

Opioid Settlement Fund Application

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Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal

Religious Coalition for Community Renewal (RCCR) seeks funding to support the Samaritan Inn, a Level II West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residence program located in Charleston, WV. The Samaritan requests funds to support salary expenses for residential recovery, outreach programming, rehabilitation costs to support three additional beds, and to purchase a replacement vehicle to ensure reliable transportation.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

The purpose of these funds is to assist with increasing evidence-based quality recovery programming through residential and community-based services.

Funds will increase the number of recovery beds available to men recovering from substance use disorder (9 to 12) Increase access to naloxone and treatment through harm reduction. Sustaining access to transportation for recovery meetings, medical appointments, job, grocery store, and more for residents.

Men may stay for up to 18 months in the Samaritan Inn program. Based on 2023 outcomes we expect to work with 25 residents. Staff assist each new resident with job skills development, resume development, interview skills and ensuring the availability of appropriate interview attire. All 25 residents secured employment within the first 30 days of program participation and remained employed throughout. The average increase in monthly earnings was \$2,229.00 per resident, meaning the Samaritan Inn residents generated an average of \$55,730.00 of income in the community monthly. 100% of graduates participated in money management skill building. The average credit score increased among graduate residents in 2023 by 246 points. 75% got their license and bought a car. 12.5% completed a secondary degree (Associate or Bachelor's). 100% of graduates were employed at the time of program completion and transferred to safe, affordable, housing after an average of 13 months. Of the 8 graduates, 100% exited the program free from chronic medical conditions and with established primary care. Graduates increased 7.6 points on the Brief Assessment of Recovery Capital (BARC-10) evidence-based measure. Their ability to make responsible decisions, follow direction, manage time, and complete tasks increased 16.13 points, which is evidence of mastering expectations. 88% of graduates reunited with their families. 100% of residents with children pay child support. Samaritan Inn residents volunteered 458 hours in the community at a value of \$28.17 an hour for a total contribution to the community valuing \$12,901.86.

3. Individuals or communities served

The Samaritan Inn provides residential programming for men recovering from substance use disorder. Since 1989, the Samaritan Inn has served over 848 men from almost every county in West Virginia. In 2023 of the 25 residents, 2 were black, 1 indigenous, and 23 were white. The average age was 36.5 years old. 9 entered from jail/prison (36%) 15 entered from a treatment facility (60%) and 1 entered from another recovery residence (4%). 1 was diagnosed with alcohol use disorder, 15 were diagnosed with drug use disorder, and 9 were diagnosed with both alcohol and drug use disorder. 6 participated in medical assisted recovery (MAR, 25%), 9 had a mental health diagnosis, 8 had a chronic health condition, and 3 had physical conditions to address. 3 were veterans. Only 13% had identification, birth certificate or social security card. 100% were homeless.

4. Amount of funding requested

132915.5

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

47815.5

6. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

203052

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

Grants, service fees, and fundraising

8. How Opioid Settlement funds, if awarded, will be used

Funds will be used to support one full-time residential position, one part-time outreach position, costs to rehabilitate a bathroom, and purchase an 8-passenger vehicle to ensure transportation to recovery meetings, medical appointments, job, grocery store, and more for residents.

9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met

RCCR/Samaritan Inn will meet the Approved Uses in Exhibit A, Schedule A – Core Strategies

A. Naloxone or other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses.

A.2 Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

B. Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Distribution and Other Opioid-Related Treatment.

B.4 Treatment and Recovery Support Service such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allow or integrate medication and with other support services.

E. Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services

E.4 Provider comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare

F. Treatment for Incarcerated Population

F.1 Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transiting out of the criminal justice system

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

The project will be completed within 12 months of the grant award.

Proposal Details

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

The opioid epidemic has increased the need for recovery housing and harm reduction. According to the Harm Reduction Journal substance use disorder in the state of West Virginia rates of drug overdose deaths increased from 36 per 100,000 residents in 2011 to nearly 91 deaths per 100,000 residents in 2021. An estimated 16% of West Virginians ages 12 and older meet the criteria for a drug or alcohol use disorder, many of which do not receive treatment for their substance use disorder. Samaritan Inn seeks to reduce the barriers to engaging in substance use disorder treatment services with comprehensive support, transportation, harm reduction, and access to treatment. Recovery housing has been found to be associated with improved recovery related outcomes including reduced substance use, criminal justice involvement, anxiety, depression, and homelessness, and increased employment and income. In the last year, Samaritan Inn received 176 applications and processed every single one for referrals to other programs, connections to treatment, supportive housing, or admittance to our program.

Funding will allow the Samaritan Inn to put more residential recovery beds in use along with sustaining transportation services. In addition, according to the Department of Human Services Assessment of West Virginia Homeless Population issued in July 2023 reported that substance use disorder was reported by more than one in five (22%) individuals experiencing homelessness, more than one in 10 (11%) self-reported having an alcohol use disorder statewide, and nearly one in 10 (8%) clients reported having both alcohol and substance use disorders at the same time. The harm reduction component provides increased distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service along with referrals and a warm hand off to treatment.

2. Please provide the details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal

The strategy for this proposal includes rehabbing two bathrooms to ensure their full operation to support three additional recovery beds, purchasing a van for resident transportation, and supporting harm reduction to provide connections to treatment for persons suffering from the opioid epidemic. The Samaritan Inn provides a WVARR certified structured six to eighteen-month program that utilizes evidence-based practices including motivational interviewing, stages of change, wellness recovery action plan (WRAP), self-management and recovery training (SMART), recovery practices of cost benefit analysis (CBA), action behavior consequence (ABC), brainstorming and critical thinking. These practices are combined with the self-help models of the 12-step program, community involvement, guidance in activities of daily living, and skills to transition into employment, family and community. Outreach programming is directed at individuals who are experiencing homelessness through drop-in medical care with community partners. Staff work with individuals to provide harm reduction such as the distribution of naloxone and connections to treatment.

3. Please provide your project timeline

The project will be completed within 12 months of the grant award.

Funds for salaries will be paid out over a 12 month / 24 payroll period.

Following RCCR procurement policies three quotes will be obtained for the bathroom rehabilitation and vehicle purchase within 45 days of the grant award.

Bathroom remodel will start within 60 days of the grant award.

Vehicle purchase will be made within 60 days of the grant award.

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

The total proposed budget is \$132,915.50

\$85,000.00 Salary/Benefits (1 full-time and 1 part-time)

\$17,915.50 Bathroom Repair

\$30,000 Vehicle. The current vehicle is 12 years old.

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

Jobs and Hope - provides West Virginians in recovery the opportunity to obtain career training and to ultimately secure meaningful employment. Each new resident is referred to Jobs and Hope upon entry, drug screens are forwarded to ensure eligibility, and notice of new program enrollment opportunities offered to residents.

American Job Center (AJC) – provide assessment of interests, abilities, and job skill needs, access to job listings, job search and placement assistant, referrals to training, educational services, special need providers, and support services, resume and application assistance, job interview preparation and planning ,career counseling services, on-the-job

training (OJT), customized training, non-traditional occupational information and training, apprenticeship referrals, fidelity bonding service, assistance with referrals to those who possess barriers to employment, especially those with disabilities.

Way Makers – provides or connects with partners that provide food, clothing, documentation for employment, resume writing, interview practice, training, job placement, job coaching, entrepreneur coaching, and mentorship.

Psych-Solutions – provides medical and psychological care on-site each first Tuesday, monthly, as well as telehealth, and therapy.

6. Please identify the anticipated leadership of the proposal and upload/attach their resume(s) or CVs

Resumes attached for:

Natasha Stout, Samaritan Inn Program Director/RCCR Assistant Director is responsible for staff supervision and training, service referrals, building community partnerships, identifying trends and initiatives, strategic planning that aligns with the organization's broader goals, program planning, policy development, compliance evaluation to ensure quality standards, case management, staff direction, and effective service delivery within budget. Natasha has been an RCCR team member since August 2017. She is a certified peer recovery support specialist, holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, and a master's in clinical social work.

Miranda Nabers, Transitional Storage Director (TSC), is responsible for the oversight and supervision of outreach and supportive services to the homeless. These activities include but are not limited to: providing outreach and supportive services to homeless and clients in recovery referred from treatment centers; supervise TSC staff which includes all program staff: coordinator, case management, outreach, and volunteers; find, write, assist, and report on grants that fund TSC program and/or as directed by Executive Director; create programs to fill the need of the community by developing and collaborating with other community members and service partners. Miranda has been a member of the RCCR team since 2021. She holds an undergraduate and master's in political science with an emphasis in public administration and state, local and urban government.

Kevin Jones, Executive Director for RCCR is responsible for the research, planning, finance, budgeting, compliance, fundraising, operations, implementation, and evaluation of all RCCR programs and activities focusing on fostering affordable housing. Kevin has held the position of Executive Director since August 2019 and previously served on the board of directors for six years. He holds bachelor's degrees in social work, the arts, and a graduate degree in leadership with an emphasis on nonprofit and government agencies.

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

The Samaritan Inn program started in 1989 and every year since we have applied for government and foundational grants along with other sources such as fundraising to sustain this program. RCCR plans to become a licensed behavioral health facility to bill insurance such as Medicaid for Peer Recovery Support Services and counseling services to further sustain the program. That process will take a year or more to accomplish. As an affordable housing developer RCCR is renovating several apartments that will be operational in late 2025 for Samaritan Inn program graduates. The rental management fee will provide additional sustainability.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Acting cooperatively from our various faith traditions, the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal develops projects and programs which help renew our community by identifying, addressing, and overcoming obstacles which keep people from decent, affordable housing.

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

History:

In 1984 the "Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness" was struggling to find a solution to what was believed to be a solvable problem of homelessness in Charleston. It became clear that there was not one solution, but that it would take a variety of approaches to adequately meet the needs of our fellow citizens. The Mayor's Task Force was guided by the findings of the document, *Beyond Summers Street*, written by Will Carter after spending a summer on the streets of Charleston. Out of the Task Force discussions came the vision of a religious response to the needs of the homeless.

Thus, the RCCR was born. It was made up of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish congregations, representing 10,000 to 12,000 citizens of Charleston. A delegation of leading lay and clergy persons went for a two-day period of exploration of the work of The Church of the Savior, Washington, D.C. They had established several Samaritan Inns, Apartment

Houses for low-income people, businesses for them to work in, and even a hospital, to which homeless people could go to stay and receive free medical attention as long as they needed it. Inspired by that trip, this group returned to Charleston determined to move ahead without haste and without rest. Dr. David Du Bois was elected President, and a working group of about 10-12 people met weekly and more often as necessary to bird-dog this project. They were all amateur volunteers, learning as they went along. But they were inspired by a vision of what was possible if they all worked together on behalf of our less fortunate neighbors. The development of the Samaritan Inn highlighted a need, brought together people of goodwill from all over the community, and provided an opportunity for countless numbers of people to give of their time and talents on behalf of others.

The house was purchased from the Knights of Columbus in 1989 with a \$150,000 grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. An additional grant of \$150,000 was obtained from the Clay Foundation to renovate the building. The Samaritan Inn received its first resident in 1989. The occasion was the culmination of 2 years of hard work on the part of a diverse group of volunteers and a dedicated board of directors, to raise funds from foundation, individuals, and religious organizations, acquire the building, rehabilitate the building, receive a demonstration government grant, and hire its first direct staff.

Samaritan Inn Program:

The Samaritan Inn provides a structured six to eighteen-month program that utilizes evidence-based practices including motivational interviewing, stages of change, wellness recovery action plan (WRAP), self-management and recovery training (SMART), recovery practices of cost benefit analysis (CBA), action behavior consequence (ABC), brainstorming and critical thinking. These practices are combined with the self-help models of the 12-step program, community involvement, guidance in activities of daily living, and skills to transition into employment, family and community. Participation in the program at the Samaritan Inn has been associated with numerous positive outcomes including reduced probability of relapse/reoccurrence, lower rates of incarceration, higher income, increased employment and improved family functioning.

Upon entry, each resident works with staff to establish individualized goals designed to overcome the obstacles to permanent, independent living in recovery. Each resident is required to work, and pay a small program fee (\$400), maintain his own living area, share the cooking and cleaning responsibilities, participate in a life skills curriculum, substance abuse education, case management and community volunteer activities.

Recovery at the forefront of the program at the Samaritan Inn helps to guide a man toward the goals he wants to achieve. Upon completion of the program a man is fully immersed in recovery, is employed with a job that will provide for all of his needs and has attained safe housing that he can afford and is fully under his control. Upon graduation the Samaritan Inn will offer up to \$1000.00 in transitional fees.

Since 1989, the residential recovery program at the Samaritan Inn has helped more than 800 men transition to independent living. 100% of 2023 graduates remained in recovery for a year. 70% of Samaritan Inn graduates remain in recovery, employed, active in the community and reunited with their families for 5 years after completing the program. This is twice the national average.

Addition program provided by RCCR includes the following:

RCCR is devoted to addressing the housing needs of the homeless and low- and moderate-income citizens in Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Kanawha, Putnam and Wayne counties as a Community Housing Development Organization. As a coalition of 33 area religious congregations, the RCCR develops projects and programs which help renew our community by identifying, addressing, and overcoming obstacles which keep people from decent, affordable housing.

Rental Housing: RCCR offers a range of rental property from efficiency units to 1- and 2-bedroom units serving the homeless, justice impacted, seniors, and low-income families.

Smith Street Station, 801 Smith Street, Charleston, WV 25301 Smith Street Station, which opened in 1991, is 29 fully furnished efficiency rental apartments for low to moderate income adults seeking safe and affordable permanent housing.

Knollview Village Apartments, 571 MacCorkle Ave, St. Albans, WV 25177; Willow Tree Village Apartments, 140 Willow Tree Way, Hurricane, WV 25526 and Willow Tree Village II Apartments, Hurricane, WV 25526. RCCR partnered with a

private developer using Low Income Housing Tax Credits to build rental housing for low-income seniors. Each of these projects contains 48 (1 or 2 bedroom) apartments.

Additional multi-family rental projects are in predevelopment and planned for renovation and/or construction in late 2024 and early 2025. These units will be in Charleston, WV ranging from efficiency units to single family homes serving the homeless with supportive services and low-income families.

Home Ownership: 1117 Quarrier Street, Charleston WV 25301 RCCR provides affordable housing development, education, and counseling for low to moderate income families wanting to buy their own homes. RCCR started its Housing development and counseling programs in 1995 and have provided counseling for over 3000 families and helped over 800 families to become first time home buyers.

Social Services: 900 Washington Street East, Charleston WV 25301
RCCR offers rapid rehousing, street outreach, a clothing boutique, and a storage center to unhoused neighbors.

Rapid Rehousing helps families who are currently homeless to quickly find housing and cover rental start-up costs, typically the security deposit and first 2-6 months of rent.

Street Outreach assists unsheltered neighbors who might not otherwise seek assistance or come to the attention of the homelessness service system and ensures that people's basic needs are met while supporting them along pathways toward housing stability.

The Clothing Boutique provides free clothing for unsheltered neighbors in partnership with the Kanawha Valley Collective.

The Transitional Storage Center is a managed storage service provided to people experiencing homelessness to store their personal belongings.

3. 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).

See attachment for a complete list of grants from 2021 to June 2024. RCCR has not previously received funding from the Kanawha County Commission.

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

Board of Directors: Kellen Shearin, Diane Honeycutt, Derek Hudson, Ted Ranson, Benjamin Adams, Mary McFarland, Cindy Richardson, Alma Rodriguez, Erin Adair, Summer Blankenship, and Robin Snyder.

Senior Staff:

Kevin Jones, Executive Director

Natasha Stout, Program Director/Assistant Director

Miranda Nabers, Transitional Storage Center Program Director

Nichole Harrison, Property Manager

Seth King, Program Coordinator Huntington

Rebecca Morgan, Financial Officer

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

Natasha Stout, Samaritan Inn Program Director/RCCR Assistant Director is responsible for staff supervision and training, service referrals, and oversight of the Samaritan Inn. Natasha will be responsible for procuring quotes for the van and bathroom renovation along with staff supervision.

Miranda Nabers, Transitional Storage Director, is responsible for the oversight and supervision of outreach and supportive services to the homeless.

Kevin Jones, Executive Director for RCCR is responsible for approving the procurement of goods and service along with overall grant compliance.

Rebecca Morgan, Financial Officer will be responsible for ensuring grant funds are correctly spent and allocated to the programs.

Mark Goldman, Substance Abuse Counselor responsible for the weekly roundtable and also provides support for clients in recovery. Mark provides the initial and exit assessment (with pre and post testing) and continued therapeutic one-on-one support. This person also develops topics for the weekly roundtable that will help the residents be more successful when they leave the Inn.

Patsy DiCesare, Social Services Coordinator – provides case management to program beneficiaries in meeting contracted goals. This person serves as the first line of contact for residents when they have issues that need to be resolved.

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable:

**Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year
3594**

**Two years of audited financial statements
3576**

**Current operating budget
3575**

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. 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.

N/A

8. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years

- 1. West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) Level II Certification meeting the standards for recovery residence according to National Alliance of Recovery Residences in coordination with SAMHSA.**
- 2. Incorporated Medical Assisted Recovery (MAR) to mitigate cravings that lead to a return to use.**
- 3. Established a Primary Care Provider that will come on site to ensure continuity of medical and psychological care, as well as safeguarding access to necessary medications upon entry.**

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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