



OSF-5

Opioid Settlement Fund
Application

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Primary Location

No location

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Internal Section

 Decision

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 Award Amount


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 Additional Comments

Certification

PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE SCHEDULE A CORE STRATEGIES AND SCHEDULE B-APPROVED USES

Digital Signature*

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Apr 18, 2024

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***-**-7316

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 *

Bridge to Hope Academy- WV's first recovery high school. Recovery high schools are secondary schools designed specifically for students in recovery from substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders. Although each school operates differently depending on available community resources and state standards, each recovery high school shares the following goals listed below.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes*

- The primary purpose of a recovery high school is to educate and support students in recovery from substance use or co-occurring disorders;
- Meet state requirements for awarding a secondary school diploma, i.e. school offers credits leading to a state-recognized high school diploma, and student is not just getting tutored or completing work from another school while there;
- Intent that all students enrolled be in recovery and working a program of recovery from substance use or co-occurring disorders as determined by the student and the School;
- All students are working an abstinence-focused program of recovery as agreed upon by the student and the school.

The staff of recovery high schools most often includes administrative staff, teachers, substance misuse counselors, and mental health professionals that each play a critical role in supporting their students. Additionally, recovery high schools provide support for families learning to how to live with, and provide support for, their teens entering into the recovery lifestyle.

There are 45 recovery high schools throughout the United States. This will be the first in WV.

** Association of Recovery Schools

<https://recoveryschools.org/what-is-a-recovery-high-school/>

3. Individuals or communities served*

High school students grades 9-12 who are in recovery from substance use disorder and or mental health. Initially it will be open to Kanawha and Putnam counties with the hopes of expanding statewide once it is established.

4. Amount of funding requested*

100000

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

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

100000

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

Community Bridge, Mountain Care Network, Marshall Health and Prestera

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

Bridge to Hope Academy (Recovery High School) will use the Opioid Settlement funds to hire a director and learning coach to operate the recovery high school.

This includes recruiting students and securing additional funding to sustain all aspects of the school. The target launch of the school is Fall 2024 pending funding as a microschool. Community partners have committed to provide all of the wrap around services to the students and their families. These include all of the individual and group therapies, peer recovery support services and life skill training. This will be a microschool. Microschooling is the reinvention of the one-room school house, where class size is typically smaller than that in most schools and there are mixed-age level groupings. Generally, microschools do not meet all 5 days of the school week, and their schedules look different than a traditional public or private school. Wikipedia
Focus is on student's recovery in conjunction with academics.

9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met*

Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services

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

It will be ongoing and tentative opening of the school is fall of 2024.

Proposal Details

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

Based on the data from the WV Office of Drug Control Data Dashboard*, there are hundreds of suspected overdoses in the under 18 years of age group annually. These include EMS Suspected Overdoses and ER Suspected Overdoses. Currently, there are no recovery high schools in WV that provide support to this age group once they have gone through treatment and are now in recovery. Most often the students return to the environment where they were in active addiction. This includes returning to their high school. Without proper support, they are at a much higher risk to relapse and not remain in recovery.

*<https://dhhr.wv.gov/office-of-drug-control-policy/datadashboard/Pages/default.aspx>

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

There are 45 recovery high schools throughout the United States. This will be the first in WV. In a recovery high school, students can complete an individualized course of study, move forward graduation and reduce risk of drug use and relapse. Teens who are struggling with drug and alcohol misuse may benefit from attending a recovery high school. In such an educational setting, teens can complete their coursework while also receiving the support they need to continue healing and recovery.

** Association of Recovery Schools
<https://recoveryschools.org/what-is-a-recovery-high-school/>

3. Please provide your project timeline* ?

Tentative launch is Fall of 2024 and will be ongoing

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

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

Community Bridge is partnered with over 190 organizations including business, healthcare organizations, churches, ministries, non-profit organizations, food pantries, foster care organizations, recovery programs, government resources, schools and shelters in its endeavor to serve the community at large.

Community Bridge- In kind building space for Bridge to Hope Academy (includes classroom, offices, offices for counseling, showers and laundry facilities). Additionally, clothing, food and basic needs will be provided to students as needed from the Community Bridge Family Resource Center.

Delegate Kathie Crouse- microschool curriculum coordination

Presteria- Peer support services

Mountain Care Network- Individual case management, individual therapy, group therapy and wrap around services

Marshall Health- Peer Recovery Support Specialist

Heartbeat of the Valley- Family support center services such as food, clothing and hygiene items

Putnam Wellness Coalition- healthy alternative activities through their "On the Move" program and mentor opportunities

Kanawha Communities that Care- substance use prevention education

Putnam County Commission- funding to support two Putnam county students

Aegis Laboratory- Drug Screening

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

Leadership Team President Tina Ramirez. All other team members will be hired once funding is secured.

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Education

1992

West Virginia University

Morgantown, WV, US
Bachelor of Arts, Biology

Addiction Care, Public Health, Performance Management & Quality Improvement

- Built infrastructure and strengthened collaborations in communities and neighborhoods hit hardest by the opioid epidemic in West Virginia (WV). Covering 12 WV counties: Boone, Cabell, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Putnam, Wayne and Wyoming. Population of over 500,000.
- Management of system components: public harm reduction programs offering syringe service with additional wrap around services, community-based quick response teams (QRTs) to visit individuals following overdose events, hospital programs to identify and link individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) to treatment from the acute care setting, a community-based hub for comprehensive treatment and referral services, naloxone education and distribution, an enhanced capacity and infrastructure to effectively drive community engagement, prevention and education and a mechanism to coordinate all of these components as a true "System for Addiction Care".
- Developed capacity and coordination for implementation and evaluation of the System for Addiction care components in all 12 counties.
- Built and strengthened infrastructure to have measurable impact in saving lives and changing the course and future of individuals, children and families impacted by the opioid epidemic in WV.
- More than 30 years of experience in public health, including grant finance management, public speaking, performance management and quality assurance
- In accordance with CDC's National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP) plan, identify partners and community members in the public health system, engage those partners in health assessment and improvement planning, promote improvement in agencies, systems and communities.
- Ensure implementation of and evaluate policies and strategies to promote healthy lifestyles
- Mobilize community partnerships to assist in identifying and solving health problems
- Serve on community-based boards to promote and encourage prevention and wellness efforts
- Review literature perform research and statistical analysis; produce correspondence reports as needed
- Oversee day-to-day operations of the Prevention and Wellness Division: personnel management (coordinator, interns, volunteers and AmeriCorps VISTA), harm reduction/syringe service program, material development and

data systems, business operations processes, implement policies and procedures, serve as spokesperson and implement various projects related to harm reduction/syringe service program and total quality management/continuous quality improvement

- Mentor for students in multiple disciplines including medical school (WVU and Marshall Universities), osteopathic medicine (WV School of Osteopathic Medicine), pharmacy (University of Charleston School of Pharmacy), social work (Marshall University), public health (WVU School of Public Health), exercise science (University of Delaware) and research (Johns' Hopkins University).
- Monitor the infrastructure grant requirements and made sure the timelines were met, plan as well as facilitated all the grant and PM/QI project meetings (both within the organization and with outside sources)
- Plan quality improvement workforce development sessions
- Collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, American Heart Association, Kanawha County Board of Education, West Virginia University and WV State Extension, Try This WV, Quality Insights, on childhood obesity and diabetes programs.
- Childhood health activities, at Charleston Area Medical Center, Camden Park, YMCA
- Threat preparedness and POD activities, Point of Dispensing representative
- Multi-Agency Planning and Advisory Committee (MPAC)
- Setting up professional collaborations including state/local government:
 - **Local:** Charleston Police, Charleston City Council, Charleston Fire, Cabin Creek Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) , WV Health Right, Family Care Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement, Kanawha Communities that Care, Putnam Wellness, Putnam Young Childhood Collaborative, Putnam Aging, Putnam County Schools, Regional Family Resource Network, Quality Insights, Partnership of African American Churches, University of Charleston, WV State University, Bridge Valley Community and Technical College, Charleston Job Corps, Ryan White Foundation, Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC), Thomas Memorial Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Highland Hospital, Prestera Center, Recovery Point, HELP4WV, First Choice Services, Roark Sullivan Lifeway Center, Covenant House, HEAT Taskforce, Handle with Care, Kanawha County Board of Education
 - **State:** WV University, Marshall University, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine, Cabell-Huntington Hospital, WV ACES Coalition, WV Statewide Harm Reduction Coalition, Great Rivers Harm Reduction Coalition, CAMC Teays Hospital
 - **National:** Johns Hopkins University, Wake Forest University, East TN State University, University of San Francisco, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- Serve as a resource to outside agencies for setting up Harm Reduction Programs (other counties/cities). Involvement with national programs for reporting and serving as the professional resource. Harm Reduction Coalition, NY Harm Reduction, AIDS United, VA Department of Health

Work Experience

September 2018
to present

Marshall Health
Charleston, WV

Director Great Rivers Regional System for Addiction

Care

(Cabell, Jackson, Kanawha and Putnam

counties)

1. PROACT
2. Project Engage
3. Naloxone Education and Distribution
4. Quick Response Teams (QRT)
5. Public Health Harm Reduction Programs

6. Community Engagement and Education

QRT Director- Mason, Putnam and Wayne counties

QRT Advisor- Boone and Lincoln counties

Coordinator, Southern WV Consortium (Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo and Wyoming counties)

1. Social Media Campaign 2018-2022
2. Website Development and Management 2018-2022

April 2013 to
September 2018

Kanawha-Charleston Health Department
Charleston, WV

Prevention and Wellness Director

1. Director of the Syringe Service/Harm Reduction Program
2. Coordinate activities with other harm reduction program coordinators from multiple states through the WV statewide harm reduction coalition
3. **Board of Directors** for Kanawha Communities that Care Drug Prevention Coalition
4. Leadership Team Putnam Wellness Drug Prevention Coalition
5. **Board of Directors** Treasurer Regional Family Resource Network
6. **Board of Directors** Kanawha Communities that Care Drug Prevention Coalition
7. **Representative for Harm Reduction** Local Health Inc.
8. **Chairperson** Regional Health Summit
9. **Steering Committee** WVU PCORI (Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute)
10. **Steering Committee** Great Rivers System of Addiction Care
11. American Heart Association, Trainer for Hands Only CPR
12. Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, PHAB Accreditation Committee
13. Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, Safety Committee
14. Comprehensive Heroin Initiative workgroup
15. University of IL at Chicago, Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) Peer Educator
16. Stanford University, Master Trainer- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
17. Stanford University, Master Trainer- Diabetes Self-Management Program
18. University of Pittsburgh, Master Trainer- Group Lifestyle Balance (National Diabetes Prevention Program)
19. Mayo Clinic, Tobacco Treatment Specialist
20. Worksite Wellness Coordinator with Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement
21. Work with a multitude of populations in need of specific resources
22. Collaborate with city and county officials to plan and improve infrastructure beneficial to activity and nutrition
23. Lead a grant writing team with federal and local funding. Grant manager for over \$630,000.00 worth of grants
24. Implement planned media around public health programs and activities
25. Organize physical activity events at the local level
26. Collaborate with regional tobacco prevention representatives to provide support regarding clean indoor air regulation and tobacco cessation programs
27. Supervisor for AmeriCorps VISTA
28. Developed Kanawha County Diabetes Coalition

Change the Future WV Director:

1. Managed 2 employees and 9 counties throughout Southern WV

Promoted Tobacco-Free Living:

1. Supported community efforts to adopt strong county-level clean indoor air regulations providing clean smoke-free air in public places.
2. Encouraged smoke-free and tobacco-free homes, especially foster homes.

Promoted Healthy Eating and Active Living:

1. Improved school meal nutrition through Farm-to-School programs and healthy food training for cooks and food service directors.
2. Increased access to fresh fruits, vegetables, and other healthy options by supporting Farmer's Markets and establishing healthy checkout aisles in grocery and convenience stores.
3. Increased healthy eating practices and physical activity time for children in schools, childcare centers, and family daycare homes.
4. Encouraged healthy foster homes through education related to diet and physical activity.

Promoted High Quality Clinical and Preventive Health Services in communities:

1. Increased community-based programs promoting healthy living and the prevention of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke.
2. Educated the public on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through tobacco-free living, healthy eating, physical activity, and by monitoring and management chronic disease risk factors such as high blood pressure and cholesterol.
3. Established coordinated referral networks between local health care providers and community-based lifestyle change programs linking people with resources to improve their health.
4. Trained Community Health Resource Persons (CHERPS) to be local community health advocates serving as a link to health promotion and health care resources.

February 2018 to
September 2018

AmeriCorps VISTA Intermediary Sponsor

1. Lead agency supervisor for diabetes project in Kanawha County
2. Manage the diabetes project and oversee Kanawha County Diabetes Coalition
3. Report submissions

November 2012 to
March 2013

Kanawha Charleston Health Department
Charleston, WV**Performance Management Accreditation****Coordinator**

1. Working with local health department to become nationally accredited through PHAB (Public Health Accreditation Board)
2. Developed an agency "master plan" which will include division work assignments and timeline, determining priorities from the organizational self-assessment, identifying areas for quality improvement, developing communication plan to keep others apprised of progress.
3. Arranged Staff Orientation to the accreditation/QI Process
4. Developed an internal Improvement Plan for all program areas using information from the GAP analysis.
5. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Training
 1. IS-00100 Introduction to Incident Command System
 2. ICS-200 for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident
 3. IS-00700 National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 4. IS-00800 National Response Framework

July 2000 to
March 2011

Joerns LLC
Chatsworth, CA**Performance Manager/Quality Assurance and Territory Sales Manager**

1. Established WV, PA, DE and NJ as Territory Sales Manager
2. Developed QVR- Quality Variance Reporting
3. Clients included local health departments, VA hospitals, private hospitals and long-term care facilities
4. Documented Customer Satisfaction Surveys and Reported Complaints
5. Prepared JCAHO- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare
6. Organizations SOP (Standards of Practice) Manuals

7. Tracked Repairs and Returns from manufacturers
8. Integrated Root Cause Analysis
 1. Performed no charge audits, reconciled and reported discrepancies found in records with more than 10 years of experience in specialty mattresses- low air loss and alternating pressure, Wound care equipment- Medela Negative Pressure Wound Therapy, lymphedema pumps, Hoyer lifts and specialty wound dressings
 2. Taught CEU (Continuing Education) classes for nurses, physicians, physical therapists, pharmacists, and social workers. Counseled patients in VA (Veterans' Administration) Medical Centers, Long-term care and home care settings

November 1998 to **Southwest Medical**
 July 2000 Los Angeles, CA

Territory Sales Manager

1. WV & PA Medical Sales Manager- Specialty Mattresses (Low air loss and alternating pressure), wound care equipment and specialty dressings, orthotics and lymphedema pumps
2. Clients included local health departments, home health agencies, VA hospitals, private hospitals and long-term care facilities
3. Taught JCAHO approved CEU (Continuing Education Classes) for nurses, physicians, physical therapists, pharmacists, and social workers in VA Medical Centers, long-term care facilities and home care settings

August 1996 to **Telespectrum Worldwide**
 November 1998 Charleston, WV

Quality Coach & Team Leader

1. Managed 120 telemarketing associates to ensure client standards were met
2. Monitored multimillion dollar clients' accounts, identified issues and provided resolutions

July 1992 to **Therapy Concepts**
 August 1996 Bridgeville, PA

Territory Sales Manager

1. WV & PA Medical Equipment Sales- Specialty Mattresses (Low air loss and alternating pressure), wound care equipment and specialty dressings, orthotics and lymphedema pumps
2. Clients included local health departments, home health agencies, VA hospitals, private hospitals and long-term care facilities
3. Taught JCAHO approved CEU (Continuing Education) classes to nurses, physicians, physical therapists, pharmacists, and social workers in VA Medical Centers, long-term care facilities and home care settings

Committees/ Boards

Advisory Board Putnam County Family Support Center 2023-present

Board of Directors

Board of Directors Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Addiction Task Force 2019-present

Board of Directors BoMar (Jackson) 2018-2022 President 2022-current

Board of Directors Bridge to Hope Academy 2023-present

Board of Directors Cabell County Family Resource Network 2023-present

Board of Directors Catholic Charities (Western Region) 2021-present

Board of Directors FaithHealth Appalachia 2018- present

Board of Directors Heartbeat of the Valley 2023-present

Board of Directors Hope for All 2023-present
Board of Directors Jackson County Anti-Drug Coalition 2018-present
Board of Directors Jackson County Family Resource Network 2018-present
Board of Directors Prevention Empowerment Program PEP (Cabell) 2018-present
Board of Directors Regional Family Resource (Boone, Kanawha and Putnam) Treasurer Network 2016-2021 President 2021- present
Board of Directors Sostento (Nationwide) 2020-present
Board of Directors Stopwatch (Boone) 2018-present
Board of Directors UKVSAC Booker T. Washington Community Center (Kanawha) 2018-2022 Vice-President 2022-present
Board of Directors Wayne County Anti-Drug Coalition 2020-present
Board of Directors WV Harm Reduction Coalition 2017-2021
Coalition Member Healthy Connections (Cabell) 2018-present
Collegiate Recovery Link to Community Coalitions 2022-present
Committee Member Cabell Harm Reduction Advisory Panel 2022-present
Committee Member CORE (Creating Opportunity for Recovery Employment) 2019-present
Committee Member Re-Entry Councils (Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Mason) 2022-present
Committee Member Region 5 (Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne) 2013-present
Executive Advisory Board Great Rivers Regional System for Addiction Care 2018- present
Executive Advisory Committee SOAR (Solutions Oriented Addiction Recovery) 2019-present

Executive Board of Directors WV Recovery

High School 2022-present
Executive Board ORAU (Oak Ridge Associate Universities)
Evaluation 2019-2022
Governor's Council Public Education Subcommittee (Statewide) 2022-present
HIV Task Force 2019-2022
 Kanawha Communities that Care Drug Prevention Coalition 2015-present.
 Secretary 2016- 2020
Leadership Team Putnam Wellness Drug Prevention Coalition 2016- present
PHAB Accreditation Committee Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, 2012-2018
PM/QI Committee Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, 2015- 2018
Safety Committee Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, 2015- 2018
Stakeholder Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) "A Patient-Centered Strategy to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Management in West Virginia" 2018
Steering Committee Elk River Substance Abuse Coalition 2018-2020
Steering Committee Faith United 2019
Steering Committee Putnam County Health Department Community Health Assessment 2018
Steering Committee WV Hope in Action Alliance Local Coalition and Public Education Workgroup 2022-present
WV ACES Coalition 2017- present

Grants: Lead or Co-writer Awarded or Submitted

2016

Kanawha County Commission \$5,000

2017

Comer \$7,500
 Partners in Health \$7,500
 Gilead \$236,000
 Benedum \$90,000
 NACCHO \$90,000
 DHHR \$75,000
 The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation \$50,000

Kanawha Communities that Care \$1,700
Regional Family Resource Network \$1,800

2018

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation \$55,000
AIDS United \$15,000
Merck Foundation \$1.8 million

2021

Pallottine Foundation \$50,000
Aetna Better Health of WV (CVS) \$5000

2022

Pallottine Foundation \$19,250
Aetna Better Health of WV (CVS) \$10,000
United Way \$15,000

2023

SAPT (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment) Kanawha
\$15,000
Try This WV \$3,000
Pallottine Foundation (Kanawha County) \$24,000
Pallottine Foundation (Mason County) \$50,000
CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Community Connections
Inc. \$10,000
ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) REACH Initiative
\$50,000
PFS (Partnership For Success) Jackson \$250,000 (Jackson Anti-Drug
Coalition/Jackson County Health Department), Putnam \$250,000 and Mason
\$250,000 (Community Connections)
COSSAP \$100,000 (Sostento)- Not awarded
BJA FY 23 Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program \$750,000
max (REACH)- application in beginning stage
SOR Bridge of Hope Academy- Submitted Concept
WVDHHR Unsolicited Grant for Bridge of Hope Academy \$216,000- Not
awarded
Putnam County Rotary Bridge of Hope Academy- \$100,000- Not awarded

2024

Milan Puskar Foundation for Bridge to Hope Academy \$250,000- Not awarded
Pallottine Foundation \$15,000 Blessed Sacrament- Submitted
Pallottine Foundation \$50,000 Hope for All- Submitted
Jackson County Family Support Center- \$250,000 will be submitted
once grant released

Licenses/Certifications

American Heart Association Hands Only CPR Trainer
DEA 360 Train the Trainer
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Training

ICS-200 for Single Resources and Initi

IS-00100 Introduction to Incident Comm

IS-00700 National Incident Management :

IS-00800 National Response Framework

Marshall University, Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment
(SBIRT)

Mayo Clinic, Tobacco Treatment Specialist
Narcan Train the Trainer

SAMHSA Criminal Justice Trauma Informed Training for Train

SAMHSA Sequential Intercept Mapping Train the Trainer

Stanford University, Master Trainer- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
Stanford University, Master Trainer- Diabetes Self-Management Program
University of IL at Chicago, Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) Peer Educator
University of Pittsburgh, Master Trainer- Group Lifestyle Balance (National Diabetes Prevention Program)
WV University, Motivational Interviewing

Conferences, Trainings and Presentations

11th National Harm Reduction Conference in San Diego, CA 2016
12th National Harm Reduction Conference (presenter) New Orleans, LA 2018
Appalachian Addiction & Prescription Drug Abuse Conference 2019 and 2020
Appalachian Cancer Navigation and Education Forum 2018
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 2023
Armor Up Conference 2021
Bill O'Dell Scholarship Committee 2019-present
Blessed Sacrament Church Spirituality Recovery Lenten Event 2023
Boone County Substance Abuse Town Hall (panelist) Madison, WV 2017
Boone County Substance Abuse Town Hall (panelist) Seth, WV 2018
Building Bridges Prevention Conference August 2021
CADCA Bootcamp Shady Springs, WV 2021
CAPT Addressing Overdose Charleston, WV 2018
Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) event Addressing Opioid Overdose, 2018
Charleston, WV 2018
Cocaine, Meth and Stimulant Summit 2019
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Leadership Forum National Harbor, MD 2016, 2017, 2018 (presenter), 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023
DEA 360 Coalition Training Teays Valley, WV 2018
DHHR Opioid Training Charleston, WV 2018
Disruptive Narrative Training 2022
Eastern Kanawha Prevention Partnership Town Hall (panelist) Belle, WV 2018
Emerald School of Excellence Recovery High School 2023
FaithHealth Appalachia Annual Faith Leader Conference 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023
First Responder Town Hall Presenter 2021
Game Changer Conference 2021 and 2022
Gilead Science HIV Meeting 2022
Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Responding to the Rural Substance Use Crisis: Promoting Community Action and Tele-Behavioral Health 2019
HepConnect Launch 2019
HIV Conference May 2019, 2022 and 2023
HPV Vaccination Training Charleston, WV 2017
Kanawha Communities that Care Substance Abuse Town Hall (panelist) Charleston, WV 2017
Kanawha Communities that Care Substance Abuse Town Hall (panelist) Handley, WV 2018

Kanawha Communities that Care Substance Abuse Town Hall (panelist)
Belle, WV 2018
Kanawha County Diabetes Coalition Charleston, WV 2018
Mason County Homeless Coalition Presenter 2022
Mass Antibiotic Training Charleston, WV 2017
Medical Reserve Corp Training Charleston, WV 2017
Mosaic Overdose Survivor Outreach Project 2022-present
Naloxone Training Charleston, WV 2017
ODCP Town Hall Facilitator 2021-present
PRSS Weekly Conference Calls 2019-2022
Putnam County Back to School Events 2018-2021
Putnam County Republican Women's Presentation 2022
Putnam County Rotary Club Presentations 2022 and 2023
Putnam Wellness Coalition Recovery High School Presentations 2023
Putnam Wellness Coalition Substance Abuse Town Hall (panelist)
Hometown, WV 2017
Quality Insights Leadership Training Charleston, WV 2018
RedCap Software Training Charleston, WV 2018
Re-Entry Conference, Presenter, October 2022
Re-Entry Simulation January 2023
Regional Health Summit Huntington, WV 2018
Rx Drug and Heroin Summit Atlanta, GA 2019 and 2022
SAMHSA Region 3 Prevention Stakeholders Learning Collaborative 2021-present
SAMSHA Charleston, WV 2018
SBIRT Huntington, WV 2018
Southern WV SUD Conference 2022
Statewide QRT Conference Calls 2020-present
SUD Collaborative Presenter 2023
SYNAR Training Charleston, WV 2017
Think Kids Presenter 2023
TIPS Training Charleston, WV 2017
Try This WV Buckhannon, WV 2014 and 2015
University of Charleston School of Pharmacy "Words Matter"
Presenter 2018-present
University of Charleston Health Promotions "Words Matter"
Presenter 2018
Workplace Safety Training Charleston, WV 2018
WV Rural Health Association Conference Presenter 2021
WVAADC Conference Presenter 2022
WVU "The Invisible Minority Health Disparities in Appalachia" Conference (panelist) 2018
WVU Diabetes Conference Charleston, WV 2018
Yale Learning Collaborative with CAMC 2021-2022
Community Outreach Project Coordinator
Blessing Box (44 boxes throughout 9 counties in Southern WV) 2020-present
BoMar 5k 2022 and 2023
Breakthrough Addiction Stigma Campaign 2020-present
Dream Tree (Boone) 2020-present
GlowRun for Recovery 2019-present
Overdose Awareness Day 2019-present
Recovery High School 2022-present
Recovery Point Volunteer Coordinator for Great Rivers Community Partners 2020-present
Re-Entry Duffle Bag (1,000 Western Regional and REACH Initiative) 2022-present
Save a Life Day 2019-present
"Tipping the Pain Scale" Community Viewing 2022
UKVSAC Easter Egg Hunt 2023
UKVSAC Monthly Food Giveaways 2018-present
UKVSAC Volunteer Coordinator 2020-present
United Way Day of Caring 2018-present

Warm Up America WV Coordinator 2020-present

Point of Dispensing Clinics

Hepatitis A Outbreak Kanawha and Putnam counties

Community Mass Vaccination 8 Clinics May and June 2018

(serving over 3,000 patients)

Publications

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) "Increased Access to Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) – Kentucky, North Carolina and West Virginia, 2013-2017 (CDC-2018-0031) Co-Author 2017

CDC Webinar "Harm Reduction in Rural Settings, Community Based and Health Department Models for Supporting Drug User Health and

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

The Hope Scholarship will be accepted to cover the cost of the students curriculum. There are also several foundations, grants and private donors who will provide ongoing support for Bridge to Hope Academy.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement. *

Community Bridge's mission is to foster community partnerships and collaborations among churches, businesses, hospitals, schools, nonprofits, foster networks, and the sober living community to provide items to meet basic physiologic needs and offer life skills education for low-income households, homeless individuals, foster families, and those with substance use disorders living in West Virginia, to improve their mental and physical health all while showing the love of Christ.

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

Bridge to Hope Academy is located in Community Bridge and will launch tentatively in the Fall of 2024 to offer education and support for 9th-12th graders who are in recovery from substance use disorder and/or mental health issues. Community Bridge will act as the fiscal sponsor for Bridge to Hope Academy.

Community Bridge is a non-profit organization, EIN 93-3887316 effective as of September 11, 2023. Our mission Community Bridge's mission is to foster community partnerships and collaborations among churches, businesses, hospitals, schools, nonprofits, foster networks, and the sober living community to provide items to meet basic physiologic needs and offer life skills education for low-income households, homeless individuals, foster families, and those with substance use disorders living in West Virginia, to improve their mental and physical health all while showing the love of Christ.

Community Bridge serves our community through our Community Bridge Resource Center, addiction recovery classes and various outreaches. The Resource Center provides free items such as clothing, furniture, household items and hygiene products to families and individuals in need. Community Bridge Recovery offers a twelve step program and support group to help those seeking freedom from addictions of all types. The Bridge to Hope Academy, a recovery high school, will also be housed in the Community Bridge Family Life Center. Community Bridge holds a variety of outreach events throughout the year to help our community in various ways such as cooking classes, Bless You Day, and Self Care Fairs. On Bless You Day, a semi-annual event, an average of 700 people will attend and take home a variety of free items, speak with representatives from community organizations that offer assistance of all types, and partake in a free lunch. The Self Care Fair is a monthly outreach held at elderly housing complexes to give away clothing, hygiene products and household items. Aetna provides some food items and health education at these fairs and Bringing Back the Village offers Medicare coverage information.

Although Community Bridge has only been servicing individuals weekly since January of 2021, the organization has grown exponentially in this short period of time with over 190 partners in WV. We are partnered with a variety of organizations, churches, hospitals, schools, food pantries, community feeding programs, recovery programs, government programs, foster programs, businesses, and non-profit entities.

Some of our current partners we service consistently include NECCO, Prestera, Children's Home Society, Bream Memorial Presbyterian, Boone County Quick Response Team, Redemption Recovery, Hope Recovery, Mason County Support Center, St Francis Addiction Healing Center, Mountain Care Network, Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Mountain Mission, Union Mission, The Rock Ministries and many more.

We also have partners that are contributors. WV Kids Consignment will donate leftover children's clothing after their sales. Ashley HomeStore provides 10 twin beds with all the trimmings each quarter for children. Caring Transitions donates excess items such as household goods and furniture following estate sales. Focus on the Family has gifted us with 3,000 suitcases, Bibles and teddy bears for Foster children. Aetna, the Kanawha Coalition for Community Improvement and Bringing Back the Village have joined our Self-Care Fair that travels to a different elderly housing high rise each month to educate and resource our aging population right at home, while the Community Bridge team gives away clothing and other items. Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) brings semi-truck loads with a variety of free items regularly. Additionally, Community Bridge rents a box truck monthly for CAP to fill with perishable items such as chips, Propel water, Gatorade, and chocolate. All of these items are donated to organizations and individuals.

In 2022, Community Bridge served 3,334 people. Community Bridge is continuing to experience a greater connection to the public and organization as 6,153 people were served in 2023.

Community Bridge distributes items to organizations and those in need as items are donated by individuals and the aforementioned partner organizations.

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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). *

No funds have been received for this project. This will tentatively be launched in the Fall of 2024

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

2024 Board Members for Community Bridge (Community Bridge will be serving as the fiscal sponsor for Bridge to Hope Academy)
Chris Kimbro CEO / President (Lead Pastor, King's River Worship Center)
Jesse Smith Treasurer (Retired teacher and business owner)
David Young Secretary (Maintenance Supervisor at John Amos Power Plant)
Melissa Pratt Board Member (Lead Pastor, Teays Valley Church of God)
Chuck Mallory Board Member (Retired from Clearon Corp.)

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

Tina Ramirez, Volunteer Leadership Team President- She will help secure funding opportunities for the school and provide in kind guidance once it is open.

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

Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year



2023 CB Income and Expense.pdf

Two years of audited financial statements



2021 -23 CB Income and Expenses-combined.pdf

Current operating budget



2024 CB Income and Expense Budget.pdf

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



2024 CB Income and Expense Budget.pdf

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.*

Putnam County Commission (pending) and Milan Puskar Foundation (not awarded)

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

In 2023, Community Bridge served 6153 people, 324 volunteers (9822 hours volunteered) and over 100,829 items distributed to the community.

Supplementary Information

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

Cindy Farley chfar50@comcast.net (304) 382-5841

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



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