



Municipality: Canton

## Form NAA-01

### 2021 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal

This form **must** be completed and submitted to your municipality for approval. All items **must** be completed with as much detail as possible. If additional space is needed, attach additional sheets. Please type or print clearly. See attached instructions before completing. **Do not submit this form directly to the Department of Revenue Services.**

#### Part I — General Information

Name of tax exempt organization/municipal agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOCUS Center for Autism, Inc

Address: 126 Dowd Avenue, PO Box 452,  
Canton, CT 06019

Federal Employer Identification Number: 31-1724698

Program title: Energy Efficiency HVAC Upgrades

Name of contact person: Eric Cohen

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Total NAA funding requested (\$250 minimum, \$150,000 maximum): \$ 30,100.00

Is your organization required to file federal Form 990 or 990EZ, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax?

Yes                       No

If **Yes**, attach a copy of the **first page** of your most recent return.

If **No**, attach a copy of your determination letter from the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service.

## Part II — Program Information

Check the appropriate description of your program:

### 100% credit percentage

Energy conservation; **or**

Comprehensive college access loan forgiveness (see Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-635(3)).

### 60% credit percentage

Job training/education for unemployed persons aged 50 or over;

Job training/education for persons with physical disabilities;

Program serving low-income persons;

Child care services;

Establishment of a child day care facility;

Open space acquisition fund; **or**

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of program: \_\_\_\_\_

FOCUS Center for Autism provides educational, clinical, social, and residential services to help children and adults with autism reach their full potential. FOCUS purchased the building at 126 Dowd Avenue, Canton, CT in 1998 and it was built in 1925. Minimal upgrades have been done to improve energy efficiency since then. The goal of this program is to improve energy efficiency which will help to decrease the cost on energy bills and the carbon footprint of FOCUS. This program includes upgrading the heating and air conditioning systems to a new system with heat pumps and duct work in the older part of the building.

Need for program: \_\_\_\_\_

The newer part of the building has inefficient electric baseboard heat which is expensive to run. Air conditioning is done with 5 window and portable units. There are also 2 built-in wall units that are over 20 years old and don't work well. Room temperature can be inconsistent and people need to sit wherever is comfortable for them. The whole system is inefficient, expensive to operate, and detrimental to the environment.

Neighborhood area to be served: \_\_\_\_\_

FOCUS is located in Canton, CT. Our clients and students come from throughout Connecticut, primarily Hartford and Litchfield Counties.

Plan to implement the program: \_\_\_\_\_

FOCUS has taken bids and are waiting on funding to implement. Since our programs run on a school calendar, most work would be scheduled for late June or August to minimize disruptions.



**Part IV — Municipal Information**

To be completed by the municipal agency overseeing implementation of the program

Name of municipal agency overseeing implementation of the program: _____ _____
Mailing address: _____ _____
Name of municipal liaison: _____
Telephone number: _____
Fax number: _____
Email address: _____

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Post-Project Review</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Is a post-project review required for this proposal?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Yes                        No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If <b>Yes</b>, date post-project review due:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>
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