

Opioid Settlement Fund Application**Applicant****OSF-59**

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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

KRT requests \$250,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds to implement the Bridge to Recovery Transportation Program (BRT Program) through KRT Plus. This initiative will expand KRT Plus / paratransit supportive transportation capacity for Kanawha County residents impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and related substance use and behavioral health challenges by reducing transportation barriers to treatment, recovery supports, and stability-focused services.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

The purpose of the BRT Program is to improve access to care and recovery services by expanding KRT Plus capacity and ensuring reliable transportation availability for individuals who face barriers such as lack of a vehicle, disability, instability, or limited transportation options.

Anticipated outcomes include:

Increased capacity to complete recovery-supportive transportation trips

Reduced missed appointments for treatment and recovery services due to transportation barriers

Improved access to care and continuity of recovery engagement

Improved reliability of KRT Plus service availability for high-need riders

3. Individuals or communities served

The program will serve Kanawha County residents impacted by opioid use disorder and related substance use challenges, including individuals referred for recovery-supportive transportation services and individuals requiring paratransit or specialized mobility due to co-occurring barriers.

4. Amount of funding requested

250000

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

0

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

50000

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

Farebox Revenue

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

Opioid Settlement funds will be used to expand KRT Plus / paratransit supportive transportation capacity through direct service delivery staffing, trip coordination, dispatch support, training, and required reporting. Funds will directly support the delivery of transportation services for individuals impacted by OUD/SUD to reduce barriers to care and recovery engagement.

9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met

The BRT Program aligns with opioid abatement strategies by providing supportive transportation access that reduces barriers to treatment and recovery services. Transportation functions as a wrap-around recovery support by improving continuity of care, reducing missed appointments, and improving access to services that strengthen recovery stability.

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

KRT proposes a 12-month implementation and reporting period beginning upon award.

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

Transportation is a common barrier for individuals seeking treatment and recovery support services. Many individuals impacted by opioid use disorder experience challenges such as limited access to a personal vehicle, loss of driving privileges, financial instability, disability, or other barriers that make it difficult to attend medical appointments, counseling, recovery services, and other stability-building supports. Missed appointments and gaps in access can contribute to relapse risk and increased strain on emergency services. KRT Plus is positioned to reduce these barriers through expanded paratransit capacity and coordinated supportive transportation services.

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

KRT will implement the BRT Program through its KRT Plus paratransit operation using KRT's smaller fleet and supportive transportation service model. Funding will be used to support additional driver capacity, relief coverage, dispatch coordination, limited program administration for reporting, and training related to trauma-informed service delivery and safe passenger interaction.

KRT will coordinate referrals and program implementation with the West Virginia Public Transportation Association's SOR Project Manager and the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health as partners supporting recovery-focused trip coordination.

3. Please provide your project timeline

Months 1–2: staffing assignment/hiring, coordination planning, schedule and dispatch setup

Months 3–11: full implementation and monthly performance monitoring

Month 12: final performance summary and reporting

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.**Total Request: \$250,000****Line-Item Budget (12-Month Program)**

- 1. Two (2) Full-Time KRT Plus Operators (Fully Loaded) — \$144,000**
- 2. Additional Driver Coverage / Relief Pool (coverage, higher-paid operators as needed) — \$60,000**
- 3. Dispatch/Scheduling Support (partial allocation) — \$26,000**
- 4. Program Coordination / Reporting / Data Tracking — \$12,000**
- 5. Training / Safety / Service Readiness — \$8,000**

Total: \$250,000

Funds will support direct service delivery through KRT Plus by funding at least two full-time operators based on fully loaded cost estimates, additional coverage capacity to ensure reliability and staffing continuity, dispatch/scheduling support for trip coordination, limited program reporting, and training to support safe and trauma-informed service delivery.

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

The West Virginia Public Transit Association and West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources currently administer the State Opioid Response (SOR) program. While not direct partners in this BRT plan, funding of this program would enable KRT to accomplish more trips in support of SOR.

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

This program would be administered by KRT's Operations Director, Jacob Pitman with financial oversight by KRT's Chief Financial Officer, Jessica Gardner.

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

Grant funding will provide KRT with the ability to make a strategic, time-limited investment in workforce capacity by supporting the initial costs of additional Operators. KRT will use the twelve-month period to evaluate ridership demand, trip volumes, staffing impacts, and service outcomes. Findings from this evaluation will guide decisions about sustaining positions beyond the grant term through KRT's operating budget and future funding strategies.

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

KRT provides safe, reliable, accessible transportation that connects residents to jobs, healthcare, education, and essential services. KRT Plus provides specialized transportation services and is structured to serve riders with higher barriers to access, making it an appropriate platform for recovery-supportive transportation and stability-focused mobility assistance.

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

The Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KRT) is the public transit provider for the Charleston metropolitan area and greater Kanawha Valley. KRT began operating in late 1971 after the privately operated Charleston Transit Company ended service. KRT was established as a public authority with a mandate from state, county, and city leadership to provide efficient, cost-effective public transportation at a fair price for the residents of Kanawha County and surrounding communities.

Today, KRT is governed by a 13-member Board with appointments representing Kanawha County, the City of Charleston, and multiple municipalities throughout the service region including South Charleston, Nitro, St. Albans, Dunbar, Montgomery, and Belle.

KRT delivers essential mobility services through a combination of fixed-route and demand-response transportation options. The Authority operates a network of bus routes connecting communities across the Kanawha Valley with key destinations such as employment centers, education, shopping, and healthcare.

In addition to fixed-route service, KRT provides KRTplus, an on-demand microtransit program that allows riders to request trips in real time within designated service zones. Riders can book trips using the KRTplus and Transit mobile apps or by calling KRT's customer service line. KRTplus helps connect residents to major destinations and provides first/last mile connections to the fixed-route system. KRTplus also performs paratransit operations for qualifying passengers, providing door to door ADA accessible transportation throughout Kanawha County.

KRT is actively engaged in long-term modernization and reinvestment initiatives to strengthen transit infrastructure for the region. In 2025, KRT received a historic \$21 million federal investment through the Federal Transit Administration's Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program to support construction of a modern maintenance facility, enhancing long-term fleet reliability and supporting future transportation needs across Kanawha County.

Through these programs and initiatives, KRT serves as a vital public service and community partner—supporting access to jobs, medical care, education, and essential services while helping keep the Kanawha Valley connected.

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).

Federal –

WV-2023-005 The Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 Section 5307 and Section 5339 - Operating and Capital Projects

5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant \$3,687,000

5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Formula 2,002,829

\$945,057 remains for available for facility maintenance/improvement

WV-2024-005 The Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KVRTA) FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 Section 5307 and FFY 2023 Section 5339 - Operating and Capital Projects

5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant \$4,217,400

5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Formula 265,477

191,300 remains available for various equipment and facility maintenance/improvement

Kanawha County Commission Safety Levy Funds – all used for operating costs

FY 2023 \$8,152,401

FY 2024 \$8,833,981

FY 2025 \$9,498,645

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

KRT Board Officers:

Valerie Gainer, President

Jay Snodgrass, Vice President

Heidi Bonnett Adams, Secretary

Jean Arthur, Treasurer

Board of Members:

Representing Kanawha County

Todd Goldman

Valerie Gainer

Jay Snodgrass

Michael Farmer

Representing the City of Charleston

Thomas Toliver

Heidi Bonnett Adams

Bobbie Spry

Representing the Town of Belle

Marc Doughty

Representing the City of Dunbar

Larry Bailey

Representing the City of Montgomery

Maurice Anderson

Representing the City of Nitro

The Honorable Dave Casebolt, Mayor

Representing the City of South Charleston

Jean Arthur

Representing the City of St. Albans

Robert (Bob) Sutphin

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

Jacob Pitman, Operation Director: Manages Operations at KRT: hires, disciplines, schedules, and supervises fixed route (bus) operators and on-demand operators.

Jessica Gardner, CFO: Responsible for overseeing all financial transactions and record keeping at KRT.

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

**Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year
4784**

**Two years of audited financial statements
4782**

**Current operating budget
4783**

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) Secured a historic \$21 million federal investment to modernize KRT's maintenance infrastructure

Within the last three years, KRT successfully advanced a major long-term capital initiative by securing a \$21 million grant through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to construct a new maintenance facility. This achievement represents one of the most significant infrastructure investments in KRT's history and will improve fleet reliability, safety, and the Authority's ability to maintain service continuity while preparing for future vehicle technologies and alternative fuels.

2) Expanded on-demand mobility through KRTplus to improve access to jobs, healthcare, and essential services

KRT has strengthened and expanded its microtransit and demand-response services through KRTplus, helping meet modern mobility needs and improve transportation access for residents who may not live near fixed-route service or who need more flexible trip options. These improvements support access to employment, medical appointments, education, and community resources—especially for individuals with barriers to traditional transportation.

3) Maintained essential transit service while adapting to workforce and operational challenges

Over the past three years, KRT has continued to deliver critical mobility services across Kanawha County while navigating nationwide transit workforce shortages and increasing operating costs. KRT has remained focused on sustaining reliable service, strengthening operational planning, and positioning the Authority to meet the region's evolving transportation needs through strategic staffing, service evaluation, and reinvestment into system improvements.

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.
