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ARP Application - Kanawha County

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Project Summary

1. Brief description of the proposal

Select Cards is a small family sports card and memorabilia business. Covid put a financial strain on the business as we were forced to close for many months during 2019. The funding would be used to help recover some money that was not only lost from lack of sells, but also the money that was paid for rent and utilities while we were closed and unable to operate our business.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

As we try and recoup some lost income, we are also looking to grow our business. We had started running kids sports camps for kids in the area. We have also started bring athletes and celebrities in to this area for signings and speaking events. Money from this project would go a long way in launching more camps and similar events.

3. Individuals or communities served

Not only would the money help our family as we would be able to go back paying ourselves a proper wage, it would also benefit the community in regards to the kids camps and things like that.

4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request

Covid-19 forced us to close the doors of our family business for multiple months during 2019. With the store being closed down, we did not have the income that we were used to. Home expenses, on top of the ongoing shop expenses made for bills to pile up during that time. Funding would help to get those things caught up and moving in the right direction.

5. Amount of funding requested

100,000

6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable

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7a. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

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7b. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

We have not raised any funds currently, but do plan to raise money for charity along the way. We had a large basketball game planned at the Charleston Coliseum to raise money for Recovery Point WV, but it had to be canceled due to Covid-19. Events like those are the ones we like to organize to help local groups.

8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used

These ARP funds would be used to help get our business back to where it was before Covid-19. We have a handful of events that we are working on, from kids sports camps to speaking engagements for various groups. The money would help greatly in funding these type events so that the community can come together once again.

9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

These events are planned for the end of this year and we already have things planned for summer of 2022. Getting this funding would help to get payments in for these type events and would allow us to let kids attend for free.

Proposal Details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address

Last year with Covid cases rising, we had to cancel lots of kids sports camp and charity events that we had planned. The community could really use some of these events now to get people back out and interacting. Also, for a small business that relies on sells from customers coming in, having to close our doors for months made it hard to survive financially.

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

If we can get the camps going again, with similar interest as years prior, we expect 150-200 kids to attend per camp. This allows kids of all ages to attend from all over the state of WV.

3. Please provide your project timeline

These events are being planned over the next 10 months. Most kids camps that we operate are held during the summer months.

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.

Each camp can run anywhere from \$10,000-\$15,000 per, depending on the popularity of the professional athlete that we bring in. I have requested an amount of \$100K. That would allow us to plan and pay for all of the events that we have planned up front and be worry free while we plan. Normally this type of money comes from sponsors, but with Covid-19 hurting businesses all over, it has made it very tough to get sponsors for these type events.

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

I operate this business as a family business. I do not have any partners other my wife and kids helping out in the store some.

6. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

As I said in previous questions, we have ran and operated these type of things for a few years without much worry. The shop itself is successful when people are allowed to come in and have money to spend. As for the camps, the hope is that after next year, that businesses will once again be able to get involved to help with sponsorship of events.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Trying to provide fun and educational events for kids through our small business

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities

We are a small business, but hold kids sports camps through the business.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:

Jeremie Stout

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:

Jeremie Stout - Owner

Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year



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Two years of audited financial statements



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Current operating budget



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If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant



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7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Kanawha County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

None

8. If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

None

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request.

As stated prior, we are a small business that relies on being open to allow our customers to come in. Having to shut down for months hurt that. As for the camps and things that we run, we are having trouble getting other businesses to help with sponsorship due to their financial struggles from Covid-19.

2. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

It will allow us to get some bills caught up and mainly with paying salaries. As for the camps, it will allow those to be paid for in advance and not have to rely on sponsors to help cover them

3. Are you requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19

Yes

If yes, please explain

Our small business had to close its doors for months during the pandemic. During that time, we still had to pay rent, utilities, insurance and things like that while being closed. The bills did not stop coming in just because the doors had to be locked. With the shop being our source of income for our family, it made things tough.

Upload supporting documentation for revenue loss



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Supplementary Information

1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for at least one third-party reference.

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2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.



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Attachments

No attachments