

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

This proposal seeks to allocate a portion of the opioid settlement funds to provide essential hygiene items, clothing, and shoes to individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. Access to basic necessities is a critical component of restoring dignity, supporting physical and mental health, and fostering long-term recovery. Many individuals entering treatment or transitional housing programs arrive without adequate personal items, which can hinder their progress and sense of self-worth. By addressing these immediate needs, this initiative will help remove barriers to recovery and support a more stable, compassionate path toward healing and reintegration into the community.

These basic necessities will be distributed through our Community Bridge Resource Centers located in St. Albans and Charleston, WV.

In partnership with 26 recovery homes and detox programs, Community Bridge supports individuals actively working toward recovery by offering practical resources that promote dignity, health, and stability. We receive daily referrals from our partner organizations for individuals in urgent need of assistance. Currently, our resource centers are critically low on essential supplies, particularly underwear and hygiene products.

Funding will directly address these needs, helping individuals rebuild their lives with confidence and self-respect, and supporting their long-term recovery journey.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

Improved Health and Hygiene: Access to hygiene items will help reduce the risk of infection and illness, supporting physical health during recovery.

Increased Confidence and Dignity: Providing clean clothing, underwear, and shoes will help individuals feel more confident and respected, which is vital to mental and emotional well-being.

Greater Engagement in Recovery: When basic needs are met, individuals are more likely to stay engaged in treatment programs and recovery activities.

Strengthened Community Partnerships: Continued collaboration with 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs will ensure that resources reach those who need them most in a timely and effective manner.

Stabilization and Reintegration: Meeting basic needs supports individuals as they transition into employment, housing, and long-term recovery, contributing to overall community well-being.

3. Individuals or communities served

Community Bridge has an extensive network of over 260 partner organizations. We served people in 33 West Virginia counties in 2024. This proposal will serve individuals in active recovery from substance use disorder in the greater Charleston and St. Albans areas of West Virginia. Specifically, it will benefit residents of the 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs that work directly with Community Bridge, as well as individuals referred daily to our Resource Centers for support.

4. Amount of funding requested

10000

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

10000

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

Community Bridge is committed to maximizing the impact of opioid settlement funds through strong community support and in-kind contributions. We have secured matching support from private donors who contribute regularly to help sustain our recovery support services. In addition, we have a valued partnership with the Christian Appalachian Project, which provides us with semi-loads of new products, including clothing, hygiene items, and household necessities. These combined resources enable us to stretch every dollar further, ensuring a broader reach and a more consistent supply of essential items for individuals in recovery. This support reflects our community's shared commitment to helping people heal and rebuild their lives with dignity.

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

If awarded, opioid settlement funds will be used exclusively to purchase and distribute essential items to individuals in recovery through the Community Bridge Resource Centers in St. Albans and Charleston. These items will include:

Hygiene products (e.g., soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products)

New underwear and socks for men and women

Clothing appropriate for all seasons

Shoes suitable for everyday wear and employment

Funds will also support basic storage, organization, and distribution efforts to ensure efficient delivery of items to those referred by our 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs. Every dollar will go directly toward meeting the urgent, unmet needs of individuals in recovery—helping them regain stability, preserve dignity, and stay focused on their healing journey.

9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met

This proposal aligns with several of the *approved uses and core strategies* outlined for opioid settlement funds, specifically:

1. Support for Individuals in Treatment and Recovery

- **Providing essential clothing, hygiene items, and shoes directly supports individuals currently in recovery by removing basic barriers that can hinder participation in treatment, employment, and social reintegration.**

2. Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations

- **Many individuals in recovery face compounded challenges such as homelessness, unemployment, or reentry after incarceration. This initiative addresses the urgent needs of these vulnerable populations, promoting health and stability.**

3. Harm Reduction Strategies

- **While this program is not clinical in nature, ensuring access to hygiene items reduces the risk of infections and illness, supporting harm reduction efforts by improving overall well-being in a nonjudgmental, supportive environment.**

4. Recovery Support Services

- **The program enhances recovery support services by partnering with recovery homes and detox programs to provide tangible assistance that promotes successful long-term recovery outcomes.**

By addressing fundamental needs through a trauma-informed, recovery-oriented approach, this proposal supports key objectives of the opioid settlement agreement while improving health equity and quality of life for individuals impacted by the opioid crisis.

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

If awarded funding, Community Bridge will begin implementing the project immediately. We anticipate full deployment within 30 days of receiving funds. Timeline Details: Week 1–2: Purchase and inventory hygiene items, clothing, and shoes based on current needs and referral trends. Week 2–4: Distribute items through our Resource Centers in St. Albans and Charleston, prioritizing individuals referred by our 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs. Ongoing: We will continue distribution on a rolling basis as items are received and referrals continue. Regular tracking and reporting will ensure transparency and accountability for all funds used. Because Community Bridge already has the infrastructure and partnerships in place, we are ready to act quickly and efficiently to meet this urgent need.

Proposal Details

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

Individuals in recovery from opioid use disorder often face overwhelming challenges as they work to rebuild their lives—many enter treatment or recovery programs with little more than the clothes on their backs. A lack of access to basic necessities such as hygiene products, clean underwear, appropriate clothing, and shoes creates a significant barrier to recovery, employment, and community reintegration.

Community Bridge Resource Centers in St. Albans and Charleston are currently experiencing a critical shortage of these essential items. Every day, we receive referrals from our 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs for individuals in urgent need of support. Without access to these basic supplies, individuals in recovery may feel discouraged, devalued, and less equipped to stay engaged in treatment and long-term recovery efforts.

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

Community Bridge has developed a straightforward and effective strategy to meet the urgent needs of individuals in recovery by providing essential hygiene items, clothing, and shoes through our Resource Centers in St. Albans and Charleston. The design of the project is built on our established infrastructure, trusted partnerships, and direct referral system to ensure timely and equitable distribution of resources.

Key Components of the Strategy:

1. Partnership-Driven Referral Network:

- We will continue to work closely with our 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs, which refer individuals in need to our Resource Centers daily. These trusted partners ensure that resources are directed to those actively engaged in recovery.

2. Inventory Management and Procurement:

- Upon receipt of opioid settlement funds, Community Bridge will immediately purchase high-priority items including hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products), new underwear, socks, weather-appropriate clothing, and shoes.
- We will also leverage matching support from private donors and our ongoing partnership with the Christian Appalachian Project, which supplies semi-loads of new products to extend the reach and sustainability of the program.

3. Efficient Distribution Through Resource Centers:

- Our Resource Centers in Charleston and St. Albans are already established, staffed, and operating. This allows for immediate intake and distribution to referred individuals.
- Items will be distributed on-site with care and dignity, and tailored to each individual's specific needs, including size, gender, and seasonal considerations.

4. Tracking and Accountability:

- We will maintain detailed records of all distributed items, track referrals, and monitor demand to ensure resources are being used effectively and equitably.
- Regular reports will be generated to document impact, inventory levels, and community needs, ensuring full transparency and alignment with the intended use of opioid settlement funds.

5. Sustainability and Ongoing Support:

- Through continued support from private donors and in-kind contributions, we will sustain and expand this program beyond the grant period, building a stable foundation of care for individuals in recovery throughout our region.

This design ensures that critical needs are met quickly, with compassion and efficiency, supporting individuals on their journey to recovery and helping remove the day-to-day barriers that can undermine progress.

3. Please provide your project timeline

The timeline for this project is designed to ensure a quick and effective response to the urgent needs of individuals in recovery. Below is a detailed breakdown of the key phases and milestones:

Phase 1: Preparation and Procurement (Week 1–2)

Week 1:

Finalize the purchase order for hygiene products, clothing, and shoes based on immediate needs and inventory analysis.

Coordinate with Christian Appalachian Project for any additional in-kind support.

Establish and confirm procurement contracts with vendors for the necessary supplies.

Week 2:

Receive, inventory, and organize the purchased products and donations.

Set up systems for tracking distribution and monitoring inventory levels at the Resource Centers in St. Albans and Charleston.

Phase 2: Distribution and Ongoing Referrals (Week 2–4)

Week 2:

Begin distribution of hygiene items, clothing, and shoes to individuals referred by recovery homes and detox programs.

Implement the first wave of distribution to individuals in immediate need. Items will be distributed based on priority and individual requests (e.g., size, gender, seasonal items).

Week 3–4:

Continue the distribution process on a rolling basis as new referrals come in daily. Ensure that all new referrals are processed promptly and receive the necessary items.

Regular communication with partner recovery homes and detox programs to ensure smooth coordination of referrals and resource allocation.

Phase 3: Ongoing Support and Monitoring (Month 2 and Beyond)

Month 2 and Beyond:

Maintain steady inventory levels to ensure ongoing availability of items. Continue receiving regular donations and in-kind contributions (such as those from Christian Appalachian Project) to supplement purchased goods.

Track and evaluate distribution data to assess the effectiveness of the program, identify any shortages, and adjust procurement plans accordingly.

Continue distribution of resources on a daily basis as new referrals are received.

Ongoing:

Generate monthly progress reports that track the number of individuals served, types of items distributed, and the overall impact on recovery success.

Ensure sustainability of the project by seeking continued private donations and community support.

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

1. Procurement of Hygiene Items

Soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Estimated Cost: \$5,000

2. Clothing and Shoes

Underwear, socks, seasonal clothing (shirts, pants, jackets), shoes

Estimated Cost: \$8,000

3. Inventory Management and Storage

Organization, storage bins, and shelving for efficient distribution

Estimated Cost: \$1,000

4. Distribution Costs

Staff time for distribution and referral coordination (Resource Center staff)

Estimated Cost: \$3,000

5. Program Administration

Tracking system, reporting, and evaluation tools

Estimated Cost: \$1,500

6. Matching Funds (Private Donations and In-kind Contributions)

Private donors and Christian Appalachian Project semi-loads of goods

Estimated Cost (in-kind contribution): \$10,000 (value of products provided)

Total Project Budget:

\$18,500

This budget allows for the procurement, distribution, and administrative costs necessary to provide the required resources and services to individuals in recovery. The matching funds from private donors and in-kind support from Christian Appalachian Project ensure the sustainability and expansion of the program.

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

Christian Appalachian Project - donor organization

The American Job Center in Charleston - our hub is located in the AJC and we are partners with all organizations they house

St. Francis Addiction Healing Center - we provide resource for inpatients and they attend our 12 Steps to Recovery calls

Partners we have

1. Almost Home
2. Breath of Life Recovery
3. Celebrate Recovery
4. Chelyan Circle of Care Center
5. CORE
6. Gateway Recovery Homes
7. Great Rivers Regional System for Addiction Care Recovery Yes Kanawha Clendenin
8. Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries
9. Hezekiah House
10. Hope Drug Rehabilitation
11. Hope For All
12. More than Addiction
13. Pollen8
14. Project Hope

15. Protea Behavioral Health
16. Recovery Point Charleston
17. Recovery Point Parkersburg
18. Redemption House
19. Redemption Recovery
20. Shirley Temple Rehab Services
21. St. Francis Addiction Healing Center
22. Ten-Up Ministries The Anchor Project
23. The Journey Home
24. The Rock Ministries
25. The Spartan House
26. West Virginia Sober Living

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

We have several in our resource centers who will be involved in distribution.

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

Community Bridge is committed to ensuring the long-term success and continuation of the project even after the grant funds have been exhausted. Our sustainability plan leverages community partnerships, private donations, and in-kind contributions to maintain the program and its impact. The following strategies will help ensure the project's ongoing viability:

1. Ongoing Community Support and Private Donations

Cultivating donor relationships: We have a strong base of private donors who have historically supported our mission. Through regular outreach, donor appreciation events, and transparent reporting, we will continue to engage and grow this group to ensure sustained financial support for the project.

Fundraising initiatives: We will host annual or semi-annual fundraising events, such as auctions, charity walks, or community dinners, to raise additional funds for the purchase of hygiene items, clothing, and shoes.

2. Continued In-kind Contributions

Partnership with Christian Appalachian Project: The Christian Appalachian Project's ongoing provision of semi-loads of new products is a critical source of in-kind support. We will continue to foster this relationship to maintain a consistent supply of clothing, shoes, and hygiene items.

Other local partnerships: We will continue to seek out partnerships with local businesses and organizations that can provide additional in-kind donations or discounted rates for essential items.

3. Integration with Broader Community Programs

Collaboration with recovery homes and detox programs: Our established network of 26 partner recovery homes and detox programs ensures that the need for these essential items will continue. By working with these partners, we can integrate the distribution of supplies into ongoing recovery efforts, reducing dependency on external funding while continuing to meet the needs of individuals in recovery.

4. Program Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness

Resource management: We will continue to optimize our inventory management, ensuring we efficiently use the resources provided. By tracking usage patterns and adjusting inventory levels based on demand, we will minimize waste and maximize the impact of every dollar spent.

5. Long-Term Community Engagement

Public awareness and advocacy: Through public outreach, social media campaigns, and media coverage, we will raise awareness about the needs of individuals in recovery and the impact of the program. This will help secure future support and involvement from both the community and potential funding sources.

6. Reinvestment of Program Success Stories

Impact measurement and reporting: By documenting and sharing success stories and tangible outcomes (e.g., increased recovery success rates, improved health outcomes, stable employment), we will continue to build public trust and demonstrate the long-term value of the program. This visibility can attract additional funding and partnerships.

By utilizing a combination of fundraising, in-kind donations, and strong community partnerships, Community Bridge will ensure that the resources needed to support individuals in recovery remain available beyond the duration of the grant award.

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 Jesus.

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

Community Bridge began as a foster closet in January of 2021 in a 485 square foot storage room with a focus of foster children assistance. It was started as an outreach of King's River Worship Center. The first year we assisted over 300 children and gained many partnerships. In 2022 we had so many donations coming in we build an 8,000 square foot facility to serve as a resource center for families in need and served over 3,000 individuals. During 2022 and 2023 we continued to grow establishing weekly recovery programs and expanding our partnerships. In 2023 we served over 6,000 individuals and set Community Bridge up as a stand-alone 501(c)3 organization. In 2024 we expanded by adding our Hub in the American Job Center in Charleston, opened a food pantry, and established a Healthy Kitchen Cooking Program where we teach individuals in recovery how to prepare healthy meals, shop on a budget, or on assistance, and how to utilize items they receive in local food pantries. In 2024 we served over 17,000 individuals in 33 West Virginia Counties. Currently we are partnered with over 260 agencies, programs, churches, hospitals, sober living homes, etc.

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).

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation - \$4,000 Hygiene Items - all funds spent

Pallottine Foundation - \$15,700 Kitchen for Healthy Kitchens Cooking program - all funds spent

Milan Puskar Foundation - \$27,400 Kitchen for Healthy Kitchens Cooking program - all funds spent

Jockey International - \$3000 for Foster Children Supplies - all funds spent

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

Chris Kimbro - President

Jesse Smith - Treasurer

David Young - Secretary

Chuck Mallory - Board Member

Chris Kilbert - Board Member

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:**Vickie Kimbro - Resouse Center Manager****Jason Wickline and Shannon Wickline - Recoery Community Liaisons****Frances Justice - Resource Center staff****David Young - 12 Steps to Recovery Cordiinator****6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable:****Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year
4299****Two years of audited financial statements****--****Current operating budget
4300****If the applicant has not been audited, please include an
unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by
the applicant
4301****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.****We have not.****8. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years****1. Expanded Partnership Network Across West Virginia:**

Community Bridge has grown significantly in its reach and impact, expanding our partnership network to include over 260 organizations across 33 counties in West Virginia. These partnerships include recovery homes, detox programs, community service agencies, housing programs, faith-based organizations, and healthcare providers. This expansion has allowed us to provide comprehensive support to individuals in recovery, ensuring they have access to critical resources, referrals, and a network of care throughout their recovery journey.

2. Family Reunification Support for Individuals in Recovery:

One of our most meaningful accomplishments has been assisting several individuals coming out of recovery in successfully regaining custody of their children. By providing basic necessities, emotional support, and connections to recovery housing, legal aid, and parenting resources, we've helped parents build stable, healthy environments that meet court and child welfare requirements. These reunifications represent life-changing milestones not only for the parents but also for their children and families.

3. Establishment of a Food Pantry and Cooking Classes:

In response to growing food insecurity among individuals and families in recovery, we established a community food pantry along with a hands-on cooking class series. These classes teach individuals how to prepare nutritious, affordable meals using pantry staples, helping them gain confidence in the kitchen and better care for themselves and their families. This program not only addresses immediate food needs but also empowers people with lifelong skills that support health, independence, and family well-being.

These accomplishments reflect our holistic approach to supporting people in recovery—addressing not just substance use, but the full range of challenges they face as they rebuild their lives.

Supplementary Information**1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for at least one third-party reference.****Michael D. Austin, II****HRDF /Kanawha County American Job Center****Manager / Coordinator****(304) 342-2078 - ext 1046 - Ofiice****426 Leon Sullivan Way**

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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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