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Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance  
Maryland Department of Planning  
120 E. Baltimore Street, Suite 2000  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**Re: Notification under Executive Order 12372 — Application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

Dear Single Point of Contact:

In accordance with Executive Order 12372, Voices of Hope, Inc. is providing notice of its intent to submit an application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, under the Recovery Community Services Program, Notice of Funding Opportunity number TI-26-003.

**Applicant:** Voices of Hope, Inc., 224 East Main Street, Elkton, Maryland 21921. Unique Entity Identifier DSQ2DQ1JU7G3. Employer Identification Number 47-3110713.

**Federal Assistance Listing:** 93.490, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance.

**Amount requested:** \$296,433 for the first budget period; \$1,484,649 over a five-year project period beginning September 30, 2026.

**Purpose:** Voices of Hope, Inc. is a Recovery Community Organization run by and for people in recovery from addiction. Under this project it will expand recovery support services, delivered by trained and certified peer specialists, to adults who have substance use disorders or who have both a substance use disorder and a mental health condition, and to the families of those adults. Services will be delivered from the organization's two community recovery centers, which are open twenty-four hours a day, and in the community. The project will serve 225 individuals in the first year and 1,335 individuals over five years.

The project responds to a documented and changing need. As overdose deaths in Maryland have fallen to a ten-year low, the number of people who survive an overdose and need support to enter and sustain recovery has grown. In the twelve months ending May 2026, 325 residents of Cecil and Harford Counties survived an opioid overdose and were treated in a hospital emergency

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department, while 67 died. The county health needs assessment finds that Cecil County still lacks sufficient substance use disorder providers, so that residents must leave the county for care or go without.

**Geographic area served:** Cecil County and Harford County, Maryland.

**Service site locations:** Cecil County — 227 Howard Street, Elkton, Maryland 21921. Harford County — 7 Aberdeen Shopping Plaza, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001, relocating to Edgewood, Maryland during 2026. Three recovery residences are operated in Cecil County. No construction, renovation, demolition, or ground disturbance of any kind is proposed under this project, and no building will be altered.

**Staffing:** Four positions are supported: a Project Director at half-time, two full-time peer recovery specialists, and one part-time family support peer. All are existing employees of Voices of Hope, Inc. No peer is placed in any hospital or clinical facility under this project. No new facility, land, or construction is required.

**Priority Funding Area:** All service sites lie within certified Priority Funding Areas. Elkton and Aberdeen are incorporated municipalities, which are Priority Funding Areas by statute under Maryland law. The Edgewood relocation site lies within the certified Priority Funding Area along the Route 40 corridor in Harford County. This project seeks federal funding for the delivery of services and involves no construction, infrastructure, or growth-related activity.

Please direct any comments or questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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