WHO CAN BE IN REMERGE

Priority selection is given to:

- Women who are pregnant
- Women with children under five years of age
- Women with multiple minor children
- Women with charges that originated from Oklahoma County


These women are facing a nonviolent felony conviction that would otherwise result in imprisonment. Further, women who have care-taking responsibilities for their minor children or will be eligible for reunification.

HOW THEY ARE SELECTED

Candidates are recommended through one or more of the following avenues:

- Oklahoma County District Attorney's office
- Oklahoma County Public Defender's office
- Oklahoma County Judges

Screening and assessments are performed by the Department of Corrections and NorthCare. Once identified as a potential client, further assessment is completed to evaluate the candidate's risk, needs, and willingness to participate in the program.

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 - ReMerge's collaboration with community partners and our focus on mental health and substance abuse treatment are our core strengths.
 - ReMerge families participate in Celebrating Families, an evidence-based 16 week curriculum supported by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, which addresses the needs of children and parents in families that have been affected by substance abuse.



PHASES

Remerge has a Phase process that the ladies work through.

- *During Phase 1, the women start out living in a dorm with others.
- *At Phase 3 they get to live independently
- *By Phase 4 they get to have their children back living with them.



Transitional Housing



Financing Transitional Housing

National Housing Trust Funds



WHAT IS THE NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND?

The Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is an affordable housing production program that complements existing Federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including homeless families. HTF funds may be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities.

ABOUT HOUSING TRUST FUND

- States and state-designated entities are eligible grantees for the Housing Trust Fund (HTF). HUD will allocate HTF funds by formula annually. A State must use at least 80 percent of each annual grant for rental housing; up to 10 percent for homeownership; and up to 10 percent for the grantee's reasonable administrative and planning costs.
- HTF funds may be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities. All HTF-assisted units will be required to have a minimum affordability period of 30 years.

Eligible activities and expenses include:

- Real property acquisition
- Site improvements and development hard costs
- Related soft costs
- Demolition
- Financing costs
- Relocation assistance
- Operating cost assistance for rental housing
- Reasonable administrative and planning costs



ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE INCLUDE:

- Equity investments
- Interest-bearing loans or advances
- Non-interest bearing loans or advances
- Interest subsidies
- Deferred payment loans
- Grants
- Other forms of assistance approved by HUD



CITY CARE NHTF PROJECT PHASE I

City Care, a local non-profit and ReMerge jointly developed the NHTF Project. City Care manages the properties and ReMerge provides the tenants and rental assistance.

Housing for the ReMerge women was difficult to obtain due to:

- Criminal Back ground
- Lack of Rental history
- Delinquent rental history
- Funds for deposits and high rents
- Scattered sites

SOURCES = USES ESTIMATED SQUARE FOOTAGE OF UNITS IS PROVIDED. ALL COSTS TO BE PAID WITH HTF FUNDS ARE HTF –ELIGIBLE COSTS. (ALL 6 UNITS= 7,097 SQ.FT.)

	HTF Funds	City Care Funds	Donation	Hard Cost	Soft Cost	Dev. Fee	Total Dev. cost
Land		Owned					
Site prep	80,795			80,795			80,795
New Construction	642,656		4,021 31,559	678,236			678,236
Furnishings		12,000		12,000			12,000
Contractor Profit	60,400			60,400			60,400
Permits	5,000				5,000		5,000
Survey	10,000				10,000		10,000
Architect	52,850				52,850		52,850
Consultant	15,000				15,000		15,000
Environmental	2,000				2,000		2,000
Title/Recording	100				100		100
Property taxes	200				200		200
Rent up Expense		1,000			1,000		1,000
Rent Reserves		1,200			1,200		1,200
Oper. Reserve		5,000			5,000		5,000
Developer fee	130,999					130,999	130,999
Totals:	\$1,000,000	19,200	31,559	\$831,431	\$179,790	118,999	\$1,054,780

PHASE I – 3 DUPLEXES, 6 UNITS OF 3 BEDROOM/2 BATH





City Care NHTF Project Phase II, 2 Duplexes

	HTF Funds	City Care Funds	Donation	Hard Cost	Soft Cost	Dev. Fee	Total Dev. cost
Land		Owned					
Site prep	54,000			54,000			54,000
New Construction	480,200			480,200			480,200
Furnishings		9,000		9,000			9,000
Contractor Profit	40,000			40,000			40,000
Permits	4,000				4,000		4,000
Survey	6,000				6,000		6,000
Third Party Construction Manager (to be determined)	40,000				40,000		40,000
Architect	10,000				10,000		10,000
Environmental	1,000				1,000		1,000
Title/Recording	100				100		100
Property taxes	200				200		200
Rent up Expense	1,000				1,000		1,000
Rent Reserves	1,200				1,200		1,200
Oper. Reserve	5,000	0			5,000		5,000
Developer fee	100,000					100,000	100,000
Totals:	\$742,700	9,000		\$583,200	\$68,500	100,000	\$751,700







ReMerge Duplexes

- Monthly Rent, includes utilities
\$525.00
- Three Bedroom, Two Bath, One Car
Garage
- Furnished
- Fenced backyard
- Covered patio

NHTF Project – Wichita Housing Authority









NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

- Each state receives a minimum of \$3 million
- All Income at 30% of median income for area
- Ninety Percent rental
- Must remain affordable for 40 years
- Funding Agency can make funds a grant or loan



QUESTIONS?

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