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To: ARPgroup
Subject: FW: Request for assistance with facility and equipment issues at Camp Virgil Tate

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I received the below email from Oscar Hutchinson with Camp Virgil Tate. I am providing this to the ARP Group email, so everyone has a copy for future reference.

Thank you

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Subject: Request for assistance with facility and equipment issues at Camp Virgil Tate

Hello Jennifer and Jerie,

My name is Oscar Hutchison, I am the Treasurer of the Kanawha County 4-H Foundation. The Board was alerted by an article in the newspaper of possible funding of projects that would improve facilities in Kanawha County. Here at Camp Virgil Tate, we lost 80% of our revenue due to the cancellation of events during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Much of this money would have been used to repair aging infrastructure and make upgrades and repairs to our facility. The Board has asked me to inquire about the possibility of obtaining funds to help us to improve our facility.

Listed below are some possible projects and investments in our facility. Our goal is to reduce long term costs and risk of damages with these repairs.

- **Roof repair/replacement-** We have multiple buildings including the cottages and Dining Hall that are beginning to have leaks, or show signs of needing roof repair.

- **Waterline replacement facility wide-** We have been battling and chasing down water leaks for several years now. It is our belief that these leaks are related to the aging pipelines, which will need to be replaced soon.
- **Purchase of new equipment-** Much of our machinery is quite old and repairs are beginning to exceed the value of the equipment. If eligible, this may include: tractor, lawn mower, truck or utility vehicle, side by side, trailer, etc. We have already spent a good portion of our limited maintenance budget on repairing these items.
- **Running gas lines to the Lodge-** We would like to install gas water heaters, in order to reduce utility cost. These items are currently electric and contribute to a high electric bill during use.
- **New PTAC units for Lodge Rooms-** We have already replaced 5 PTAC units. These units are old, and are either irreparable, or not cost effective to repair. Upgrading the remaining units to more energy efficient models will help reduce long term cost of utility bills.
- **New stove and fire suppression unit-** The current commercial unit is on its last legs and will need to be replaced soon.
- **Electrical upgrades-** Due to age, two buildings (Ross Bonar cottage and the Dining Hall) are experiencing mild electrical issues (fixtures and switches not working, etc.). Upgrading the wiring in these buildings will restore function.

As you can see, we have many needs. We also have some other ideas (such as installing solar power). I am not sure what the requirements for this funding source are, but if the items listed above don't fit the eligibility for the funding stream, I'm sure we could find something to satisfy the requirements. I would love the opportunity to speak with you and get more details. I am more than happy to meet with you in person or via teleconference to discuss them further. Please let me know if that is a possibility.

And as always, we are grateful for the continued support of the Kanawha County Commission.

Sincerely,

Oscar Hutchison

Treasurer

Kanawha County 4-H Foundation