

NIP Directory - Fiscal Year 2024

Heart and Hand House, Inc.	PO Box 128	County	Barbour
	Philippi	WV	26416
		Phone	304-457-1295

Project Information	Home Repair & Construction	Project Information
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Each summer, Heart and Hand House facilitates the completion of critical home repairs for low-income, Barbour County families to improve the quality and safety of their living conditions. Between 15-18 volunteer work teams are involved in the projects, which may include, but are not limited to: roof replacement or repair to eliminate leaking and related home damage; repair or replacement of damaged flooring to eliminate safety hazards; plumbing installation or repairs to enable running water in the home; electrical work to repair unsafe wiring or to connect power to the home; and installation of wheelchair ramps and other accessibility features to accommodate household members with disabilities. In addition to the repair projects, our volunteer teams generally construct one new home per year or build substantial additions onto existing structures to accommodate growing families and eliminate overcrowding.

Apollo Civic Theatre, Inc.	P.O. Box 3120	County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25402
		Phone	304-676-6386

Project Information	Apollo Youth Theatre Workshops	Project Information
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The Apollo Youth Theatre Company Workshops expose students to all aspects of the theatre. The process begins with an audition workshop and culminates with a live theatrical presentation open to the public. During our programs each child learns about set construction, costuming, make-up, singing, dancing and oral dictation. Students participate in various workshops depending on the show, and learn theatre games that encourage self-confidence and artistic expression. One of the best parts about this, is that in the school year we offer field trips at a very discounted rate to area schools, free seats to the Boys and Girls Club, and other entities that reach out with need and in the summer to area community centers. This is such a wonderful part of the program because it is allowing our youth to perform in front of their peers, both instilling confidence in our cast and inspiring their peers as well. Not only does it expose more area youth to theatre, but it also exposes them to a historic building and the impact that it has had on our area. The 2023 Summer Season marks the 39th year of the Youth Summer theatre workshop. (We were closed for two years due to covid.) Our summer program reaches youth 1 thorough 12 while our after school program is for youth 1 through 12. Just this past year we added a one day workshop JUST KIDS, which is offered to even younger kids, K through 5th. Our program teaches the youth how to work as a team. Our Programs work hard to accommodate the needs of all of the area youth as well as our community, and we believe they are an important asset to our area. This NIPS program will allow us to offer more scholarships/ tuition assistance for those in need and allow us to continue to provide tickets at a discount and for free to more programs like Parks and Recreation, area schools and daycares, the Boys and Girls Club, scout troops, and the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, and more.

Berkeley County Congregational Cooperative Action Project, Inc., dba, "CCAP/Loaves& Fishes"	549 North Queen Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	West Virginia	25404	Phone	3046716511
Project Information	"Provision of Emergency Financial Assistance for Maintaining Safe Housing"				Project Information

The Berkeley County Congregational Cooperative Action Project, Inc. (dba CCAP/Loaves&Fishes) NIP Project is: "Provision of Emergency Financial Assistance for Maintaining Safe Housing". CCAP/Loaves & Fishes, chartered in 1982, is a faith-based, non-denominational, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that represents "The Church Visible in Berkeley County" by providing emergency financial assistance and supplemental food to low-income residents of Berkeley County. The NIP Project assists residents of Berkeley County with annual income no more than 125% of the federal poverty level maintain safe housing by providing emergency financial assistance with rent, electric bills, or water bills. Financial vouchers payable to the billing entity are issued for the covered services when a notice of arrears, eviction, or termination of service is presented by the client and verified with the billing entity by CCAP/Loaves&Fishes volunteer staff. Rental assistance may be provided once every 5 years. Electric or water service assistance may be provided once every 2 years.

Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc.	116 East King Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-2934
Project Information	Berkeley County Meals on Wheels				Project Information

Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc. (non-profit) provides hot, nutritious, low-cost, home delivered meals seven days a week for HOMEBOUND seniors and/or disabled and convalescing residents covering the entire 322 square miles of the County. This service allows seniors to remain independent in their own home. Hot meals are prepared fresh daily and delivered mid-day Monday - Friday with weekend deliveries upon request. The daily home visit serves as a LIFE LINE to all recipients who live alone and are isolated. Our office maintains emergency contact information; if the client does not answer the door when the meal is delivered, our volunteer drivers call the office and the emergency contacts are notified. This has saved lives in the past. We deliver "Peace of Mind" one meal at a time. Our Program is in it's 52nd year serving the community.

Berkeley Senior Services	217 North High Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	West Virginia	25404	Phone	3042638873
Project Information	Lighthouse Program				Project Information

The Lighthouse program at Berkeley Senior Services allows seniors in Berkeley County access to in home care to assist with basic, daily living tasks such as bathing, dressing, grooming, meal preparation, and light housework. This program, designed for seniors over the age of 60, provides an opportunity to maintain independence and remain in their own homes where they are most comfortable.

Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle	PO Box 1184			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304-263-1832
Project Information	Triple M: Mentoring Matters Most				Project Information

Youth ages 6 - 18 in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties are the future of the Eastern Panhandle and the state of West Virginia. When our community members invest in them, they are investing in the future. Programs provided by the Boys & Girls Club are an important component of that investment. Since 87% of youth served by the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle are from low-income families, ensuring they receive the academic and social support they need to succeed in school and life is essential. This is accomplished by providing programs such as Power Hour homework help and tutoring, Positive Action, and Torch and Keystone Community Service Clubs to address five focus areas: education and career; character and leadership; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation. Mentoring is the thread that runs through all of these programs as research demonstrates that supportive, healthy relationships formed between mentors and mentees contribute to a host of benefits, including increased high school graduation rates, lower high school dropout rates, better attitudes about school, higher college enrollment rates, and enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence. This is why Mentoring Matters Most (Triple M) is the foundation of all programming at the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle. Mentoring services are provided by professional staff and volunteers to ensure that every young person who attends the Boys & Girls Club receives personal attention. Mentor/mentee interactions are documented in an online system on a weekly basis. These services can't be provided for free. Since Triple M is incorporated into all BGCEP programming, donations are used to cover the \$1,000 gap between fees, other funding sources, and the actual cost of delivering services, which is approximately \$2,800 per child per year. Donations through the Neighborhood Investment program help cover that \$1,000 gap for 100 children.

CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc.	397 Mid Atlantic Parkway, Suite 3			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25404	Phone	304-263-5100

Project Information	CASA-EP's Make-It-Happen Fund	Project Information
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West Virginia faces the highest per capita rate of children in foster care, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. This is particularly evident in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties of the Eastern Panhandle, where nearly 800 children aged 0-18 are removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. The shortage of foster families compounds the challenges these vulnerable children endure, often resulting in distant placements due to local capacity limits. Child welfare professionals prioritize kinship placements to minimize trauma and maintain familial and cultural ties, as they offer the best environment for overall well-being. However, many kinship caregivers lack adequate support and resources, hampering their ability to meet placement criteria and provide necessary care. Insufficient resources exacerbate stress and hinder long-term placement success. CASA-EP addresses these pressing issues through the "Make it Happen" Fund, establishing emergency resources to assist families or close family friends in meeting state requirements for kinship placements. This fund swiftly provides essential items and services, reducing the need for foster care. Provisions often include but are not limited to beds, car seats, household supplies, diapers, clothing, transportation, and medical supplies. Experts universally advocate for familial settings, within the child's community, as the optimal environment for the child's ability to thrive, be it through relatives or foster homes, as opposed to institutional settings. In the event a child is institutionalized or placed in a group setting, they often have no one to offer assistance with items needed. CASA-EP also utilizes these funds to ensure the child has the necessary items for comfort and security in an unfamiliar setting. This includes providing essential items to enhance the child's well-being and ease their transition, such as bedding, personal belongings, and other comforting items.

Community Combined Ministries Inc	P.O. Box 2805			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	3042688778

Project Information	Kidz Power Pacs	Project Information
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The heart of Community Combined Ministries (CCM) is feeding children, souls, and empowering communities with HIS love. We aim to build a unified community within Berkeley and Jefferson counties by partnering with individuals, churches and businesses to help relieve the food insecurity and other resource needs within those counties. This mission is being carried through Kidz Power Pacs (KPP), our weekend food ministry, that is under the umbrella of CCM and free community events. KPP meets monthly as a community to pack thousands of food bags. Hundreds of volunteers love to gather together, of all ages, to help those in need which produces a stronger, unified community. CCM's goals include the following: to continue bringing awareness of the community's hunger needs; to educate on the trials and burdens the children and families face; to rid the stigma that poverty is only a low-income issue, but actually can be due to unforeseen life circumstances; and of course, feeding the children. Educating others increases understanding, which increases compassion, which hopefully will increase giving so that CCM can continue feeding as many children as possible. CCM has been feeding food deprived children for 16 years and has distributed over 5.5 million meals to the hungry children thus far. Yearly, CCM holds a special free Community Day in the Park where local churches, nonprofits and local outreach agencies gather in one location to provide much needed resources for our community. It is a day where families, singles, old and young can enjoy a free day filled with fun activities, music, and free food and learn more about resources that are available or where volunteers are needed to improve our community. The most valued anticipated impact continues to be restoring hope in the eyes, ears, hearts and souls of the children who have been blessed and the community that made it possible. TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation	229 E. Martin Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	West Virginia	25401	Phone	304-264-0353
Project Information	Eastern WV Community Foundation Emergency Assistance, Community Service, and Job Training/Education				Project Information

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) uses West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program Tax Credits to address the needs of 31,902 households in Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties living at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (Per 2022 ALICE Report). In 2024, NIP tax credits will support the following projects that assist these low-income residents in our region. 1. Emergency Assistance – Since the COVID pandemic hit the United States in early 2020, EWVCF has experienced an unprecedented demand to provide resources to fund emergency shelters for the homeless, support a wide variety of programs addressing food insecurity, and assist organizations serving victims of domestic abuse. With federal COVID-related funding being cut earlier this year, we are experiencing even greater needs today. 2. Community Service – Organizations that provide daycare, foster care, youth recreation, healthcare, transportation, sheltered workshops, and food pantries for low-income families will also be supported with NIP donations to EWVCF. 3. Job Training & Education – By awarding grants to technical schools for job training programs along with education and mini-grants to teachers in Title 1 schools, we address these needs in all five counties we serve. We are the only organization in our five-county region that brings together a wide range of businesses, donors, charities and grantees to build innovative, creative, and unique partnerships that fill an underserved population in our eastern region of West Virginia. In collaboration with private foundations, we have leveraged local donations with outside resources to provide funding for specific initiatives. With support from these corporate and family foundations, local philanthropists, nonprofit organization leaders, and NIP Tax Credit Allocations, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in grants last year to support programs vital to the region.

Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle	630 W. Race Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-433-2663
Project Information	HFHEP Safe, Affordable Housing Program				Project Information

The HFHEP Safe, Affordable Housing Program provides housing services to low/moderate income families in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties. Income guidelines are based on HUD’s income limits at the time of application with most partner families being at or below 60% of the median family income. Small exterior repair services are provided to income eligible residents of owner-occupied housing who are willing and able to partner with HFHEP, able to make any required payments, and can demonstrate the need for repairs. The scope of work for these projects may include painting, landscaping, decking/porch repair, and other small exterior work needed to preserve the integrity and safety of the house. Houses may be purchased by Habitat then rehabbed with help from the partner family selected to purchase the home, contractors, and community volunteers. The house is sold to the partner family through a zero-interest loan with an amount that keeps their mortgage payment including taxes and insurance, at or below 30% of their income. New homes are constructed on lots owned by Habitat and then sold to an eligible partner family through a zero-interest loan with an amount that keeps their mortgage payment including taxes and insurance, at or below 30% of their income. Partner families must complete sweat equity during the repair, rehab or construction of the house as their contribution to the partnership with Habitat.

Funding raised through the NIP Tax Credit Award will be utilized for purchasing materials, sites/houses, and other supplies necessary for completing the program objectives. Whether it be repairs, rehab or new construction, each project taken-on under the HFHEP Safe, Affordable Housing Program aims to create a safe, healthy, energy efficient environment for the partner families to call home. We build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter.

Panhandle Home Health, Inc.	208 Old Mill Road			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-5680
Project Information	Charity Care Program (CCP)				Project Information

Founded in 1976, Panhandle Home Health, Inc. is a private, community-based, not-for-profit home healthcare agency that serves patients of all ages in the Eastern Panhandle who reside in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties. For more than 47 years, the mission of Panhandle Home Health has been to enhance the well-being of our community by providing high-quality medical services that include: nurses; physical, speech and occupational therapists; social services; dietitian services; and home health aides. The premise behind home health care is to provide a full recovery from a medical episode, reduce hospital re-admissions and to provide the patient with a stable baseline. Patients are referred to Panhandle Home Health because the care is medically necessary and is ordered in response to a pressing or critical situation. Our Charity Care Program serves the crisis healthcare needs of patients in the Eastern Panhandle without adding undue financial burdens. Being able to provide comprehensive patient care that promotes wellness and independence is at the heart of our mission and having the funding that allows for all patients to receive medical care, regardless of their ability to pay, is an enormous resource for the overall health of our community.

Shenandoah Community Health Foundation	PO Box 1146			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304 596 2610
Project Information	Patient-Centered Care and Self-Management in a Community Health Center				Project Information

NIP funds will allow Shenandoah Community Health Foundation to support Patient-Centered Care and Self-Management for patients of the Primary Care department of Shenandoah Community Health (SCH). With NIP donations, the Foundation will purchase additional medical equipment and corresponding supplies to diagnose, monitor, and treat patients with chronic disease. Classified as a Primary Care Medical Home, SCH offers a wide range of coordinated healthcare services, and staffmembers support and encourage patients to actively participate in their own care by managing their medications, routine monitoring of blood pressure, making healthy lifestyle changes, and following up with appointments and referrals for care. With this project, patients with hypertension will be provided blood pressure cuffs for home-monitoring of blood pressure and will be asked to enter their results in their electronic patient chart to aid the provider in making informed decisions about their care. In keeping with SCH's focus on patient satisfaction, having a second A1C analyzer to provide rapid result testing will reduce waiting time, and the provider will have the results during the appointment when any medication adjustments can be made at that time, eliminating a return appointment for test results. The addition of two more pulse oximeters, used routinely during triage and used during an exam for patients with respiratory issues such as COPD, bronchitis, asthma, will increase efficiency and also reduce wait time for the patient.. [???](#)

Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Inc.	PO Box 1146			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304-258-5600

Project Information	Starting Points Family Support Center - Paw Paw site	Project Information
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Morgan County Family Support Center at Starting Points will continue to utilize NIP credits to leverage additional funds to support a new initiative that addresses the needs of a small, isolated community in the westernmost area of Morgan County called Paw Paw. The town population is 489 according to the 2020 census, but the target population for this expansion would include the outlying area between Great Cacapon/Hampshire County WV and Cumberland, Maryland (MD) as the population base for this expansion. To clarify, we are not offering services in Hampshire County, WV, or Cumberland MD, but the area to the border of these locations is considered “Paw Paw.” The site will provide all of the services of the Berkeley Springs site except for Meal Time Community Kitchen. These include emergency food boxes, gas vouchers, baby pantry and hygiene bags, parenting education, playgroups/parent-child socialization, access to County and State resources, access to substance use disorders (SUD) services, life skills education including budgeting and resume development, Healthy Grandfamilies, Cheap Eats nutrition education class, Magic Mondays/Fun Fridays summer activities, Mountaineer Food Bank, and Morgan County Backpack Program. The site will be managed by a full-time program coordinator who has been recruited from the Paw Paw community. This employee has been onboarding with Starting Points for the past year. She is well versed in all services offered by Starting Points. Existing Starting Points staff are to be available to the Paw Paw site through the program coordinator.

Boone County Community Foundation	P.O. Box 695			County	Boone
	Madison	WV	25130	Phone	304-369-0511

Project Information	Nourishing Boone County	Project Information
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Boone County Community Foundation (BCCF) will implement “Nourishing Boone County”; an emergency aid and basic needs assistance project that focuses on alleviating hunger and food insecurity in Boone County as well as providing for other basic needs, such as primary healthcare. By partnering with existing basic needs assistance agencies, healthcare organizations, other funders, and food assistance networks, BCCF will leverage its resources to help low-income seniors and families access food throughout the year. Like many youth, a significant number of children in Boone County depend on school meals as their primary source of nutrition. In making grants to backpack programs that assist families in feeding their children over the weekends and during the summer, BCCF helps to ensure that youth in our county do not go hungry. Through the “Nourishing Boone County” project, BCCF will continue to coordinate with regional food assistance networks and other funders to share information and referrals and develop pathways to alleviating food insecurities throughout the county.

Boone Memorial Hospital Inc	701 Madison Avenue			County	Boone
	Madison	WV	25130	Phone	304-400-5339

Project Information	Madison Farmers Market and Greenhouse	Project Information
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Boone Memorial Hospital, Inc. (dba Boone Memorial Health) (“BMH”), through its BMH Foundation for Community Health, seeks to establish its Sustainable Living Initiative (“SLI”) as a catalyst to improve the overall health of area residents through local economic development opportunities, education, and rural innovation. The flagship component of the SLI is the Madison Farmers Market and Greenhouse in downtown Madison, WV. The project includes the construction and outfitting of an indoor-outdoor farmers market structure and a permanent, environmentally conscious greenhouse, in addition to an outdoor stage and seating area. The project will be located on Main Street in downtown Madison, WV and will occupy a currently vacant lot which is owned by BMH. The purpose of this project is to construct and operate a facility which positively impacts each of the social determinants of health with a major emphasis on improving economic stability and food insecurity, and providing experiential education opportunities for K-12 students and adults. With the addition of industrial freezers for the Farmers Market and a mobile kitchen to be housed on the property, BMH will use the mobile kitchen to hold comprehensive education courses on skills re-training, entrepreneurship, life skills, healthy eating, and building sustainable healthy habits. The SLI will be a program in which the Madison Farmers Market and Greenhouse becomes a cornerstone of downtown Madison that will spur economic development and innovation, encourage the return of Madison residents and tourists to the downtown area, and increase the number of employment opportunities for those displaced by the economic downturn. By significantly increasing access to fresh produce, providing agricultural education opportunities, and stimulating economic activity and agritourism in the heart of Boone County, BMH is confident that this project will improve the quality of life for the residents of the communities we serve.

A Child's Place CASA, Ltd.	613 Main Street			County	Brooke
	Follansbee	WV	26037	Phone	(304) 737-4444

Project Information	A Child's Place CASA, Ltd.	Project Information
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The Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits will be used to fund recruiting, screening, training and supervising community citizens to advocate on behalf of the abused and neglected children in Brooke & Hancock Counties West Virginia.

CONTACT Huntington, Inc.	P.O. Box 2963			County	Brooke
	Huntington	WV	25728	Phone	304-523-3447
Project Information	Support for Children Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse				Project Information

Children from Cabell and Wayne counties who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse and their families will receive free and confidential crisis intervention and follow-up services whenever they need them. CONTACT Rape Crisis Center's specially trained Child Victim Advocates will provide practical and emotional support to children and their non-offending caregivers during forensic interviews and exams at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Cabell Huntington Hospital and as they interact with law enforcement agencies or the court system. Children and their families may also access an advocate 24 hours a day for safety planning, counseling referrals, or just to ask questions for as long as needed.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State	501 5th Avenue, suite 3			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-522-2191
Project Information	Building Resilience in WV Youth Through Transformational Mentorship				Project Information

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-state provides guidance and companionship to youth through a one-to-one relationship with a caring volunteer to assist them in achieving their highest potential. These relationships improve academic performance, reduce risk-taking behaviors, build resilience, and build self-confidence. This is done through a school-based mentoring program, a community-based program, and a high school mentoring program. What sets our mentoring program apart from many in the country is the on-going, professionally managed support that our families, children, and mentors receive during their match. Our staff of Match Support Specialists are social workers dedicated to ensuring that all parties feel safe and comfortable with the match, have the information necessary to be successful, and have support when/if things get difficult. Monthly match support conversations include conversations around activities, interests, and outings, as well as ensuring the ongoing appropriateness of the mentoring relationship and home environment. Following these match support communications, intervention is taken when needed. In 2022 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-state expanded our services to include Putnam, Mason and Kanawha Counties. This funding request will assist with operational buildout in these counties and supporting growth in service in FY24. While building relationships and enrolling children does take a considerable amount of our employee time, our greatest challenge at Big Brothers Big Sisters is recruiting and enrolling adult mentors. The need is robust. While we can't serve all kids, it is our hope to grow this program to make a substantial impact on our community. We will complete this expansion through community recruitment efforts, establishment of new corporate and community partnerships, and raising awareness of our services in our five counties of service in WV (Cabell, Kanawha, Mason, Putnam, and Wayne).

Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless	627 4th Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-2764
Project Information	Harmony House Day Shelter				Project Information

The Coalition's project will focus on the provision of basic resources and essential services to over 850 individuals currently experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless, or formerly homeless but still receiving services through our day shelter, Harmony House. Harmony House is the only drop-in day shelter serving those experiencing homelessness in the Cabell and Wayne Counties. Drop-in services range from emergency needs, such as medical care provided through partnerships with our local clinics, to everyday essentials like showers, laundry, toiletries, and meals. When these basic needs are met, we are better able to assist clients in navigating the housing process. All programs managed by Harmony House are designed to provide the level of care each client presents with by meeting them where they are at. We have two Rapid Rehousing teams as well as two Supporting Housing Teams whose focus is on prioritizing those living with HIV and those with co-occurring substance use and mental illness. These individualized programs allow teams to identify types of housing that clients can access quickly, but also sustain over time. These teams are also able to assist clients with access to treatment for mental illnesses, substance use disorders, and physical health conditions.

Harmony House also provides office space for community partners who offer services to those individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including Prester Center's PATH Outreach program and recovery coaches through Prester and the Cabell-Huntington Health Department. Additionally, we have an office and exam room for our integrated medical clinic through a partnership with Marshall Family Medicine and Marshall University. The clinic has been vital in our efforts in combating the rise in HIV in our area. Individuals resistant to healthcare have been able to access HIV treatment and prevention through this clinic.

Community Development/Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation	1340 Hal Greer Blvd			County	Cabell
	Huntington	West Virginia	25701	Phone	304.526.2658
Project Information	The Physical, Medical, and Transportation Services for Low Income Patients and Families				Project Information

The Physical, Medical, and Transportation Services for Low Income Patients and Families was established by the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation as a community-based assistance effort to support the needs of the most fragile and vulnerable members in the counties the hospital serves (Cabell, Wayne, Mason, Logan, Mingo, and more). This region includes some of the most highly distress neighborhoods in the state and a significant population impacted by poverty, high incidences of substance abuse, poor health practices, and inconsistent medical care. Among those served by Cabell Huntington Hospital are patients from low-income backgrounds, people and families who are homeless, victims of domestic violence or human trafficking, and those suffering with mental health and substance abuse issues. Our target is to help people who have incomes within 125 percent of the federal poverty line. This project was designed to aid to financially vulnerable patients, thus relieving stresses and worries that far too often present barriers to them seeking needed medical care. Assistance takes many forms, including covering co-pays, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, payments for prescriptions, transportation to medical appointments (for those not eligible for other transportation services), and hotel accommodations for patients who are traveling long distances for cancer treatments. Far greater than the financial assistance, it provides a measure of hope to patients who are struggling, not only with sometimes desperate medical diagnoses, but also the uncertainty of how they will pay for care and treatment. Funds provided by NIP donations would be instrumental in bringing much-needed financial assistance and the healing power of hope to hundreds of needy patients each year.

Developmental Therapy Center, Inc.	803 7th Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-1164
Project Information	"Watch Me Progress" Outpatient Therapy Program				Project Information

Developmental Therapy Center (DTC) seeks to raise awareness for individuals who have special needs and provide comprehensive therapeutic services in the fields of occupational, physical and speech-language therapy to all children in need regardless of disability, age, gender, religion or economic status. The cost for a child with a developmental disability creates substantial physical, emotional and financial burdens. DTC helps alleviate these burdens with skilled care provided by highly-trained therapists. The majority of our patients come from families living in poverty. Many patients have inadequate or no insurance and are economically disadvantaged. Others have payment methods which only allow limited therapy visits. DTC assists these families by providing appropriate and affordable therapy services. Our sliding-fee scale makes it possible for all patients to receive the care that can assist them in reaching their highest functioning level and enhance their quality of life. DTC provides screenings, evaluations and treatment to assist patients in enhancing their cognitive, fine-motor, gross-motor and communication skills. Our team consists of occupational and physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, support staff, and volunteers. Our occupational therapy team provides intervention treatment to enhance patients' independent functioning in their daily activities. Our physical therapy team assists patients in developing and enhancing mobility, so they may safely participate in activities in their homes and communities. Our speech-language pathology team assesses, diagnoses, treats, and helps prevent disorders related to speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency. Each discipline develops a plan of care tailored to the patient's needs, including the frequency and intensity of services. The patient's family is an integral part of each treatment session receiving training to carryover the skills learned to all environments.

Dress for Success River Cities	541 9th Street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-522-3011 or 421-3
Project Information	Bridging the Gap to Success - Providing Clothing, Confidence and Community to West Virginia Women				Project Information

Our project, "Bridging the Gap to Success - Providing Clothing, Confidence, and Community to West Virginia Women" will enable Dress for Success River Cities to provide disadvantaged women in 8 counties with the tools, resources, and support they need to achieve success. With two locations now actively serving women who need our assistance, we want to ensure that women with barriers to employment, especially those located in areas with limited community supports, and nothing at all specifically geared toward helping women move from poverty to self-sufficiency, have everything they need to succeed. Our three "C" program model centers around three crucial areas; Clothing, Confidence, and Community. By providing disadvantaged women with the CLOTHING resources they need for both interviews and employment, we are dressing them on the outside for success. Becoming a professional comes from looking like one, and since first impressions are crucial that piece of the interview process is important. Once a woman hears the words, "You're hired", providing them with the specific apparel their employer requires, is equally important. Imagine overcoming your barrier(s) to employment to find a job, only to learn that the specific uniform pieces your employer requires, or the professional clothing and shoes you need to begin your new job, you cannot afford. Dress for Success takes away those worries, and allows women to celebrate their accomplishment of employment, having everything they need for their first week. CONFIDENCE is what we like to call, dressing the client from the inside out. Building up a woman's confidence is equally important to her success, not only in gaining employment but helping her maintain it long-term. We build confidence through education and empowerment. The last piece is COMMUNITY, surrounding the women we serve with a network of other women who have their back, encourage their success, and provide them with the resources they need to succeed.

Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc.	1448 10th Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	13045290753
Project Information	Caring for Eyes and Hope for Ears.				Project Information

Ebenezer Medical Outreach will provide eye screening and hearing exams for low-income patients in Huntington, WV. Medicaid and Medicare do not cover routine eye exams or hearing tests. However, each of these exams are essential to maintain quality of life. The clinic serves an aging population who are unable to afford these screenings. We will host two eye exam clinics, which provide basic prescription glasses and fitting. Along with these screenings and for a nominal fee, upgrades are offered to patients such as line bifocals or progressives. Approximately 120 patients are able to benefit from having eye exams with updated prescription eye wear. The clinic will host audiology screening services through a partnering provider as well as assisting with payment for hearing devices as funds allow for those who need them. We will provide 50 patients or more with hearing exam services.

Facing Hunger Foodbank, Inc.	1327 7th Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-6029, x25
Project Information	Lincoln & Logan County "Children Deserve Enough" Back Pack Programs				Project Information

Through our Lincoln County & Logan County Schools Back Pack Program, Facing Hunger Food Bank seeks to continue to address the nutritional and developmental needs of a minimum of 2150 children qualifying for participation (through the free & reduced breakfast & lunch program) in the back pack program at seven PK-8 schools, and Lincoln County High School in Lincoln county- a total of 820 students; and 17 schools in Logan County, serving an additional 1330 students .The back pack program, started in 2012, is part of our ongoing hunger relief efforts in the counties we serve by including the provision of weekly back packs for each child that are distributed each Friday afternoon. The back packs include breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks, fruit/vegetables, juice & milk for the weekend, and are expanded in size for longer school breaks. The food bank provides these nutritional back packs to offset the absence, over the weekend and holiday breaks, of the free/reduced breakfast & lunches offered at the schools daily . This program provides increased availability of higher nutritionally valued foods for children, allowing them to have better physical development and assist in improved academic performance. In the provision of this food, we allow families to have additional resources for their children while increasing the food available in the home. The percentage of families with children living in the home under the age of 18 who live below the poverty level in Lincoln County is 37.4%, and in Logan County it is 29.4%. In order to break the cycle of poverty and increase academic performance, children must have enough to eat. Statistics support that children who have adequate nutritional support perform better on tests, comprehend their academic work better, then performing better in class, are more attentive and have fewer behavioral problems. All children deserve to have enough to eat, and as much support as we can provide to them to achieve to their academic capacity.

Faith Health Appalachia	Attn: Rory Chapman			County	Cabell
	Huntington	West Virginia	25701	Phone	304-416-2098
Project Information	Neighbors Helping Neighbors				Project Information

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors project is a collaborative initiative of FaithHealth Appalachia to bridge gaps in emergency assistance provisions in healthcare and social service sectors. It will connect patients with a high risk of unmet social determinants of health needs with the existing community resources in the Highlawn, Fairfield, and West End areas of Huntington. This innovative and unique project will seek to help those with the most highly experienced needs in our area, including (but not limited to) needs related to food insecurity, social isolation, and transportation. In Cabell, Mason, and Wayne counties, lack of access to safe, reliable transportation is ranked as one of the highest reasons for missed appointments leading to rehospitalization. Food insecurity ranks as one of the highest contributing factors to unhealthy lifestyle in these same highly-distressed, low-income areas. With this in mind, we intend to provide a no-cost opportunity for residents of Highlawn, Fairfield, and the West End of Huntington to receive culinary training at a local faith community, where they will receive teaching and cooking instructions, as well as the foods prepared to take home with them to go and do likewise in their own homes. We believe this project's unique focus on faith communities and social services, along with the neighbors themselves helping their own neighbors, will prove vital in the communities we target, and prove to be a pilot in neighboring counties.

Faith in Action of the River Cities, Inc.	1900 Third Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25703	Phone	304-697-1274
Project Information	FAITH IN ACTION BUILDING ITS CAPACITY TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ITS CARE RECEIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY				Project Information

Faith in Action of the River Cities, Inc. ("FIA") recruits volunteers to serve the daily needs of our care receivers. Care receivers include senior citizens and chronically disabled adults in Cabell County and northern Wayne County. Vetted and trained volunteers provide care receivers with door-to-door transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, and pharmacies. In addition, volunteers help care receivers with paperwork and bill paying, provide brief respite for caregivers, and provide minor home repairs, such as installing grab bars. Volunteers receive training from the Cabell Wayne Association of the Blind (CWAB) to work with care receivers who are visually impaired. FIA consistently recruits both care receivers and potential volunteers. All services provided by FIA are provided free of charge. There are no income requirements for care receivers. During the grant period, FIA will seek to expand our capacity to provide services by recruiting 10 new volunteers and 25 care receivers. FIA will purchase items to make up 25 welcome bags for new care receivers. FIA staff will vet, train, and supervise volunteers.

Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Inc.	P.O. Box 7932			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25779	Phone	304-942-0046
Project Information	Building sustainable funding sources for support of at-risk individuals and their neighborhoods				Project Information

FTSC’s project expands WVNIP’s reach by granting money generated from its endowments and other sources to projects and organizations that serve individuals at risk and their neighborhoods in Cabell, Wayne and Mingo Counties. Donor-advised and restricted funds provide on-going support for organizations such as Goodwill Industries, United Way, A.D. Lewis Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Hoops Children’s Hospital, Huntington City Mission, Team for WV Children, Ronald McDonald House, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Heritage Farm, Cabwaylingo Presbyterian Chapel Community Outreach, Larry Joe Harless Center, Christian Help, Children’s Home Society, and Childhood Language Center. Field of interest funds have the flexibility to support projects with specific focus, such as health and wellness, education, children and neighborhood revitalization. Discretionary funds provide early funding for new organizations; seed money for new projects; special equipment and technology needs; specialized training for staff and required matches for grants. FTSC often provides grants to small organizations that do not have the donor base to support their own applications for WVNIP credits. FTSC collaborates with other non-profits to support place-based projects, including the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, James H. Harless Foundation (Mingo County), Coalfield Development Corporation and Heritage Farm Museum (Wayne County). FTSC collaborates with the City of Huntington to implement HIP (Huntington Innovation Project), which targets three blighted neighborhoods for revitalization, leading to job creation and improved quality of life for the residents. FTSC works with community leaders, neighborhood associations, local nonprofits, foundations and key institutions, including City of Huntington, Mountain Health and Marshall University, to maximize the transformative impact of its grants.

Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, Inc.	PO Box 7365			County	Cabell
	Huntington	West Virginia	25776	Phone	304-525-7034
Project Information	Goodwill of KYOWVA’s Community Prosperity Services				Project Information

“Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area Inc.’s Community Prosperity Services” is an ongoing project that provides Job Training & Employability supports strategically designed to offer individuals the vocational skills needed to facilitate a higher grade of employment and, in turn, financial stability. Our strategically designed, holistic programming addresses varied employment barriers by providing an array of services from Foundational Literacy to Industrial Certifications in high-demand employment sectors directly responsive to area business needs. Our Community Prosperity Services project offers an array of computer skills classes, as well as Industrial Certification tracks, providing résumé writing, job search strategies, interviewing skills & internships. These include: 1. Fundamental Computer Courses (teaching Excel, Powerpoint, and Outlook). 2. Forklift Certifications (teaching proper standards for forklift operations and providing the required certification). 3. Food Handler’s Certification (required for all Cabell County employees that handle food and/or wash dishes). 4. Job Skills Training & Emergency Assistance Supports (via conducting BenefitsCheckUp® assessments). 5. Essential Education Online Platform (assists with teaching Soft Skills, Computer Basics & Money Essentials faced in the real-world work environment via “Work Essentials” course). 6. Work Adjustment/Independent Living Skills Training. 7. Financial Education Certifications (on topics such as bill management, saving money, and couponing). Further, Goodwill seeks to cultivate collaborative communication practices that allow us to better serve our underserved communities. Our Counseling and Therapy Division provides in-person, virtual, or Telecommunication counseling sessions that afford stabilizing behavioral health supports, which empower individuals to gain & retain high-quality employment. Participants will also receive essential employability skills, as well as appropriate interview attire.

Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State	240 Third Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-4822
Project Information	Scattered Sites New Home Construction, VHI Rehabs and Veteran-owned Home Repair Projects				Project Information

Since our founding in 1990, Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State (HFHTS) has constructed 153 new houses, completed 8 Veteran-owned critical home repairs, installed 23 wheelchair/accessible ramps, 4 house rehabs and 4 recycled houses (a recycle is a Habitat home that was given back to the organization, rehabbed to Habitat standards and sold to a new Habitat home buyer). To date, HFHTS has served 436 individuals with 272 being children. In September 2014, HFHTS started a first of its kind housing model (Veterans Housing Initiative - VHI) serving formerly homeless Veterans in collaboration with the Herschel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center's Community Resource and Referral Center HUD-VASH (Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing) program. To date, HFHTS has constructed 12 VHI houses with 3 of them being recycled to serve the same population. The VHI has been recognized locally, statewide and nationally as a housing model that brings our Veterans "all of the way home" for its innovative concept to reality. In 2022, HFHTS has once again lead the way by working with the US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and Habitat for Humanity International creating a Pilot Program mirroring the VHI that includes the continuation of supportive services to our Veteran participants. In the near future, this model will be scaled out to other parts of the US. For the upcoming fiscal year, HFHTS will construct 5 new Habitat houses, rehab 2 VHI houses and complete 4 Veteran-owned critical home repair projects in Cabell and Wayne counties.

Hospice of Huntington, Inc.	1101 Sixth Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington, WV	West Virginia	25701	Phone	304-633-2169
Project Information	Peace of Mind Hospice Care				Project Information

Hospice of Huntington, Inc. Neighborhood Investment Program will cover cost of services to our patients who are unable to pay.

Huntington City Mission	62410th street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-0293
Project Information	Huntington City Mission Community Feeding Program				Project Information

The Huntington City Mission operates a community feeding program (CFP) that began in 1939 as a soup kitchen for homeless men. Today, the CFP is the only daily congregating mass feeding project within a 50 mile radius of Huntington. In 2022, 193,075 meals were served to those experiencing homelessness living in our shelters, or to the low-income community at large, an increase of nearly 8,000 meals from the year prior. The Community Feeding Program is a well established, ongoing project of the Huntington City Mission. If current trends stay in place, the Mission is on track to serve 220,000 meals this year. In addition to meals served on site, we collaborate with our local Informational and Referral service agency that will refer those housed with a voucher if a food box is needed. We distribute the food boxes once a week, with an average of 80 boxed meals provided to the community each week, filled with pantry items, meat and dairy products. The CFP is located at 1030 7th Avenue in Huntington and our program is easily accessible with public transportation. There is never a charge for any meal served. The Mission serves three meals a day Monday through Friday and two meals on Saturday and Sunday. We welcome anyone coming to our door for a meal with no questions asked. We do track demographical data such as approximate age, gender, race, and if they are a member of the community or currently a guest residing in our facilities. The CFP operates with a Kitchen Coordinator, and 3 cooks. Volunteers are welcomed to help with daily meal prep and serving. The primary goal of the CFP is to provide the basic survival need of food. We are an open door to all who are hungry. Interviews with individuals who come to the CFP for assistance demonstrate program success. Many low income community members have money to pay utilities and rent, but not enough money to buy groceries. We believe that this shows the CFP helps to further prevent more homelessness.

John W. Hereford Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington, Inc.	520 Everett Street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25702	Phone	304-523-5120
Project Information	John W. Hereford Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington				Project Information

The John W. Hereford Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington have provided a safe haven as well as a nurturing environment for tens of thousands of children in the Huntington area since 1959. The club as a whole is the project because we provide a safe place, shelter and food for our members that otherwise would be home alone or running the streets on their own. 100% of our members fall below the poverty line and are food insecure. The meals we provide are the only food some of our members will get for the day. We have served an average of 2500 meals each month in years past. We are an after school program during the school year but we are an all day summer program for our members each summer. We provide breakfast, a hot lunch and snacks before they leave each day. In addition our programs and services are designed with a holistic approach to each child. Each year, approximately 499 children between the ages of 6 and 18 participate in our Power Hour Program., which includes homework assistance, tutoring enrichment, field trips, and educational computer programs designed and implemented by certified teachers and Boys and Girls club staff. Both club locations, B.C. McGinnis in Guyandotte and Henrietta Payne in West Huntington, are in neighborhoods with higher rates of poverty and crime, which shows the value of the clubs' purpose as a safe haven, both after school and during the summer, when one or more parents or guardians maybe working or seeking employment. The club is also open during out of school days. Focusing our efforts on providing food, safety, well-being, and educational advancement of our members has led and continues to lead them to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Lily's Place	1320 7th Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304.523.5459
Project Information	Recovery Parenting				Project Information

Recovery Parenting is a 12-week class to assist parents in learning skills to best care for their children. These classes are geared toward the specific information and resources parents in recovery would need regarding parenting. Their needs, while similar in many ways to parents with no substance use history, are unique to the struggles they go through. The classes are led by our Licensed Professional Counselor along with our Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist. These classes are CPS recognized, and the parents will receive certification upon completion of the class.

PROACT, Inc.	800 20th Street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25703	Phone	304-696-8700
Project Information	Access to Recovery				Project Information

Every individual ready to begin their journey toward recovery is welcome at PROACT, regardless of ability to pay. Treatment for substance use disorder, however, comes at a cost. Therapy, medication and physician services are billed to insurance providers for those with insurance. Others services, like employment assistance, family support services and spiritual care, are provided by PROACT as a service to our community at no cost to the patient. Our team guides uninsured patients through the process of applying for Medicaid coverage. Still, however, others remain uninsured or underinsured. These are the individuals who will benefit most from PROACT's "Access to Recovery" Fund. By leveraging private contributions, PROACT will be able to offset the cost of services provided to these patients over the course of their treatment and thereby serve more individuals in need. Addiction care and treatment varies from patient to patient. Many engage weekly for months or years until they enter active recovery. We know that, in general, uninsured individuals use less health care overall than their insured counterparts, and with so many other barriers to recovery, PROACT does not want inability to pay for services to be one of them. PROACT remains committed to every patient's care and long-term recovery. PROACT provided almost \$200,000 in uncompensated care during the past 12 months. As PROACT continues to grow, we expect to see this number climb. The forward-thinking approach of establishing an "Access to Recovery" Fund will drive charitable giving in a direction that not only benefits our patients but will continue to help move the mission of PROACT forward for many years to come.

Recovery Point of Huntington, Inc.	1040 Adams Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25704	Phone	(304)429-9036

Project Information	The Point Apartments Facilities Project	Project Information
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Recovery Point of Huntington is proposing a specific NIP project to enhance the services provided at The Point Apartments, a 6-unit apartment complex with 15 bedrooms. This housing facility is designed to support Recovery Point alumni as they transition to life after graduating from Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the program. Our project aims to complement the existing efforts of our organization by creating a supportive housing environment that fosters sustained recovery and empowers individuals in their journey toward self-sufficiency. This project aims to establish a comprehensive support system within The Point Apartments, providing a safe and nurturing space where Recovery Point alumni can continue their journey in recovery. In addition to offering housing, our project will focus on empowering residents by providing employment opportunities within the community and the recovery field. The residents will have access to Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) counselors, who will be pivotal in providing guidance, mentorship, and practical resources. Their expertise and personal experiences will enable them to build strong relationships, instill hope, and help individuals navigate the challenges of transitioning to life after the Recovery Point program. The PRSS counselors will facilitate group discussions, offer one-on-one counseling sessions, and organize educational workshops to address relapse prevention, coping skills, and community reintegration. Through this project, Recovery Point of Huntington aims to provide quality housing with a safe environment for residents to develop essential life skills, enhance personal growth, and maintain long-term recovery as they navigate the challenges of independent living. By addressing the specific needs of each individual, we strive to create a nurturing environment that promotes self-sufficiency and sustainable change.

St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation	2900 1st Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25702	Phone	3045262658

Project Information	See, Treat, Test: Underinsured and Uninsured Women	Project Information
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See, Test & Treat is a free cancer screening and health education program that brings the power of diagnostic medicine to medically underserved populations with the goals of: Addressing health disparities by reducing barriers to care for medically underserved people through health care system partnerships. Empowering prevention by delivering dignified cervical and breast cancer screenings—with same-day or prompt results—with a focus on health education. Connecting communities by linking patients and their families to a medical home and resources within their own communities. In a single-day, culturally appropriate program, women receive a pelvic and clinical breast exam, a Pap test with same-day results, a screening mammogram with same-day or prompt results, connection to follow-up care, interpretive services, impactful health education, and translated educational materials to take home. See, Test & Treat programs is a new and yearly event, held on a Saturday. The program will reach between 50 and 150 women and families, making it large enough to deliver real impact and efficiency, yet small enough to ensure a high-quality, dignified experience. The one-day approach effectively addresses barriers encountered by medically underserved women facing health disparities—those who have little to no access to preventative care—and also connects women with a medical home for the future.

TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc.	P.O. Box 1653			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-9587 ext 308
Project Information	Healthy Families Mountain State				Project Information

Healthy Families Mountain State (HFMS) is an accredited, voluntary in-home family education program offered free of charge to families with young children in Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, and Wayne Counties in WV. HFMS is a local affiliate of the national Healthy Families America program and promotes child well-being through family-focused and empathic support provided in the home, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect. The Healthy Families America accreditation is public recognition by Prevent Child Abuse America that HFMS is adhering to best practice standards as established by 31 years of research into what really works in intensive home visitation. The goals of Healthy Families include: (1) building and sustaining community partnerships to engage families in home visiting services during pregnancy or at birth. (2) cultivating and strengthening nurturing parent-child relationships. (3) promoting healthy childhood growth and development. (4) enhancing family functioning by reducing risk factors and building protective factors. Some visitors working with Healthy Families Mountain State: Ensure families have a medical provider. Share information on how children develop. Assist families in identifying their baby's needs and obtaining needed resources.

- Support families in the home while they respond to their child's and their own needs. Share ideas on caring for babies, toddlers, and young children. Link families with other services in the community for assistance with job placement, childcare, food security, substance use treatment, etc. Assist families in following up with recommended immunizations. Help families feel more empowered to act on behalf of their children.

Tri-State Huntington Homeless Shelter Mission, Inc.	624 10th Street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-0293
Project Information	Farmers for the Hungry				Project Information

Tri-State Huntington Homeless Shelter Mission, Inc. developed a new initiative in 2021, "The Farmers for the Hungry." This program is based on the concept that the freshest food provides the best nutritional value and the finest people to raise such food are West Virginia farmers. We designed a program to reimburse the farmers using tax law and, in some instances, a micro grant to pay the farmers 100% of what they would receive after tax for their product, selling their livestock at market. The program simply seeks to reimburse a farmer 100% of what the farmer keeps "net" money after paying tax on the beef he/she sells. After selling the farm product, like all taxpayers, a farmer is taxed with federal and state income tax. Tri State refers to this as our "break even point" that the program pays "net" to the farmer. Tri State intends to use funds offered from the WV Nip Program to provide micro-grants to the farmer, as an incentive to donating their livestock to our feeding program. The availability of this program will continue to reduce the food cost budget associated with feeding the homeless of Huntington. Since August 2022, 11,353 pounds of grass fed quality beef has been donated to this program, providing a substantial savings in food cost, currently at a savings of \$77,000 in our food budget, and with the upcoming promised cattle from farmers, we feel that this will be a total savings of upwards of \$100,000 in savings for the year 2023. In 2022, our community feeding program provided 193,075 meals to the clients living inside our shelters, as well as the community at large. Since January 1, 2023, we have served 99,331 meals. Just this past month, In May 2023, we provided over 20,000 meals to those experiencing homelessness or food insecurity in the Huntington area.

Tri-State Local Foods, Inc. dba The Wild Ramp	555 14th St W			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25704	Phone	

Project Information	The Wild Ramp SNAP Stretch Expansion 2023	Project Information
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The Wild Ramp seeks to expand its SNAP Stretch program, which provides vouchers for fresh local produce to those receiving food benefits. Recipients receive a dollar for dollar match when shopping at participating farmers markets in order to make their food dollars go further. Seniors and those shopping with a child receive two dollars for every dollar spent, increasing access to fresh, local foods for those who need it most.

United Way of the River Cities	820 Madison Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	West Virginia	25704	Phone	304-523-8929 x 112

Project Information	Meeting Basic Needs, Poverty Reduction and Financial Stability	Project Information
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United Way of the River Cities UWRC provides programs awards grants to nonprofits with programs and services that align with our four pillars of education, financial stability, health, and basic needs. Those four pillars are interconnected because a person's overall ability to live stably depends on each. UWRC believes that it's never too late for intervention to change the direction of a person's or family's situation from poverty to stability. That's why internal and external programming provide services that start with infants and go all the way to help with seniors. It's why those programs include infant essentials, early childhood education, elementary literacy, family support services (i.e. food and hygiene pantries, social services), school age substance use prevention education, mental and physical health, workforce development, adult literacy and education, and referral services for food insecurity and utility and rental assistance. We believe our community thrives when diverse groups of people unite to resolve the critical issues specific to our community by empowering people to help themselves through the good stewardship of human, financial and in-kind resources.

Young Men's Christian Association of Huntington West Virginia	935 10th Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-525-8127
Project Information	YMCA of Huntington Youth PROPEL Program				Project Information

The YMCA of Huntington's Youth PROPEL program helps at-risk youth learn the skills they need to escape generational poverty. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, data.census.gov, the poverty rate in the area served for this project is 52.1%, the highest in Cabell County and among the highest in West Virginia. Program participants learn about the importance of self-respect, financial literacy, a strong work ethic, social well-being, teamwork, networking, volunteering, standing up for others, nutrition, daily exercise, the arts, self-control, initiative and respect for authority. The program is led by experienced staff mentors and volunteers who also help kids aged 11-14 remove the stigma from mental health issues associated with being a young person struggling to fit in and be accepted in today's society. The program also connects these youth with multiple other YMCA resources that promote exercise and healthy living in a safe space during after-school and summer hours. PROPEL is an acronym for Preparation, Respect, Opportunity, Pride, Excellence and Leadership.

THE 1982 FOUNDATION	PO 82			County	Calhoun
	Grantsville	West Virginia	26147	Phone	3045882914
Project Information	Calhoun County Community Center				Project Information

The 1982 Foundation is currently under construction for the following projects; new community pool, school building and grounds renovation, and undertaking multiple facilities upgrades. The foundation continues to be actively engaging community and regional support through organizing events at the Community Center, public outreach and marketing, and social media presence. The community center's focus on raising community civic participation in government accountability, and our Bootstraps initiatives have received recent support in the Calhoun County commission with a passed vote to purchase property to be allocated for a new animal shelter for Calhoun County. Our Bootstraps program is continuing to make strides within the community beautification aspect that is in-progress for providing external face lifts to our local business situated in Grantsville, WV.

Southern Appalachian Labor School		P. O. Box 127			County	Fayette	
		Kincaid	West Virginia	25119	Phone	304-250-7627	
Project Information	Southern Appalachian Labor School					Project Information	

The project will prepare or provide building materials for 10 coal camp homes occupied by low-income families in Fayette County. Labor will consist of transitioning adults learning construction skills and working on their GED's along with volunteers. The project also has a community center for 10 coal camp communities that provides after school and summer education, enrichment, and a healthy food program to the youth and community residents.

Carnegie Hall		611 Church Street			County	Greenbrier	
		Lewisburg	West Virginia	24901	Phone	3046457917	
Project Information	Arts Education for low-income students in Southern West Virginia.					Project Information	

Arts Education for low-income students in Southern West Virginia. The Arts in Education programs of Carnegie Hall are designed to bring relevance to the arts by demonstrating how valuable they are in preparing students in the 21st Century. Numerous studies cite the powerful, positive relationship between study in the arts and other academic subjects, attitudes, and behaviors. (Source: artsusa.org) With all Carnegie Hall programming, we present opportunities for students to expand their understanding of the arts, explore new artistic vistas, and experience the arts in new and meaningful ways. Together, they make a formula that Brings the Arts to Life! Specific programs include Carnegie Classrooms; Creative Youth Art Shows; Spotlight on School performing arts curriculum and a Link Up music program with WVU Symphony Orchestra.

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County	PO Box 1188			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	West Virginia	24901	Phone	304-661-1018
Project Information	Student Supports Program				Project Information

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, serving Greenbrier County since 2004. CISGC currently provides student support specialists in all public schools in Greenbrier County. CISGC offers one-on-one mentoring, tutoring and case-management services for students referred to our program due to behavioral, academic or social/emotional challenges. Our mentor programs pair students in need with a caring adult who focuses on and commits to their achievements in and out of the classroom. CISGC brings the community’s talents and resources into our schools to develop group and school-wide educational programming and to provide a host of physical resources for students and their families. Our organization is an accredited affiliate of the nation’s leading drop-out prevention organization, Communities In Schools (CIS). CIS operates as a top-down model where CISGC is accredited through and receives benefits (such as operational and managerial support) from the national office. However, 100% of CISGC’s funding and resources stay within Greenbrier County, West Virginia. At no time does CISGC send any funding received through grant awards, fundraisers, individual or corporate donations to the national Communities In Schools organization. This year, 570 students received one-on-one guidance and case management services, while more than 4,600 received educational programming or other services from our organization, including meal distributions, school supplies, books and holiday gifts to students and their siblings throughout Greenbrier County. Our services have become more even more intensive, focusing more on social, emotional and physical well-being rather than attendance and academics. We have adapted our program to meet the growing needs of our students through home visits, phone calls, letters home and video chats, and look to continue to adapt our program to ensure our students are safe and well.

Davis-Stuart, Inc.	163 Cottage Drive			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	West Virginia	24901	Phone	(304) 647-5577 ext. 314
Project Information	Permanency for West Virginia's Vulnerable Youth				Project Information

Davis Stuart is a nationally accredited, therapeutic residential facility for youth ages 12-18. The agency’s main campus is located on 574 pastoral acres just outside of Lewisburg. We also operate community-based group homes in Princeton, Bluefield and Maxwelton. Our program offers a holistic, multifaceted approach in caring for our residents’ physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Key program elements include group and individual therapy, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), medical and psychiatric services, individualized treatment planning as well as educational services designed to meet individual needs while fulfilling requirements from home school districts. Additionally, Davis Stuart offers optional programs that promote healing and an improved sense of pride in areas such as employment preparation, culinary arts, equine care/horsemanship, spiritual life, recreation and agriculture. While the optional programming is often not reimbursable through our contractual relationship with the state of West Virginia, Davis Stuart is committed to offering a well-rounded program that enriches the lives of our youth. The agency works with individual donors, community partners and funders to ensure these non-reimbursable programs continue. Our focus is on helping the young people in the program move closer to permanency. We strive to reunite our youth with their families in a healthy and constructive manner. If family reunification is not feasible however, we work diligently with their multidisciplinary team to find a loving foster or adoptive family, or to assist in the transition into independence.

Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Co., Inc.	1038 Washington Street, East			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-645-3838 ext. 110
Project Information	Arts For All				Project Information

Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) is, as an institution, deeply ingrained in the fabric of the Lewisburg and Greenbrier County communities. GVT continues to be dedicated to serving the local region through dynamic and diverse offerings. Between the mainstage season, the Al Jeter Music Series, and livestreams of the Metropolitan Opera, GVT provides a diverse range of cultural experiences. Moreover, our organization actively engages with the community through the Youth Education Program, local partnerships, and a variety of unique events. The impact of GVT extends far beyond artistic enrichment. Annually, GVT attracts over 10,000 patrons with an economic impact of \$7 million. GVT's commitment to community collaboration is evident through partnerships with the United Way and their annual Chocolate Festival, providing both space for the event and the associated job training. Our organization facilitates meetings, events, and job trainings for the Mountaineer Foodbank and has worked with the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History providing the space for the Community Arts Caravan. Greenbrier Valley Theatre is not only a beacon of creativity and inspiration, but also a cornerstone of the local community serving people directly in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley	1133 Washington St. E			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304.645.4196
Project Information	Gwen's Meals / Adventures in Learning				Project Information

Our services/programs promote growing old gracefully for older adults in their communities. Our mission is to maintain a safe environment for the older adult to live independently in their own home for as long as they safely can. We can build wheelchair ramps, attach grab bars for safety, combat social isolation by bringing people together for educational classes and special events, and help maintain a healthy body by providing nutritious meals and exercise classes.

The Marvel Center, Inc.	PO Box 634			County	Greenbrier
	Rupert	WV	25984	Phone	681-262-2016
Project Information	Meadow River Valley Early Childhood Learning (MARVEL) Project				Project Information

The Meadow River Valley Early Childhood Learning (MARVEL) Project will support children and families in the Meadow River Valley in various ways. These include opportunities for children to learn and grow physically and mentally through educational programming offered as part of Marvel's operations. Marvel has many unique programs including a community garden, educational programming and nutrition to assure families are supported. The program will support basic operations of Marvel which include staff training and development, education and mentoring, and nutrition and community outreach. Marvel supports families by providing an organized early learning environment and engaging the community in creating safe, nurturing relationships that enable children and families to learn and grow through education, healthy nutrition, and physical activity. We instruct parents, caregivers and educators in developing responsive relationships with children, emphasize core life skills, and offer broad-spectrum learning and support opportunities.

United Way of the Greenbrier Valley	809 Jefferson Street, South			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV - West Virginia	24901	Phone	304-667-9785
Project Information	United Way of the Greenbrier Valley's Sustainable Family Support Project (SFSP)				Project Information

The goal of United Way of the Greenbrier Valley's Sustainable Family Support Project is to provide basic needs and emergency assistance to individuals and families in the Greenbrier Valley who are living at or below the poverty level and facing circumstances that prevent them from securing or maintaining basic needs. The Sustainable Family Support Project collaborates with local nonprofit organizations providing financial assistance to maintain vital services such as electricity, heat, and water, and offer necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc.	524 Nicholas Street			County	Greenbrier
	Rupert	WV	25984	Phone	304-392-2095
Project Information	Wellspring's Day Haven Resource Center				Project Information

Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc. is an organization that provides food, clothing, and other life essentials to Greenbrier County's disadvantaged, unhoused, and/or transient populations. Our day haven, located in Rupert, WV, is an established respite for our community. This year's NIP funds will be used to keep our day haven center operational. Here, showers, laundry, WIFI, TV, and light refreshments operate on a first come first serve basis at no cost. Providing a comfortable and inviting space to those who are in need, Wellspring's day haven operates four days per week, Monday through Thursday 10 am-4 pm. At the center, we distribute groceries, meals, hygiene products, hot coffee, hot showers, laundry services, WIFI and TV, and ways to apply for our many programs, all at no cost to our low-income clientele. In addition to helping meet the basic needs of our low-income clientele, our day haven serves the role of connecting individuals with various services such as mental health counseling, job coaching, and nutrition education. Most importantly - we at Wellspring are centered on instilling hope into a county riddled with addiction and poverty. During the off hours, we host addiction support meetings, educational and nutritional classes, and live music events all to breathe hope, love, and art into a community overlooked. As is easily imagined, the cost of keeping the center open with all the above resources is a large portion of the organization's budget. In the past, the NIP funds allocated have had a major impact on our income and have been essential in connecting Wellspring with many other individuals and businesses across the state.

The River House Inc.	24 Rickie Davy Lane			County	Hampshire
	Capon Bridge	WV	26711	Phone	304-359-6446
Project Information	School-age Student Arts Exposure and Education				Project Information

The River House is partnering with Hampshire County Schools to provide more resources and programs for fine arts education in rural communities. The River House offers interdisciplinary and educational in-school and outreach programs that are taught by professional artists. These programs encourage multi-faceted exploration of both fine art and performance art, and they link the arts to age-appropriate Standards of Learning. In the Fall of 2022 and into the Summer of 2023, The River House will facilitate a diverse menu of both in-school and out-of-school youth outreach programs. These include onsite Arts and Music clubs to be instructed by local Performer Jack Dunlap and Arts Director Kayla Fehr. Students of all ages are welcome to learn music basics as a group. Guided personal lessons include rhythm and instrument instruction. Art lessons include Art History education along with projects that emulate historical Artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Frida Khalo, and Pacita Abhad. The River House will travel into schools for Meet the Author assemblies while partnering with Word PlayConnects a literacy non-profit based out of Wardensville, WV. We will also host a weekly on-site exploratory art program. One final example is the Art-for-All weekend programming where The River House has an open invitation to families to create crafts inspired by nature, build 3 dimensional sculptures, and learn from local artists and makers within the community.

Central WV Community Action Association, Inc.	106 Frederick Street			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-8495 #145
Project Information	Pathways to Independence				Project Information

Central WV Community Action, Inc.'s Pathways to Independence initiative provides emergency services to low-income Lewis County residents. NIP donations support customers, who are experiencing financial straits, with emergency rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, food assistance, transportation services to maintain employment, and other basic needs in an effort to avert deeper crises. Many of the agency's customers include the working poor, who live daily on the edge of being able to meet their basic needs. When income is lost due to lack of transportation, lack of available childcare, or health-related incidents, families can transition from vulnerable to in-crisis overnight. Similarly, sudden pop-up expenses, such as car repairs, the need to obtain new housing, unexpected babysitting costs, or medical/pharmacy expenses can mean the difference in paying or not paying a vital utility bill or making a rent payment. It is the agency's goal to provide transitional financial support to ensure that families can meet their basic needs and have the opportunity to thrive. While NIP-related donations provide for the cost of customer supports, the agency takes a holistic approach to assessing and meeting each customer's needs related to their overall self-sufficiency. Customers are screened by a case manager when applying for assistance, and each customer is encouraged to deepen their financial management knowledge through individualized budgeting activities. Within the agency, customers can receive long-term case management assistance, Head Start, housing services, and employment transition support. Outside referrals are made for a host of additional services as well. Lewis County families living at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines are the target audience for the Pathways to Independence initiative.

Genesis Youth Crisis Center Inc.	PO Box 546			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-1907
Project Information	Clothing Closet				Project Information

Genesis Youth Crisis Center has established itself as a premier emergency crisis shelter in the state of WV. Currently we operate 3 emergency crisis shelters that serve children ages 6-17, from all 55 WV counties. The youth we serve have all suffered some form of traumatic experience. Youth often come to us with simply the clothes on their backs or with what little belongings they have in a trash bags, and with no hygiene supplies. The monies raised from our NIP credits go directly towards maintaining our "Clothing Closet". This is a dedicated room at each location where we keep needed goods, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene supplies, sweat pants, tee shirts, coats, sweatshirts, pajamas, flip flops, shoes seasonal items such as bathing suits and duffel bags. This space is set up to be "shopped"so residents can select their own scents, colors and fabrics of the items they select. Doing so allows them to make choices for themselves, in an otherwise chaotic time for them.

Harrison County Child Abuse Task Force, Inc. d/b/a Harrison County Child Advocacy Center	229 West Main Street, Ste. 500			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	West Virginia	26301	Phone	304-622-0375
Project Information	Child Forensic Interview and Family Advocacy Program				Project Information

Hero's Haven Child Advocacy Center facilitates a multidisciplinary investigative team (MDIT) response to the investigation of allegations of crimes against children in Harrison, Barbour, Taylor, and Doddridge counties. Alleged crimes include sexual abuse, sexual assault, severe physical abuse and neglect, drug endangerment, depiction in pornography, child trafficking, and witness to violence (including homicide). The agency provides a physically and psychologically safe, child-friendly environment for the investigation of these allegations of child maltreatment, utilizing industry standard protocols. Child safety professionals from various disciplines work collaboratively so that the child only needs to disclose the details of the abuse once, minimizing further trauma caused by repeated questioning. Family advocates provide timely referrals for trauma-focused therapy as well as for specialized medical exams, and are available to the child and their protecting caregiver for ongoing support and court accompaniment throughout any judicial response. This quick, multidisciplinary team approach provides non-duplication of many services crucial to the future health and well-being of the child victim of abuse.

Health Access, Inc.	489 Washington Avenue			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-2708
Project Information	Emergency Medical Assistance for Doddridge and Ritchie Counties Project				Project Information

According to the CDC, rural Americans are more likely to die from heart disease, cancer, unintentional injury, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke than their urban counterparts (cdc.gov). As the third most rural state in the nation (census.gov), this poses a significant risk for West Virginians. Thirty-four of West Virginia's fifty-five counties are considered rural, and there is no doubt that the rurality of West Virginia is wreaking havoc among its people. West Virginia's heart disease mortality rate is 19% higher than the national rate. Cancer is 17% higher, while diabetes is a whopping 53% higher than the national rate. (ARC, 2017). The Emergency Medical Assistance for Doddridge and Ritchie Counties Project will improve access to healthcare for two of the top ten most rural counties in West Virginia by reducing personal and public barriers and relocating some of the free clinic's resources closer to these medically underserved areas (MUAs). Community health workers (CHWs) will serve as intermediaries between the community and the clinic to identify and remove personal barriers through cultural mediation, care coordination, coaching, advocacy, and outreach (C3project.org). A one-day-a-week clinic will be established in Doddridge County, shortening the distance to access care and adding critical capacity in an area already designated as a healthcare provider shortage area (HRSA). Other outreaches will also be employed to make healthcare more accessible, all at no cost to the resident. As a result, access to the clinic's many free services, including primary medical care, prescription medications, oral and dental healthcare, and primary eye care (PEC), should be optimized, and outcomes should be improved, enabling rural residents to live happy and productive lives that strengthen their local economies and help elevate their community out of poverty.

United Way of Harrison County, Inc.	445 W. Main Street, Suite 203			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-624-6337
Project Information	Educations Services of United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties				Project Information

United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties is launching a new Education Services of United Way program effective July 1, 2023. The program is focused on providing free tutoring services for all ages, including adults. Also, the program serves to provide English as a second language classes to non-English speaking residents, while simultaneously helping students study for citizenship exams. In addition to the aforementioned, within the overall program itself, extracurricular STEM classes/activities will be available to children of all ages. This program will operate in partnership with our local YMCA, Harrison County Family Support Center, Healthy Grandfamilies Program, Black Heritage Out-of-School Program, and other resource organizations. If any clients or students are in need of additional services, such as housing, they will be connected to our other United Way funded resources to meet their needs. Many families with children have experienced homelessness within the past year in Harrison County. We aim to address this concern by building and strengthening a network of programs that provide a circle of support for clients.

Community Foundation of Jackson County- JCCF, Inc.	108 North Church Street			County	Jackson
	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	304-372-4500
Project Information	Make An Impact Nonprofit Challenge, Annual Benefit Dinner and Celebration of Decorations				Project Information

The Make an Impact Nonprofit challenge combines with the annual Benefit Dinner and Celebration of Decorations events to accomplish the following: 1) to assist Jackson County nonprofit organizations in addressing local needs within the community. To accomplish this JCCF, Inc. will provide dollar-for-dollar matching assistance, up to \$1000 for each participating nonprofit, to further their individual programs, 2) increase JCCF, Inc.'s own capacity for grant making and direct funding assistance. 3) to create awareness and conversation associated with our 2023 project focus which is Mental Health and Wellbeing. JCCF assists in helping the nonprofits communicate their mission and programs as well as directly funding a portion of their program. NIP credits enable JCCF, Inc. and the nonprofits for which we manage funds to accomplish our respective missions, enhance our sustainability and better meet critical needs in our region more effectively. The Make an Impact nonprofit challenge event will leverage funds for 16+ nonprofits who will identify and promote their projects during the year. The annual benefit dinner raises awareness and funds for JCCF, Inc.'s project focus of Mental Health Awareness and the participating nonprofits. This event will highlight participating nonprofits' mission and progress within this program. The Celebration of Decorations event focuses on participating nonprofit fundholders, their mission and impact in the community as well as providing a platform for increasing their capacity by donations raised during the event. NIP funding is needed because it will generate larger donations which helps to build the pool of funds that JCCF uses to match funds raised by nonprofits as well as expanding JCCF's role as a grant maker, by re-granting most funds raised for immediate community needs. Make An Impact promotes community awareness as nonprofits work together on their fundraising and completion of approved projects that benefit Jackson County.

Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	P.O. Box 1882			County	Jefferson
	Shepherdstown	WV	25443	Phone	304-876-3325
Project Information	Volunteer Caregiving				Project Information

Senior residents or those with disabilities of any age can request transportation, home repairs or modifications, yard work, needed medical equipment, or friendly visits and phone support. Our program engages diverse communities by using volunteers who provide non-professional services to people who are aging or living with disabilities where they reside.

Jefferson County Community Ministries Inc.	238 W. Washington St.			County	Jefferson
	Charles Town	WV	25414	Phone	304-725-3186
Project Information	Nourish Our Neighbors: Removing Transportation Barriers with Grocery Delivery to HUD Housing				Project Information

Historically, Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM) has been limited to providing food pantry services to those who are able to physically come to our building in downtown Charles Town, WV. Nourish Our Neighbors is a pioneering program aiming to expand our services to families residing in HUD housing in Jefferson County, WV, who face transportation barriers. This initiative aims to ensure that low-income families who do not have reliable transportation options to grocery stores or food pantries have access to nutritious meals by offering convenient grocery delivery services directly to their housing complex. In order to expand our services offsite, once a month we will travel to the apartment complex in order to intake new clients, update existing client information, and take grocery orders to be delivered later in the month. Through coordination with the HUD complex community managers, a staff member will use our van to complete the delivery of grocery orders to the HUD complex.

Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County, Inc	P.O. Box 565			County	Jefferson
	Charles Town	WV	25446	Phone	304-725-1601
Project Information	Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County				Project Information

Our project provides a healthy, nutritious noon time meal at a reasonable cost to members of the Jefferson County Community who either cannot provide meals for themselves or do not have anyone who can make meals for them. We do more than provide food. We provide human contact for people who may not have anyone checking on them on a daily basis. Our staff members maintain a contact phone number to use if there is a emergency or problem when the meal is delivered or if the patron does not answer the door when the meal is delivered. By providing the meal we help our client's family or caregiver to be able to help the client to remain in their homes longer, avoiding or, at least, postponing high cost assisted living facilities.

Ranson Old Town Community Gardens	408 S. Mineral Street			County	Jefferson
	Ranson	WV	25438	Phone	3047252617
Project Information	Creating a Gateway for Everyone				Project Information

Creating a Gateway for Everyone During the last year, The Gardens have continued to refine our goal of how to help the local community realize the benefits of access to nature, gardening, and the environment. We are continuing our transition to becoming a green niche in our small town landscape. Ranson Gardens exists in a unique place in our local environment. We are next to the Civic Center and other active spaces while at the same time offering access to our community gardens, shared greenspace, and a local stream. We are a gateway between the two worlds. In fact, the Gardens exist at the end-point of a string of community gardens and greenspaces that forms a nearly continuous string covering nearly 5 miles. We are in the process of converting our high tunnel and social space into an indoor/outdoor multi-purpose environment. We are working with partners to make it accessible to teachers and students for workshops and presentations. We also want to offer an easy to access, welcoming greenspace that includes seating, lighting, shade, while surrounded by the community gardens. This years project is to complete the transition and make the entire space available to help everyone get access to a quiet, peaceful space--whether it is to take a gardening class, learn about our local environment, or, just sit and enjoy the pollinators and maybe garden a little.

Shepherdstown Day Care, Inc.	PO Box 388			County	Jefferson
	Shepherdstown	West Virginia	25443	Phone	304-876-1055
Project Information	Education and care for children of the working poor in the Eastern Panhandle.				Project Information

Since its founding, Shepherdstown Day Care's (SDC) mission has been to serve working families of the Eastern Panhandle. West Virginia social services assistance program, know as Mountain Heart, provides a subsidy to working families (families below the 125% of the federal poverty level) whose children are enrolled in our program. This gives the parents the ability to seek employment, further their education, and otherwise aid in their endeavors to further their careers. However, the subsidy does not cover the actual cost of the program. This shortfall is \$1.524 per student per year. The gap/disparity between the subsidized tuition payments and funding needed for operations grows each year. Bridging the gap and balancing SDC's budget is an on-going and ever-present challenge. Funds realized for this project will enable SDC to enroll the working poor in our educational programs, thus keeping SDC operational and our educational program strong.

American Red Cross	113 Lakeview Drive			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25313	Phone	540-270-2078
Project Information	Red Cross Disaster Relief				Project Information

The American Red Cross responds to an emergency every 8 minutes. From small house fires to statewide and multi-state natural disasters, the American Red Cross goes wherever needed, so people can have clean water, safe shelter and hot meals when they need them most. Red Cross paid and volunteer staff respond to and assist an average of more than 1,000 West Virginia families impacted by disasters each year. The vast majority of disasters we respond to are home fires. More than 95% of our disaster relief workers are volunteers. Disaster teams are trained and stand ready to assist West Virginian disaster clients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year. This project will provide disaster relief services, with an emphasis on immediate financial assistance for basic needs, to West Virginia families impacted by disasters big and small.

Appalachian Children's Chorus		210 Brooks Street, Suite 309			County	Kanawha	
		Charleston	West Virginia	25301	Phone	304-532-2269	
Project Information	Financial Aid					Project Information	

The Appalachian Children's Chorus (ACC) has a history of 33 years of serving children and youth in West Virginia through its choral program which strives to provide excellence in music education. The organization was established with the understanding that the program would be made available to all children despite socioeconomic situations. For over three decades, the chorus has been able to accept all children desiring to join due to donor support. We are again asking for \$5,000 in NIP credits so that we may continue to offer children of insufficient means the ability to participate in an organization that will have a lasting impact on their lives. ACC's program fosters the personal and social growth of choristers by promoting their sense of self-esteem, group accomplishment, and personal pride in a nurturing, team oriented-environment. ACC meets all criteria detailed in the NIP program and is in collaboration with many other arts and education organizations in the area. As a member of Youth Organizations United (Y.O.U.), ACC has collaborated annually with the River City Youth Ballet Ensemble, the Children's Theatre of Charleston, and the West Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra on a performance for school children as well as the public. Additionally, ACC is part of FestivALL with its Appalachian Festival of Young Voices every other year with the next festival scheduled in June 2024. Throughout its history, the organization has touched and molded the lives of thousands of children who have now taken their place in our society as successful and active members of the community.

Bags of Blessings Inc.		102 Nazarene Drive			County	Kanawha	
		South Charleston	WV	25309	Phone	304-553-5483	
Project Information	Bags of Blessings					Project Information	

Bags of Blessings provides toys, coats, clothes, and shoes to children under 12 years of age. Through donations and sponsors, over 400 children are served in Kanawha county each year. Sponsors receive a child's name, age, clothing and shoe size, and a wish list of toys. All new, unwrapped items are then distributed to the families a couple weeks before Christmas. Volunteers use donations to shop for children and to ensure every child that needs coats and shoes receive one.

Bob Burdette Center, Inc.	1401 Washington Street, West			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25387	Phone	(304) 720-0444

Project Information	Bob Burdette Center Afterschool & Summer Enrichment Project	Project Information
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The Bob Burdette Center, Inc. (the Center) is a 21st Century Community Learning Center (USDE/WVDE). The Center offers afterschool and summer enrichment programs to children grades K through 5 (K-5) at three sites with an average enrollment of 100 children attending from three of the West side Middle and Capital High feeder elementary schools. Our three afterschool sites include Edgewood Elementary, Emmanuel Baptist Church, and Mary C. Snow Elementary. Each site serves approximately 30-35 children, with the intent to expand enrollment to average 50 students served per site. All program sites operate in accordance with the KCS academic year calendar with additional summer programming provided all day during summer recess. School year sites operate Monday through Friday, 2PM to 5:30PM. Summer session programs operate at the main HQ site (Emmanuel Baptist), 8AM to 5:30PM, weekdays. In our program, children engage in homework assistance, academic enrichment, skill-building activities, and recreational opportunities every day. Center staff provide supervision and implement curriculum such as Positive Action for social and emotional support and the Second Step Violence Prevention program. Certified KCS teachers provide one-on-one and small group tutoring in reading and math as well as academic enrichment sessions. Opportunities for specialized activities are provided by community partners such as WVSU and WVU Extension Services who provide STEM, positive youth development activities, and technical assistance. Throughout the whole year, children are provided free, nutritious meals each day that are certified and audited by the WVDE Office of Child Nutrition. School year provides snack and dinner while summer programs provide breakfast, lunch, and snack. These meals are free of charge and the Center is an "open feeding site" that also serves any hungry child in need during our meals.

Buckskin Council, BSA	2829 Kanawha Blvd. East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-340-3663

Project Information	Scouting: Building Resiliency in youth to be future leaders	Project Information
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We will directly assist youth by facilitating their participation in evidence based programming that nearly doubles the chances of them being active, healthy, participating citizens as adults. Funds raised through the NIP program assist youth and families by financing expenses related to participating in the scouting programs. Funds are used for but not limited to items such as registration, uniforms, books, activity & camping fees, awards & advancement. The Brookings Institution has found through their research that interventions such as provided by scouting in early childhood, middle childhood and adolescence improve social mobility by increasing their social and academic competence. Participants are more likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be career or college ready and more likely to attend college. The Search Institute has identified 40 Developmental Assets that are fostered by participation in scouting. These assets align with the findings of the Brookings Institute and lead to more competent adults who are able to transition into productive adults. The recognition of achievement through rank advancement and merit badges, the opportunities to learn leadership, the learning of pro-social problem solving and conflict resolution skills build maturity and social competence. Participation in community service builds a sense of belonging in the community and decreases social isolation. Many scouts first identify a career choice through merit badge participation and build on that interest to have a productive and income secure job. Now that scouting is open to all youth, these opportunities will be available to both boys and girls.

Charleston Ballet		100 Capitol Street			County	Kanawha	
		Charleston	West Virginia	25301	Phone	3043426541	
Project Information	BALLET FOR ALL					Project Information	

Our BALLET FOR ALL program enables financially-distressed children and families to experience the cultural and educational benefits of attending Charleston Ballet performances free of charge. Families who reside in low-income neighborhoods of Kanawha County and meet the eligibility guidelines within the 125% federal poverty line will qualify. Free tickets to Charleston Ballet performances will be available for the fall, spring, and special student performances. In addition, a scholarship study program is offered to young students (ages 4 – 16) in collaboration with the Partnership of African American Churches (PAAC) Afterschool 21st Century Learning Programs and the American Academy Ballet, the official school of the Charleston Ballet, where the children take ballet classes. Attending performances through the BALLET FOR ALL program helps reinforce the connection of their ballet education with exposure to the world of dance and the participating artists. This educational experience extends into families as well. Community arts programs build social capital by boosting one's ability and motivation to become civically engaged and increasing a sense of connection to the community—the arts impact high-risk youth by reducing delinquency and improving school performance.

Childhood Language Center		1313 Quarrier Street, Suite A			County	Kanawha	
		Charleston	West Virginia	25301	Phone	304-342-7852 x 106	
Project Information	Sponsor A Child					Project Information	

Since 1990, the Childhood Language Center (CLC) has helped over 2700 children with speech, language, feeding and swallowing problems. The CLC is currently assisting 140 children from 14 different WV counties and has 13 children on its waiting list. The CLC's clients are dealing with a variety of difficulties, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down Syndrome, hearing impairments, developmental delays and apraxia of speech. Research has found that there is a strong connection between a child's ability to communicate and their behavior, including behavioral, emotional and social difficulties. If a child cannot communicate with his/her outside environment, this can lead to frustration and bad behavior as the child grows. It has been calculated that it costs \$2,500 to fund a child through one year of services at the CLC, which includes 51 individual therapy sessions, the opportunity to participate in group sessions and admission to the CLC's week-long summer camp. For many families in our low-income service area the CLC is the only option for speech and language therapy because it is free to any family, unlike many programs in our service area. The Sponsor A Child program allows individuals, businesses and organizations to donate \$2,500 or more in order to ensure that all children who require communication therapy have the opportunity. The donation can be either done as a lump sum or in payments as desired. No matter how the donation is given, children who would otherwise struggle to find affordable and effective speech therapy are assisted.

Children's Home Society	1422 Kanawha Boulevard East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25330	Phone	304-345-3894
Project Information	Emergency Child Shelter				Project Information

Children's Home Society's project is to obtain funding to support our 8-emergency child shelters providing 24 Hr. a day care, 365 days a year, with 88 bed capacity in total. CHS child shelters are located throughout the state, Logan, Wood, Nicholas, Cabell, Raleigh, Greenbrier, Kanawha and Hampshire counties. Shelters are strategically located in rural areas or distressed areas. Children/youth in shelter care are in the custody of the state, have been abused, or neglected, have status offenses, or otherwise have been displaced from their families. Our shelters are supported by our foster care program, our youth in transition to adulthood program, and our family strengthening programs. This is a combined effort to meet any and all needs for permanency for children in shelter care. CHS works with the DHHR and the court system to ensure the best possible outcomes are achieved. Our shelters are homelike, we celebrate milestones, we meet all basic needs, education, medical, psychological and special needs. We do a lot of work with family finding looking to locate potential family connections for our children. Shelters are the steppingstone to permanency, either return home, go to foster care, treatment programs and or residential programs. We are currently utilizing our independent living programs for youth aged 18 so that we can help find them an apartment, a job, or additional schooling. They each have an assigned social worker to help teach them basis living skills and to ensure they are progressing into adulthood well. This prevents them from being homeless when turning 18. Our resource centers help support families so a youth will be able to return home and have needs met. We connect all of our shelter children/youth to therapy and psychological services, while in the shelter and afterwards. Our shelter staff advocate for our children in the school system and in the court system. We strive to provide care that promotes normalcy and opportunities.

Children's Therapy Clinic, Inc.	113 Lakeview Drive			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25313	Phone	304-342-9515
Project Information	Comprehensive Therapy Services				Project Information

Children’s Therapy Clinic (CTC) provides therapy services – speech, occupational, physical and music therapies and social skills groups – to children with disabilities who live in Kanawha and surrounding counties in West Virginia. CTC delivers services to children from birth to 18 years of age who present with a variety of diagnoses such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, genetic disorders, neurological impairments, developmental disorders, and exposure to drugs in utero. The clinic provides services to families that lack sufficient income and/or insurance to pay for the therapy their child requires. Services are provided on an income-based sliding-scale fee, however, most of our clients have incomes of 200% of the Poverty level or below and receive free services. CTC never turns away a child because their parents cannot pay.

Christ's Kitchen & Food Pantry, Inc.	405 B Street			County	Kanawha
	Saint Albans	WV	25177	Phone	304-444-4374

Project Information	Project Deeper Care 2.0	Project Information
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Christ's Kitchen & Food Pantry, Inc. currently provides meals to low-income and homeless people 5 days per week (19,485 plates in 2022), and provides monthly food every Tuesday and Thursday to families (1,037 in 2022) in the St. Albans and Tornado areas. Our organization relies 100% on monetary and food donations. Our goal for Project Deeper Care 2.0 in FY 2024 is to continue providing eye care (exam, glasses and treatment for glaucoma and cataracts) in alliance with a local optometrist to 15 individuals, continue providing dental hygiene products (toothbrushes and toothpaste) and personal hygiene products (bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper) to 2,000 individuals within family units, continue providing feminine hygiene products to 60 homeless women, and continue providing bottled water to 125 homeless individuals. We will begin providing school snack bags to 500 children during the school year.

Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of WV	1 Clay Square			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-561-3566

Project Information	Adopt-a-School Program	Project Information
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The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences of West Virginia will continue its successful Adopt-a-School program during the 2023-2024 school year. We will “adopt” Title I elementary schools in Clay County, WV, inviting at-risk 2nd - 5th grade students for a day-long fieldtrip to the Center. Students will explore our hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) exhibits in the Avampato Discovery Museum, engage with visual art showcases in the Juliet Art Museum, and participate in educational demonstrations. To enhance the visits, students will be provided with lunch during the fieldtrip and the cost of round-trip transportation will be covered by the Clay Center, to eliminate access barriers. Lastly, each student will be given a year-long family membership to the Center, a \$125 value per family, that provides unlimited museum gallery admission to two adults and all children under 18 in a household. Members will receive exclusive first access to new science and art exhibits, quarterly Insider magazines, and discounts on planetarium films.

Covenant House, Inc.	600 Shrewsbury Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25301	Phone	304.344.8053 ext 22
Project Information	Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stabilization				Project Information

Covenant House’s mission is to prevent and reduce homelessness by improving food security, providing access to emergency assistance, housing advocacy, and improving access to health care. Our Service Center provides a choice food pantry; personal hygiene products; feminine hygiene products; diapers; wipes; assistance obtaining legal documents; and other referrals and information. We provide an evidence-based Housing First Program providing permanent housing for chronically homeless people, additionally, we provide short- and medium-term rental and utility assistance to prevent evictions. Covenant House also provides nutritional supplements for those living with advanced HIV/AIDS to improve their health outcomes. Through our partnership with WV Health Right, we have a full-time on-site street medicine clinic to address basic health care, testing and immunizations, and harm reduction and recovery care.

Creating the Advantage, Inc.	432 Shewsbury Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	
Project Information	CTA Youth Sports				Project Information

Creating The Advantage (CTA) is a Mentoring program, which pairs youth with caring, nonparental adults with the goal of promoting positive youth development as a strategy for early intervention with at-risk youth. CTA has created a youth sports program as a way to mentor at-risk youth and allow them to participate in youth sports. The benefits of participating in youth sports inspires confidence and mental health, prevents obesity, and reduces the risks of youth violence and substance abuse. The benefits of coaching and mentoring are well-documented, including increased academic achievement, lower engagement in risky behaviors, greater self-efficacy, decreased behavioral problems, and improved social skills. With proper mentoring from a coach, a young athlete can learn valuable lessons through psychosocial functions of role modeling, acceptance and confirmation, counseling, and friendship. CTA's sports program not only gives youth the opportunity to participate in their favorite sport, but the program also holds participants accountable for their school grades. All participants are required maintain a 3.0 GPA, participate in tutoring and mentoring. CTA collaborates with Garnet Career Center for tutoring and mentoring at risk youth. The cost for each player in CTA's youth sports program is \$250 plus tournament fees (lodging, fuel, entry fees, meals). For many low-income youth in our area, CTA is the only option for playing sports. CTA allows youth to play for free and travel to tournaments to gain more skill, connect with other players and coaches and provides structure and support from a mentor to guide youth to be positive, productive role models and citizens. CTA Youth Sports Program allows individuals, businesses, and organizations to donate \$1500 to ensure our youth have the opportunity to participate on a team, connect with a mentor and gain knowledge and experience to be the best versions of themselves.

Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center	2010 Quarrier Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-344-4511
Project Information	Earn While You Learn				Project Information

Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center provides a unique program entitled "Earn While You Learn." This program enables clients to learn vital parenting skills, while having their own personal parenting concerns addressed by trained volunteers and staff members. This program contains hundreds of educational modules, ranging from first-trimester prenatal care, breastfeeding, SIDS prevention, infant care, infant sleep issues, infant bonding, childhood discipline, and much more. A Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer updates our curriculum on a regular basis to ensure that everything taught is medically accurate and current. Each time a module is completed, the client earns "Baby Bucks" to be spent in our onsite baby boutique. Items such as car seats, strollers, pack-n-plays, medical kits, clothing, diapers, and much more can be purchased with "Baby Bucks" earned through taking "Earn While You Learn" classes. We also offer group classes. Our breastfeeding class is taught by a Certified Lactation Consultant, and a local pediatrician leads a class which addresses pediatric emergencies and illnesses. We offer a group class taught by a local fireman that educates parents regarding proper installation and use of a car seat. It is our goal to offer an upcoming class on pediatric oral health to be taught by a local dentist. We have witnessed that babies are safer and better cared for because of this free program and the excellent care it promotes. These classes empower our clients to be better parents, as well as bolster their self-confidence through helping them achieve their goals of providing for their children.

Daymark, Incorporated	1592 Washington Street East,			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	(304) 340-3675
Project Information	Feeding minds and bodies				Project Information

Daymark's Patchwork and Turning Point programs provide emergency assistance and residential long-term care to youth between the ages of 12 and 20. These youth have runaway from home or been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or severe trauma. Their parents are missing, deceased, incarcerated, addicted to drugs or unable and unwilling to care for them. Daymark's counselors encourage youth to focus on their futures by pursuing education and long-term solutions to their problems. They teach youth coping skills, life skills, and social skills while also providing basic needs such as food, clothing, and safe shelter. This project focuses on the provision of those basic needs and daily one-on-one counseling. Once youth are fed, feel safe, and feel that they have some control over their emotions, they can concentrate on educational and career goals.

DBWV Inc. DBA Dog Bless	3100 Virginia Ave Se			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25304	Phone	304-541-5251
Project Information	DogBless Community Cares				Project Information

Our project will assist low-income and distressed dog owners in Kanawha County, West Virginia with feeding, health care and preventative health measures for their animals. This assistance will range from needs as basics as food to health care, such as tick, flea and heartworm prevention as well as maintenance medications. Spay and neuter services will also be part of this, which will help control the explosion of local animal populations. By assisting these owners, we also can help cut down on the number of dogs surrendered to local shelters or abandoned outright, and assist in their mission to care for the many animals that come into their care.

East End Resource Center	502 Ruffner Ave.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-550-2656
Project Information	Senior Wellness Initiative				Project Information

The Senior Wellness Initiative will provide participants in the East End Resource Center Senior Program and their families with opportunities to socialize, exercise, and receive mental health and wellness counseling in an informal setting where they feel most comfortable. Our experience during the past year with the Mental Health Matters project, dealing with the anxiety, stress, and depression resulting from Covid-19 isolation, has demonstrated that informal discussions are useful in helping seniors and families to cope with problems they may experience but do not seek help for from traditional mental health providers. These discussions may also lead them to request one-on-one conversations with a licensed therapist in an informal setting, where such individuals might not otherwise seek professional help.

Participants in our Senior Program have expressed a desire for increased physical activity such as exercise, yoga, or tai chi classes through the Roosevelt Community Center, which is more accessible to them than traditional gyms or fitness facilities due to economic or transportation issues. We will offer additional exercise classes and other fitness opportunities for seniors during our Senior Program, and our Community Health Fairs attract participants of all ages.

Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley Inc.	P.O. Box 11623			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-881-7253
Project Information	Serving Seniors, Neighbor to Neighbor				Project Information

Using volunteer power, Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley provides an array of free services to our older neighbors in Kanawha and Putnam counties. We are seeing, anecdotally, an aggressive increase in need for the services we offer. The constant challenge the organization faces is sustaining and growing the pool of volunteers available to serve. This project is designed to help us reach our goal of creating consistent channels for recruiting volunteers, developing a robust community-wide outreach effort, effectively training and managing the volunteer base, and sustaining retention efforts. The purpose for the project is to ensure that we can continue to be a reliable, consistent resource to meet the specific needs of the senior population we serve: transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping assistance, phone friend matches to mitigate loneliness, and Honey Do Crews projects like installing grab bars and handrails. We have a vibrant force of over 235 trained and vetted volunteers and have served more than 500 of our older neighbors. Our volunteers appreciate the flexibility they have in scheduling and the variety of meaningful ways to engage. Our seniors appreciate the reliable and friendly personal attention they receive. Our task - and this project - has been developed to ensure that our volunteer power continues healthy growth to keep up with the increasing demand for our services.

Festiv-ALL Charleston, West Virginia, Inc.	PO Box 11287			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-470-0489
Project Information	FestivALL Neighborhood Arts Program 2023				Project Information

FestivALL's Neighborhood Arts Program exists to connect our community's children and youth with education, engagement, and exhibition opportunities in the arts. Specifically, this program offers free art instruction and supplementary art supplies through partnerships with after-school programs, organizes youth and student art sales and free art projects through the Children's Art Fair, engages children with juried art exhibitions: Art-for-ALL & Art-for-FALL, and manages Ticket Town which offers free community arts and performance event tickets through partnerships with local arts organizations. The program primarily serves students and youth located on Charleston's West Side but is open to other areas and counties. These include Boone, Clay, Fayette, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties with a focus on areas with a higher concentration of individuals below the poverty rate.

Friends of West Virginia Public Broadcasting	600 Capitol Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	(304) 556-4906
Project Information	Daniel Tiger's Little Learners II				Project Information

Our initial start date was delayed until early January due to a change in grantors from The Benedum Foundation to The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. Nevertheless, we've experienced a successful start, and continue exceeding our expectations for the program. Our program's objectives remain the same: to provide early learning curriculum, instruction, and support to children in day care and Head Start settings in Boone County. We chose Boone County because in 2022 only 31% of third grade students are proficient on state assessments, and 65.5% of the student population identified as "low socioeconomic status" (SES). The instruction is based on Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood from Fred Rogers' landmark social-emotional learning curriculum. It also uses a print rich environment to build the foundations of literacy. Children are learning a series of "strategy songs" to help manage emotions and develop key social and emotional skills while exploring, growing, and creating. Daniel Tiger's Life's Little Lessons uses the PBS Kids model of watch (video clip), play (playing games), explore (engaging in group activities), and share (communicating with families) to put children on the road to success for the future. These activities are proving to help build phonological awareness through visual aids, books, and teacher modeling. The PBS model allows children to strengthen their ability to comprehend, summarize, and make predictions. Since February children have been introduced to new topics that include new books, new games, open-ended discussion topics, and group activities designed specifically for their age group. Each new topic (each month) has strengthened concepts of print, scribble writing, pretend read, listening, questioning, retelling, etc. Ongoing Instructional support is provided by the Education staff at WVPB. Over the course of this year, our educators have observed children once disengaged, beginning to respond and participate - an overwhelming sign of success.

Gabriel Project of West Virginia	PO Box 4663			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25364	Phone	304-205-5865
Project Information	Basics for Babies Community Assistance				Project Information

The Gabriel Project of WV helps babies in low-income families have a healthy, safe start in life through community-based immediate, caring assistance. Babies enter the world utterly dependent on others for their every need. For low-income families, fulfilling their baby's basic needs is a constant daily stressful struggle. Low-income families are single parent households, wed and unwed couples, teen parents without sufficient support, and in rising numbers, kinship caregivers who unexpectedly received custody of a young relative and are unprepared to meet the child's basic needs. The Gabriel Project assists these low-income families by purchasing and directly distributing formula, diapers, clothing, cribs and car seats that are cost prohibitive for impoverished families but necessities for their young child's health and well-being. We provide services according to each family's assessed needs through our network of community church sites and trained volunteers in the 27 counties of our project area. Formula, diapers and clothing are the most urgently requested basic needs. We distribute formula to families who depleted their limited monthly public nutritional assistance allocation or to families who do not qualify for public assistance yet cannot afford to adequately feed their baby. We also distribute specialized formula to low-income families whose babies have allergies, digestive problems or other medical issues. We supply diapers and infant/toddler clothing to low-income families to keep their child comfortable and to lessen health risks. The new cribs we provide give babies a safe place to sleep and reduce risks of rollover falling, positional asphyxia or other trauma. In our project area there are infants sleeping in adult beds or in wobbly strollers or baby swings because their families cannot afford a proper crib. We also distribute new car seats to secure and protect young children from death or serious injury in motor vehicle crashes or sudden stopping.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council	321 Virginia Street, W.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	304-553-7028
Project Information	Financial Assistance for Girl Scouts and Volunteers in Economically Distressed Areas				Project Information

Girl Scouts is the world’s leading organization dedicated to the growth and development of girls into strong, successful young women. Our programming focuses on challenging girls to realize their potential, while growing into the best version of themselves along the way. At Girl Scouts, we develop girls into future leaders through programming focused around our four program pillars – STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills and Entrepreneurship. Girl Scouts is one of the only remaining organizations to focus on girls exploring what is possible, turning their dreams into reality, and helping them change the world. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), Girl Scouts have always learned the importance of persevering through adversity and drawing on the resilience and courage that are crucial to meeting challenges—skills that girls have drawn on as they’ve faced these obstacles. And as our members grow older, they use what they learn with us to champion better, healthier ways of living and working within their wider communities. Girls will carry the effects of the recent past with them for the rest of their lives and will use their experiences to change the face of business; bring a new perspective to daily life; and improve their own lives, our communities, and our world. In Girl Scouts, girls develop the competencies, positive values, and strong sense of self to do big things, as well as the grit and strength that are essential to solving both everyday and once-a-century challenges. That’s the Girl Scout difference.

Good News Mountaineer Garage	1637 4th Avenue			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25387	Phone	304-344-8445
Project Information	Good News Mountaineer Garage				Project Information

Good News Mountaineer Garage (GNMG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, reliable transportation to West Virginians with lower incomes who are working toward a goal of financial independence. We do this primarily by accepting donated vehicles, making necessary repairs to those vehicles, and then providing them to qualified West Virginians to use as transportation to and from work or job training through WV Department of Health & Human Resources (WV DHHR) and Jobs & Hope of West Virginia. 1) To be eligible for a vehicle through the WV DHHR a client must receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) benefits, actively participate in the WV Works Program, have a valid West Virginia driver's license, have a child under the age of 18 in the home, and be actively employed or beginning job training. These clients are referred to us by their WV Works Program case worker. 2) Clients eligible for a vehicle through the Jobs & Hope West Virginia Program must be referred through a transition agent, be over the age of 18, and be re-entering the workforce after overcoming a personal challenge.

Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries, Inc.	212 D Street			County	Kanawha
	South Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304.342.0029

Project Information	Basic Needs Assistance	Project Information
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Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries has assisted low-income individuals with their food, clothing and utility/rent assistance needs since 1965. Our main location at 212 D Street, South Charleston, not only serves the South Charleston community, but also the nearby communities of St. Albans, Tornado, Dunbar, Institute, Alum Creek and Davis Creek. Low-income qualified individuals receive Thrift Store vouchers for free clothing, furniture and housewares. In addition, assistance is provided with our food pantry, diapers, utility/rent assistance and work boots/shoes to those who need it. Every Friday during the Kanawha County school year, fifty weekend food bags are assembled and delivered to South Charleston Middle School and distributed to students who need weekend food assistance. Heart and Hand is also the only basic needs provider with a physical presence in Putnam County, helping with utility/rent assistance, diapers, formula, emergency food and resource information. Additionally, Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries provides utility and rent assistance to residents of the underserved Upper Kanawha Valley, also known as the Riverside High School district. All of this and more is made possible by a small staff, dedicated volunteers and community support. As a result of our mission, over 5,000 individuals benefit each year from Heart and Hand Outreach Ministry programs and assistance.

Hope for Appalachia, Inc.	PO Box 20076			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	304-993-5693

Project Information	HOPE Closet Program	Project Information
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HOPE Closets are cabinets within schools that are stocked with essential hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, tampons, pads, etc. With the help of a school staff member, students that may not have these items at home can select what they need. The goal of the HOPE closet program is to relieve some of the stress that students experience due to inconsistencies in their home life. It will give students access to what they need in order for them to go to school confidently and be prepared to learn. HOPE closets also support school staff by giving them resources that are readily available so they can serve their students. In 2022, over 10,000 items were distributed through 54 HOPE Closets. In 2023 there are 61 active HOPE Closets with the plan to expand to Boone County and Clay County and serve 18 more schools. Here are some stories from counselors that have a HOPE Closet in their school: "A student moved into our area in the middle of the year. Her family was homeless and they didn't have anything for the child to clean themselves. Thanks to the products from the Hope Closet that student was given everything she needed to be successful in school without the distraction of obtaining hygienic products." "We have several students who say that it really helps their mom out. One student said she hadn't had conditioner in months. She was waiting for her mom to get her check." "Students always ask me if I've restocked so they can come "shop" for products. They love having the ability to select which products they prefer the smell of, and it makes them feel more like they're shopping instead of receiving a free handout."

Kanawha Charleston Humane Society	1248 Greenbrier St			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304.704.4847

Project Information	Serving Families and Shelter Pets in Need	Project Information
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Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association provides services to the community through pet retention, counseling, and providing pet food to the public -- all to create a healthier, happier community for pets and people alike. Serving our region with two vet clinics, KCHA provides reduced-cost and free alterations, vaccinations, microchips, and basic preventative care for dogs and cats in Kanawha County and those surrounding.

Kanawha Hospice Care, Inc.	1606 Kanawha Blvd West			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WEST VIRGINIA	25387	Phone	304 -768-8523

Project Information	Friends of Hospice Safety Net Program and Food Pantry Year 3	Project Information
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HospiceCare has an internal program designated as "Friends Of Hospice". Each year the program raises funds to help indigent HospiceCare patients and their families pay utility bills, buy clothing, pay for prescriptions, and small medical equipment devices. Three years ago we added a food pantry to buy food for indigent HospiceCare patients and their families in Kanawha, Boone, Lincoln, Roane, Clay and Jackson counties. We also have an ongoing "Snack Basket" program for patients and their families using our inpatient facilities at Hubbard Hospice House, Hubbard Hospice House at Thomas Hospital, Hospice at CAMC Memorial. This program will provide free snacks to families and friends visiting in any of our facilities to make their visits feel more like home. Funds raised in this program will be used to pay for the cost of these purchases for our families in our communities. Last year, we received fewer credits than we have in the past. Though we know this program serves many deserving non-profits in the area, this decrease had a strong negative impact on our fundraising. We went through our allotted credits very quickly, and when donors were told we had no more to provide, they took their dollars elsewhere. We are confident that we can distribute a higher number of credits, given the interest in the past. That is why, this year we are requesting \$15,000 in NIP credits to serve our "Friends of Hospice" and "Snack Basket" programs."

Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center	1116 Kanawha Boulevard East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25301	Phone	304-346-9689
Project Information	Mental Health Counseling for Poverty Level Clients				Project Information

KPCC Counseling is requesting this grant to support our efforts of providing quality mental health care to residents of Kanawha, Boone, Lincoln, and Putnam counties, particularly to people who have limited financial resources and/or little or no health insurance. The physical and mental health of all people is integral in building healthy communities. All persons, regardless of their age, sex, race, beliefs, cultural background, religion, or ability to pay, deserve high-quality, professional care for their emotional needs. Receiving this kind of care usually translates into better health, better relationships with family and friends, all of which ultimately benefit our entire community. Funding given to this project will be used to provide counseling services to individuals that fall at or below the federal poverty levels.

Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc.	1121 Virginia Street East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-8051
Project Information	Intensive structured sober living leading to long-term recovery!				Project Information

The Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc. (KVFH) is an abstinence based transitional sober living facility for men. We treat men who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol with dignity and respect through our program of structure, action and accountability. Our 56- year -old program uses the 12- step recovery model that treats the whole person - spiritually, physically and mentally. The program lasts from 6 months to 3 years and is certified by the WV Alliance of Recovery Residences. Specifically, funds raised for this project will be used to offset the cost of operation in our intensive Phase I home at 1121 Virginia Street in Charleston WV. We provide meals 7 days a week, addiction counseling with a Certified Addictions Counselor, we pay all utilities and monitor our clients progress on a daily basis. KVFH supplies a van for transportation needs to appointments and court hearings plus laundry facilities are available free of charge. We know anecdotally and through our own recorded statistics that the longer men. who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, stay in the Phase 1 program the better their outcomes are and their chance for long-term recovery, so we require a minimum 6-month commitment and strongly encourage our men to stay an entire year in our intensive Phase 1 program.

Laotong Yoga, Inc.	PO Box 406			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25322	Phone	304-595-0504

Project Information	Laotong Yoga - Prison Yoga Project	Project Information
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Laotong Yoga LY Prison Yoga Project specifically focuses on coordinating and teaching weekly yoga classes in 2 WV state prisons, facilities run by the WV Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (WVDCR) and in state-certified recovery residences where people are sent by the court system to serve diversionary sentences under community supervision (Probation, Parole, CPS, Drug Court, etc.). Women living in these West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) certified Level 3+ recovery housing programs are criminal justice-impacted in that they are not allowed to work outside of the facilities when they are participating in yoga classes; therefore, all of the LY yoga participants are not working and have no income. At the recovery residences (RR) and in our yoga classes, they are learning self-reliance and life skills to help them transition from incarceration to re-enter society successfully. Laotong Yoga will teach a total of 200+ yoga classes divided among the following facilities:1) Lakin Correctional Center, Mason Co. - both Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes) & Ongoing Mixed-Level Hatha Yoga (40 classes) (total of 80 classes)2) Charleston Correctional Center, Kanawha County, RSAT, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment - Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes)3) Recovery Point Charleston, Kanawha Co - Variety Yoga, Meditation, and Mindfulness-Based Interventions (52 classes)4) Union Mission Addiction Recovery Program, Kanawha County - Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes)

Legal Aid of West Virginia	922 Quarrier St.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-343-3013, ext. 212

Project Information	Lawyer in the School Project	Project Information
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Lawyer in the School is a legal assistance project designed to meet clients literally where they are. Staff attorneys from Legal Aid of WV work alongside volunteer attorneys from private law firms to provide free legal clinics at elementary schools in Kanawha, Cabell, Wayne, Marion, McDowell, Mercer, Wyoming, Taylor, and Preston counties. Mercer and Wyoming are new to this year's project, based on requested services and a demonstrated need. Lawyer in the School was created to identify and assist with legal need where potential clients may not realize they have a civil legal problem; examples of these include housing stability, benefits problems, food security, custody and guardianship difficulties, domestic violence and abuse, and obstacles to income. Lawyer in the School's regular clinics create a reliable, safe resource for families who need assistance navigating complex issues in a legal system where those who can afford an attorney have an undeniable advantage. The schools served by Lawyer in the School have found that resolving civil legal issues results in greater stability in families' home lives. When issues at home are resolved, children can remain in school and focus on their education, and many of the children served have demonstrated significant academic improvement following help for them and their families. Because of the COVID pandemic, our service model changed to allow staff to serve school-aged children and their families by phone, email, and any safe, in-person methods needed. Now that in-person services are back and clinics can resume regular schedules, our staff have been able to use these established methods to create a hybrid approach to serving clients, allowing us to meet as many people where they are (physically and virtually) as possible.

Manna Meal, Inc	1105 Quarrier St.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-345-7121
Project Information	Preventing hunger and promoting nutrition and connection in Kanawha County.				Project Information

Manna Meal will utilize support from the Neighborhood Investment Program to improve access to healthy food, including fresh fruits and vegetables as well as proteins that are important for maintaining good nutrition and health for our community's most vulnerable population. We serve fresh produce at every meal, and help to redistribute fresh produce to our guests that is reclaimed from local grocery stores and vendors that we cannot use in our kitchen. This helps to improve the quality of life and support the health of many homeless and low-income Kanawha County residents, and alleviates some of the food insecurity experienced by these populations. Manna Meal is one of the only safe havens in Charleston where people from all walks of life can come for the nourishment that they need, and we often see the individuals that are falling through the cracks in our service system on a daily basis, and are able to build strong and trusting relationships with them. Because of this, we serve as a central point for many of our clients, and are in the fortunate position of being able to act as a linkage and referral outreach service between these individuals and the many partner agencies that we work together with closely to find solutions and services. Without these connections, individuals needing advocacy and a way to navigate the social services system would struggle even more to get their basic needs met. By working so closely with partner agencies in the community, we can work to bridge the gaps that so many people in our community experience, and help them to gain access to the resources they need to improve their lives.

Mountain Mission Inc.	1620 7th Avenue			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	304-344-3407
Project Information	Mountain Mission's Family Emergency Resource Project				Project Information

Mountain Mission's Family Emergency Resource Project serves families and individuals in the Kanawha Valley with unexpected emergency needs with financial and in-kind areas such as food, clothing, furniture, personal hygiene items, children and baby needs, help purchasing certain medications, utilities, various rental and housing needs among others. By carrying out this mission, we will support the hurting with the immediate needs and communicate the importance of education, careers and financial management in order to help them become self-sustaining members of our communities.

Rea of Hope, Inc.	1429 Lee Street East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-344-5363

Project Information	Rea of Hope Safe Housing and Employment	Project Information
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Rea of Hope provides the following support services to women to assist them in gaining long term self-sufficiency such as: 1. Supported Employment (job readiness, instruction on completing job applications, interviewing, appropriate dress code suggestions for employment, uniforms provided, transportation provided; instructions on how to be a reliable/dependable employee including punctuality, calling in if late or sick, and how to give a proper notice if changing employment. 2. Permanent Supportive Housing (safe, sober, supportive housing provided and long-term housing available for Rea of Hope graduates and their minor children after graduation from Phase 1 of our program. 3. Abstinence Based Recovery Housing (structured, supportive alcohol and drug free housing provided)

Read Aloud WV, Inc.	P.O. Box 1784			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25326	Phone	3043455212

Project Information	Building Student Proficiency by Connecting Reading to Pleasure 2023-24	Project Information
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Read Aloud West Virginia will support high-need families in building healthy reading habits. We will provide high-quality reading material to children with poor access to engaging print literature, organize volunteer readers to act as "reading role models" for classes, and engage parents, grandparents, and other caregivers to help them help their children discover reading for pleasure. Even before Covid disruptions, too few West Virginia students were proficient readers by third grade, an important developmental threshold. Current data shows 58% of students are not proficient readers. The good news is that children can learn to read proficiently, even children who live in poor communities. With good intentional instruction at school, and opportunities to read for fun at home, most West Virginia children can become proficient readers by third grade. However, many families, schools, and communities do not have a reading habit. Read Aloud helps them to nurture it. Read Aloud places trained volunteer readers in classrooms to serve as a "commercial" for reading, a live reading role model. Read Aloud also distributes books in communities that need them and educates parents about the value of reading to children from birth. Schools and communities most deeply involved with Read Aloud report higher interest in books among students and more time spent reading for pleasure. Research shows these conditions contribute to better reading comprehension and growth. One student in Jackson County is a perfect example. After Read Aloud's research-informed Summer Book Binge, designed to create excitement for reading, and to prevent summer learning loss, one elementary student held up his books, smiling from ear to ear, looked to the Read Aloud volunteer, and said he could not wait to "REEEEEAD." His school is among several in the state where most of the students maintained, or even gained, reading proficiency during the summer.

Religious Coalition for Community Renewal	1117 Quarrier Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-346-6398
Project Information	Transitional Storage Center				Project Information

The Religious Coalition for Community Renewal's Transitional Storage Center located within Saint Mark's United Methodist Church is a managed storage service providing 150 secure lockers and bins to people experiencing homelessness to store their personal belongings. The homeless face several barriers in trying to obtain shelter, services, and employment. Some of these obstacles are mental health and/or substance abuse problems, chronic health problems, disabilities, lack of access to transportation, and safe storage of their personal possessions. Providing a secure storage facility for the homeless helps to unlock the barriers that prevent them from obtaining permanent housing. Working with a case manager, the client, depending on the severity of the identified barriers, can expect to spend at least 3 months and up to 18 months in the program. The goal is for the client to achieve permanent housing using a Housing First approach with supportive services and collaboration among social service providers. In addition, the Transitional Storage Center offers a street outreach services to market the program, housing focused case management, and boutique where individuals experiencing homelessness may redeem vouchers for clothing.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern WV	910 Pennsylvania Ave.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25302	Phone	304-346-0279
Project Information	Keeping Families Close				Project Information

When a child is born too soon, or unexpectedly falls ill or injured, the demands placed on parents/caregivers can often seem insurmountable. For families at the Ronald McDonald House, we provide a reprieve from the stress and worry of having to pay for a hotel room, wondering when you might have a chance to grab a quick bite to eat, or navigating an unfamiliar city in search of a place to wash clothes. RMHC also works to support families while they are at the hospital. Our recently opened RMHC Family Room, at Women's and Children's Hospital, provides families with a place to rest, grab a snack, drink, or toiletry bag. Both places allow families a place to rest, without having to go too far from the patient. Whether we are helping families at the house, or family room, Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia is here so that Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, and other caregivers can continue to support the patient and be involved in their care. Our project is intended to keep families close through a difficult time of childhood illness or injury.

St. Mary and Archangel Gabriel Coptic Church, Inc	309 Beaugard St.,			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-951-8849
Project Information	Charleston Coptic Community Health Or Wellness (CHOW)				Project Information

Fitness facility: Members can utilize these resources to engage in strength training and cardiovascular exercises to improve their overall fitness and well-being. Nutritional counseling: Our organization offers comprehensive nutritional counseling services. Our expert team evaluates patients' diets, provides recommendations for dietary changes, and educates members on adopting healthy eating habits. Through personalized guidance, we help individuals make informed choices about their nutrition and support them in their journey toward better health. Addiction counseling: We understand the challenges faced by individuals affected by drug addiction and alcoholism. Our dedicated counselors provide professional support and guidance to young people and adults struggling with addiction. We offer a range of counseling services aimed at helping individuals overcome addictive behaviors and reduce associated harm. Our approach includes providing alternative options for leisure activities and empowering individuals to make healthier choices, manage stress, and live fulfilling lives. Daycare: Our organization offers daycare services, allowing parents to enroll in our gym or participate in other lifestyle programs with peace of mind. Our qualified staff creates a safe and nurturing environment for children, ensuring their care and engagement in age-appropriate activities while their parents attend to their health and fitness needs. Cardiovascular clinics: Providers from our organization volunteer their expertise to provide monthly cardiovascular clinics at WV Health Right. These clinics aim to serve the underserved community by offering specialized care related to cardiovascular health. Our dedicated doctors conduct thorough examinations, diagnose, and recommend treatment to needy community members. These clinics have become a vital resource, providing essential healthcare services to improve the cardiovascular well-being of our community.

The Appalachian Reading Center, Inc.	429 Third Ave.			County	Kanawha
	S. Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304-744-8188
Project Information	Scholarships for Low-Income Dyslexic Youth				Project Information

Our goal is to provide specialized tutoring for dyslexic youth from low-income families in distressed neighborhoods. We plan to provide scholarship assistance to 20 students during the project period. These students will receive financial assistance to allow them to participate in specially designed tutoring that will help them improve their reading and spelling skills.

The Education Alliance	803 Quarrier St., Suite 310			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25301	Phone	304-342-7850
Project Information	Education Alliance AmeriCorps				Project Information

Education Alliance (EA) AmeriCorps is a student success initiative that impacts student attendance, behavior, and course performance; measures correlated with the likelihood of graduation. Through this program, 75 AmeriCorps Mentors will mentor at-risk students and 8 College Ambassadors will support college access. During the 2023-24 school year, EA will continue with a pilot focused on growing professional educators within the state through the Grow Your Own (GYO) initiative. 25 high school Juniors and Seniors enrolled in their local county GYO program will provide tutoring and other instructional support to students at local elementary and middle schools. The EA program addresses the professional growth of the enrolled EA GYO students and the academic enhancement of the underserved elementary and middle school students receiving tutoring instruction from the GYO member. During the 2023-24 school year, students from 8 West Virginia counties will attend 20 or more mentoring sessions with an AmeriCorps Mentor. Members will mentor students by addressing their academic and emotional needs, helping them develop positive attitudes towards education, enhancing social skills, and encouraging skills such as time management. Mentors will continue to support at-risk students until they enroll in post-secondary education. College Ambassadors will coach high school seniors and adults by supporting the college application process. The Education Alliance has received an \$803,754 grant from Volunteer West Virginia to administer the AmeriCorps program. In order to operate the program with efficacy, the Alliance must raise \$458,007 in matching funds. The Alliance requests \$15,000 in NIP credits to assist this fundraising effort.

the west virginia music hall of fame	1427 Lee Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-4412
Project Information	Utilizing Music to Enhance Education and Job Prospects for West Virginia’s Coal-County Youth				Project Information

The West Virginia Music Hall of Fame was founded in 2005 as a non-profit organization to document, preserve, and honor the contributions West Virginians have made to all genres of American music. One of the most important facets of our mission is to provide educational outreach programs to share the accomplishments of these great artists. Since the organization was founded, we have learned the value of utilizing music and the unique personal stories of these musicians to inspire and encourage students to believe in themselves and pursue their own dreams. In addition to being a motivator, music is also a great medium for reaching students who might not otherwise want to engage or listen. Our proposed NIP project expands our most engaging educational programs into high schools throughout the southern coal counties of West Virginia. The “Music Career Counseling Program” focuses on performing and non-performing career paths in the music and entertainment industries. Four music industry professionals give a brief presentation of their careers, along with a musical performance. Students are encouraged to engage and explore each career path. Information and contacts for additional research is provided to teachers and school counselors. There are two ways we can present our program to the schools: (1) schools within reasonable travel distance to our WV Music Hall of Fame and Museum of Music at the Charleston Town Center (downtown Charleston) will be provided with funds to bus students to our location, and (2) if a school is unable to arrange a field trip to Charleston, our group of music career counselors will travel to the school. Under this NIP project we will be able to increase the number of schools, students, and teachers we can reach. And by focusing on the coal-impacted counties of southern WV we will be able to reach the students in our State who can really use some creative approaches to planning a career and entering the workforce.

Union Mission Ministries, Inc.	P.O. Box 112			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25321	Phone	304-925-0366
Project Information	Combatting Food Insecurity in School-Age Children				Project Information

Food insecurity for school-age children is a growing problem in WV. Despite state and federal programs designed to eliminate food insecurity, the issue is becoming worse. Union Mission, with the help of several local schools, has identified some of the key issues causing the increase in food insecurity for school-age children. These barriers to food access can be best eliminated by putting food directly into the hands of the children that they can take home to consume during times school is not in session (evenings, weekends, holidays, etc.) School-based food pantries are the exception rather than the norm and the pantries that do exist are inadequately stocked or contain the lowest quality of food (heavily processed foods). Based on a test Union Mission conducted during the spring semester of 2023 with a local middle school that produced great results, Union Mission (and its collaborating partners) seeks to establish or improve school-based food pantries, provide equipment students need to transport food home safely, and establish protocols for the function of the pantries. Union Mission's goal is to see food insecurity be reduced in the locals schools by placing food directly in the hands of the children so they can safely and efficiently take it home to consume when school is not in session. UM desires to see food options improve as well so these children can have access to healthy, nutrient dense food and reduce consumption of processed foods. By the end of the school year, Union Mission hopes to have detailed data on the number of children assisted in each of the schools with which they partner.

United Way of Central WV	One United Way Square			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-340-3503
Project Information	Get Connected. Get Help.				Project Information

United Way of Central West Virginia's Information and Referral project connects people to the resources they need, when they need it. Information and Referral provides support and assistance to those looking for non-emergent needs such as food assistance, help with utilities, rental assistance, homeless services, locating recovery support and so much more. We provide Information and Referral services to our entire six county service area: Kanawha, Putnam, Boone, Logan, Clay and Braxton counties. Our call specialists provide and maintain a data base of over 250 social service agencies that provide services to our six counties, regularly updating, adding or deleting programs as necessary. This ensures our data base is current and accurate for callers requesting assistance. Information and Referral also works with school counselors to identify low-income children who do not have adequate shoes to be safe and healthy. Once identified we provide shoes to those children at no cost directly through the school counselor. We build long lasting relationships with school personnel, allowing them to access Information and Referral for other resources as needed for their students. We use Information and Referral data to track specific needs, locate areas with specific challenges (such as food deserts) or identify unmet needs in under resourced areas. Information and Referral is zip code driven. This data can also show us areas with fewer calls, indicating additional marketing may be needed in those communities to ensure people know this valuable resource exists. Information and Referral also serves as a clearing house for Christmas assistance programs in Boone, Kanawha and Putnam counties. We work closely with approximately 30 Christmas Bureau partners to provide Christmas toys and food to families while also reducing duplication of services through this collaboration effort. Information and Referral is our trusted resource for assistance 24/7, 365 days a year.

West Virginia CASA Association Inc	P.O. Box 11773			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25339	Phone	3045431056
Project Information	It takes a village: Community advocates for children in foster care				Project Information

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. WV CASA is a nonprofit community organization responsible for developing, supporting, and strengthening local CASA programs throughout the state to assure quality volunteer advocacy for children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers are appointed by circuit court judges to advocate for the best interests of children/youth involved in child protection cases. It is our goal to engage and empower enough CASA volunteers to serve additional counties/judicial circuits throughout the state allowing more children to directly benefit from a community advocate on their side. With this project, WV CASA aims to respond to the request from local judges, GALs, and community members to expand services to children in counties where CASA is currently unavailable. Specifically, we aim to finalize our CASA program start-up in Raleigh County and continue expansion efforts in Randolph and Barbour/Taylor counties. While these counties are our current primary focus and align with our recently developed growth plan, WV CASA remains malleable to the needs and feasibility of the communities we serve. Relationship development is underway in Monroe, Summers, and Tucker county for future CASA expansion. West Virginia currently houses 10 local CASA programs serving children in 30 counties. In FY23, CASA was only able to pair 43% of children who have experienced abuse/neglect with a carefully screened and highly trained CASA volunteer to provide individual advocacy for their specific needs. The child abuse/neglect system is overwhelmed with untenable caseloads and staffing deficits. CASA is dedicated to ensuring children do not languish in WV's foster care system. Now is the time to put resources in place to ensure that every child subjected to abuse/neglect can interact and engage with a CASA advocate who is legally sworn to represent their best interest in the courtroom.

West Virginia Health Right, Inc.	1520 Washington Street East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-414-5931
Project Information	Dental Care and Chronic Disease Education				Project Information

WV Health Right, Inc. (WVHR) is the state's oldest and largest free and charitable clinic. Since its inception in 1982, WVHR has added a variety of options to its clinical services, including health education classes, which provide tobacco cessation assistance, nutrition classes, teaching kitchen classes, and classes to help individuals manage chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. In 2017, WVHR launched a state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic to provide free dental care to low-income adults in five rural counties in WV (Boone, Clay, McDowell, Logan, and Roane). Through this mobile dental clinic, WVHR will provide dental care and treatment to 1,800 impoverished uninsured/underinsured adults. In partnership with various local healthcare partners in each service area, WVHR has adequate space and internet access to perform these services. These healthcare agencies also assist in identifying residents of their area who are eligible for these free dental services. Access to dental care services improves citizens' overall health status and decreases emergency room usage, which decreases the number of controlled substances prescribed for chronic tooth pain. Further, increasing oral health care access also contributes to promoting employability and economic development and stability. In addition to providing free dental services throughout rural areas, health education materials will also be provided to 1,800 adults to increase awareness for effectively managing chronic diseases and reducing habits that lead to chronic health conditions. These materials will be geared toward managing cardiovascular risks, diabetes, weight, hypertension, and tobacco cessation.

West Virginia Humanities Council	1310 Kanawha Blvd. East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-346-8500
Project Information	Academic History Alive Programs in Rural West Virginia				Project Information

The West Virginia Humanities Council requests tax credits for “History Alive!” presentations and traveling exhibits in seven rural, low-income counties. History Alive! provides audiences a way to explore state, local, and national history, actively and interactively. This program brings historical figures to life through in-person presentations developed through direct scholarship and analysis, rather than through a prefabricated script. This educational resource is presented at no cost to audiences at schools, libraries, museums, historical societies, senior centers and other community venues to engage audiences in dialogue with historical characters portrayed by expert scholars. In delivering detailed, research-based presentations, the Council aims to provide quality programming to West Virginians in the direst need of educational opportunities. The 2023-2024 “History Alive!” active roster will feature over a dozen historical figures, including social advocate Abigail Adams, explorer Gabriel Arthur, author Mark Twain, and Underground Railroad leader Harriet Tubman. The Council’s traveling exhibit program reaches thousands of West Virginians each year for more extended hours and periods of time than History Alive! is able. Usually installed in local libraries, community centers, or even fast food restaurants for several weeks at a time, these exhaustively researched exhibits—such as American Blood Feud: The Hatfields and the McCoys—provide reliable historical information on popular topics to some of the most underprivileged communities in the state.

West Virginia State University Foundation, Inc.	100 East Hall			County	Kanawha
	Institute	WV	25112	Phone	(304) 766-3021
Project Information	WVSU Southern Counties Scholarship Program				Project Information

Founded in 1891, West Virginia State University is a public, land-grant, historically black university, which has evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multi-generational institution. WVSU has seen growth in admissions of students from southern W.V. The University acknowledges the extreme economic disadvantage that many students from areas such as Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln, Boone, Mercer, Raleigh, Wayne, Monroe, and Fayette Counties face when pursuing a college education. The WVSU Southern Counties Scholarship Program, coupled with existing scholarship opportunities, will help encourage a greater number of students from these areas to pursue a degree at WVSU and will continue to assist these students, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college, as they progress through their studies. With this program a minimum of 10 students per semester will receive up to \$2,000 to assist with tuition, fees, books and other needs based on the amount awarded. Southern West Virginia consistently ranks at, or near the bottom in measures of health, income and education on statewide rankings. Statewide, 24.1% of West Virginians have attained a bachelor's degree or higher. The average percentage of most southern county residents such as Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln, Boone, Mercer, Raleigh, Wayne, Monroe, and Fayette who have attained a bachelor's degree is almost half of the statewide figure at 13.5%. It is increasingly important to focus on the real importance of education as it pertains to income potential, professional opportunities and overall standard of living. It is incredibly important to provide support for students within these areas to address and overcome any obstacles that may hinder their own educational attainment and professional development.

Woman's Choice INC.	P.O. Box 11687			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25339	Phone	681-2171586
Project Information	Protecting children through education				Project Information

Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center provides free and confidential services for women and families in our community. One of our most frequently used resources is parenting classes. Through these classes, we are able to provided families with life skills which help to insure the safety of their children. Examples of the topics discussed in these classes include essentials such as; what to do in an emergency, first aid for children, safe sleeping for infants (SIDS), shaken baby syndrome, guarding medications and more. As we recognize additional needed subjects, they are added to the curriculum. A log is kept to insure that clients receive different classes each time they visit our facility for material items. Appropriate handouts are given out for many of these classes.

Women's Health Center of West Virginia, Inc.	PO Box 20580			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	West Virginia	25362	Phone	304-344-9834
Project Information	LGBTQ+ Health Equity Project				Project Information

Women's Health Center of West Virginia's (WHC) is an independent, nonprofit health center that has provided affordable and quality reproductive care since 1976 to people of all ages and incomes. WHC continues to offer free and sliding-scale gynecological care to people with low incomes and who lack health insurance. Services include birth control, breast and cervical cancer screening, emergency contraception, STI testing and treatment, and wellness exams. This year, WHC added gender-affirming hormone therapy and PrEP to our service array to meet the needs of our state which has the highest rate of trans youth and our community which has seen a dramatic rise in HIV spread. FORGE estimates that 48 percent of transgender people postpone medical care due to associated costs, 28 percent postpone medical care due to fear of discrimination and more than half of transgender patients are not out to the majority of their medical providers. Given this reality, transgender people often experience significant stress concerning their medical care. The LGBTQ+ Health Equity Project will provide free and affordable gender-affirming hormone therapy and PrEP services, alongside our broad array of other comprehensive healthcare services, to help improve overall health and wellness outcomes for this community.

YMCA of Kanawha Valley	100 YMCA Drive			County	Kanawha
	CHARLESTON	WV	25311	Phone	304-340-3566
Project Information	YMCA of Kanawha Valley Community Assistance Program				Project Information

The YMCA of Kanawha Valley is a charitable, social service organization dedicated to youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. YMCA programs focus on four core character values - caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Everyone is welcome at our YMCA, regardless of their ability to pay. The YMCA is founded and led by volunteers that guide us in identifying needs within our community and help form strategies to respond so that the entire community benefits from our efforts. Our health and fitness programs are geared toward improving a person's spirit, mind and body. The Cross Lanes YMCA Child Development Center is a licensed childcare facility through the WV DHHR with a capacity to serve 245 children daily, ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. The YMCA is also home to the Y Marketplace. The Y Marketplace is a Mountain Food Bank certified agency and provides food and basic needs to those in our community.

YWCA Charleston	1426 Kanawha Blvd, East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304.720.0541
Project Information	Emergency shelter, transitional & permanent housing, and education for low-income families in need.				Project Information

YWCA Charleston works to improve the well-being of some of the most vulnerable women and families in Kanawha, Clay, and Boone counties by providing a continuum of care and services. YWCA programs provide emergency shelter, mental health and substance abuse counseling, education, advocacy, nourishment, and safe homes primarily for women and children in poverty, although we do serve homeless men who have custody of their children.

Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation, Inc.	P.O. Box 1886			County	Logan
	Logan	WV	25601	Phone	304-896-7103
Project Information	50 Years Excellence & Beyond				Project Information

Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation has launched a new campaign "Excellence-50 Years and Beyond". Our goal is to raise \$1.5 Million dollars by December 31, 2026, to be used to provide scholarships, educational assistance, and emergency needs of students enrolled in Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Beginning with this year we also have subsidized students and those in our communities with frozen foods as an addition to our food pantries on each of our campuses. We work with several nonprofit organizations, local school boards, civic groups, and other businesses in order to handle the logistics of this effort. Southern's Foundation secured a donor to send our Surgical Technology students to Chicago, Illinois to a National competition where they placed 2nd in the Nation. Our 1st black-tie gala was held to raise money for upgrades to our Savas-Kostas Performing Arts Theater which is utilized by the college as well as the community and community theatre groups. We raised \$130,000 for new lighting, sound, and curtains.

Connecting Link, Inc.	Administrative Office			County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	(304) 363-4882
Project Information	Emergency Financial Assistance				Project Information

Connecting Link's community based Emergency Financial Assistance Program assists individuals and families by meeting the immediate financial need and empowering clients by linking other community resources such as employment, education, training, medical providers, etc. Funds are utilized to stop utility terminations, prevent evictions, and purchase prescription medicines. We also provide transportation assistance to employment and medical appointments, and assist with housing the homeless. We also offer budget counseling, free car seats (with inspections and proper fit and installation) and emergency food assistance. Our Emergency Assistance Program has the capacity to assist in alleviating homelessness, hunger, and poverty situations by empowering clients to be more self-reliant and to rely less on public assistance.

Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc."	PO Box 626			County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26555	Phone	(304)367-1100

Project Information	"Bringing New HOPE to Those Who Need it Most!"	Project Information
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HOPE, Inc. is a private, non-profit United Way agency that is licensed by the WV Family Protection Services Board to provide shelter and outreach services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families in Marion, Harrison, Lewis, Doddridge, and Gilmer counties. HOPE's emergency shelter has been in operation since 1980 and is the only shelter facility for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our five-county area. While receiving shelter, victims receive services that ensure their safety and allow them to seek alternatives to their current situation. Last year, 106 victims were housed for 4868 nights. For most victims we serve, shelter is their last option physically, emotionally, and financially. Over the past decade, HOPE has worked to obtain a new facility. Our current facility is now completely handicapped accessible, while providing a safe, home-like environment for victims and their families. Most of our clients come to us with only the clothes on their back, so their needs are numerous. Our goal is to be able to provide our clients with the assistance they need to start fresh. This year our project will focus on providing our clients with the necessary financial assistance to make the move from shelter to a home of their own, free from abuse. To accomplish this goal, our clients need financial assistance in many different forms. The most basic forms would be rent and rental deposits, but often due to financial abuse, their needs are more numerous. They often need non-basic items such as paying to replace lost documents, a washer/dryer for those moving to rural areas with no transportation, minor car repairs so they can get to work, childcare costs until they qualify for assistance, etc. These financial needs often keep a victim from moving on from an abusive situation. Our goal at HOPE is not only to provide a safe haven for our clients, but to give them independence to survive on their own.

Tygart Valley United Way (of Marion County)	221 Washington Street			County	Marion
	Fairmont	West Virginia	26554	Phone	304-366-4550

Project Information	Community Impact Program	Project Information
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Our community impact program encompasses five programs that work to build a stronger and healthier community in our region: Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Barbour, and Tucker counties. These programs work to address financial stability, health, and education through various tactics, including Information and Referral, which serves as a conduit for individuals needing services and looking for help; VITA/MyFreeTaxes, which allows individuals and families to prepare their taxes completely free or to have their taxes completed by a trained volunteer for free; Warm Coats Warm Hearts which aims to provide winter clothing to individuals and children in need; Flipside Afterschool Program that provides a safe and welcoming space for middle school students in Marion and Taylor counties, and United for Kids which aims to stock the school based pantries with critical items that students need for personal hygiene and health.

Union Rescue Mission	107 Jefferson St.			County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-363-0300
Project Information	Feeding the Hungry - Sheltering the Homeless				Project Information

The Union Rescue Mission in Fairmont, WV project includes feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless. This is done through a daily meal program serving three meals a day three hundred and sixty five day a year. We also offer a nightly emergency low barrier shelter and a long term housing alternative for those in our recovery program. This is available for men, women, and single parents with children.

Community Foundation of Mason County/MCCF, Inc.	108 North Church Street			County	Mason
	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	304-675-6002
Project Information	Mason 'Mergency Money				Project Information

Mason County Community Foundation (MCCF) proposed NIP projects benefit low-income residents who are vulnerable and needy in Mason County, West Virginia, our community service region. NIP credits will raise funds to supply current grants to assist in meeting essential basic human needs and to reduce the effects of poverty through the Community and Advised Grants programs. These crucial MCCF grant programs provide essential funds to help children, adults and families through direct need and emergency assistance programs and grants to community-based organizations. For example, Pleasant Valley Hospital is receiving \$50,000 a year, for five years, to support the Diagnostic Support. Since COVID began in early 2020, students in K-2 reading programs have suffered greatly, resulting in the granting of funds for training additional teachers in the Science of Reading (SOR) program, and \$57,900 in college scholarships were just awarded from our funds, 41% of which went to low-income students. Additionally, our second goal this year is to establish a new fund that will provide additional emergency services for shelter, clothing, medical, dental support or supplies for needy citizens, relieve food insecurity, mitigate the impact of substance use disorders and meet fundamental personal safety or hardship needs. The granting of NIP credits to our organization will help guarantee the success of the new emergency fund and continue annual grants that assist children in need and other low-income vulnerable residents.

Pleasant Valley Hospital, Inc. (DBA Rivers Health)	2520 Valley Drive			County	Mason
	Point Pleasant	West Virginia	25550	Phone	
Project Information	Neighbors Helping Neighbors				Project Information

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors program was developed to support the needs of the most vulnerable members in the neighborhoods surrounding Pleasant Valley Hospital, Inc. (DBA Rivers Health). This region includes a significant population impacted by poverty, high incidences of substance abuse, poor health practices, and inconsistent medical care. Among those served by Rivers Health are patients from low-income backgrounds, people and families who are homeless, victims of domestic violence or human trafficking, and those suffering with mental health and substance abuse issues. This project was designed to provide aid to financially vulnerable patients, thus relieving stresses and worries that far too often present barriers to them seeking needed medical care. Assistance takes many forms, including covering co-pays, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, payments for prescriptions, transportation to medical appointments (for those not eligible for other transportation services). Far greater than the financial assistance, it provides a measure of hope to patients who are struggling, not only with sometimes desperate medical diagnoses, but also the uncertainty of how they will pay for care and treatment. Funds provided by NIP donations will be instrumental in bringing much-needed financial assistance and the healing power of hope to patients.

Bluefield Preservation Society, Inc.	PO Box 4044			County	Mercer
	Bluefield	WV	24701	Phone	304.716.1646
Project Information	Lessons in Film Education (LIFE)				Project Information

Lessons in Film Education (LIFE) uses movies as a creative educational tool to enhance current curriculum in the public schools. BARC developed the LIFE program in 2021 and began delivering in-theater lessons to Mercer County students in December of that year. The program continued during the 2022-23 school year. During those two school years, more than 3,500 students from sixteen schools in Mercer County visited the Granada Theater to participate in this education program. The LIFE program uses films as an innovative educational tool to enhance and supplement current curriculum in the public schools, including movies relevant to learning objectives in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students also gain an introduction to how filmmakers craft and tell their stories, with the goal of expanding their communication skills using visual media. The LIFE program features in-theater lessons before and after seeing the film in the Granada Theater.

ChildLaw Services, Inc.	1709 W. Main Street			County	Mercer
	Princeton	WV	24740	Phone	3044259973

Project Information	Project Uplift	Project Information
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ChildLaw Services stands out as a unique legal firm as it is the sole nonprofit organization in West Virginia dedicated exclusively to representing children. Our firm handles a wide range of cases involving the children we serve, including juvenile delinquency, truancy, child abuse/neglect, high-conflict custody, victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, as well as adoption and guardianship matters. Through active involvement in court hearings, home and school visits, multidisciplinary team meetings, serving as guardian ad litem, and collaborating with like-minded individuals and organizations, ChildLaw Services actively advocates for the well-being of children. Moreover, we take the lead in directing innovative prevention programs such as Mercer County Teen Court, Kids Run the Nation, First Book, and Partners in Prevention. For example, our Teen Court program engages teenage volunteers in sponsoring and adjudicating their peers, fostering empathy and promoting the understanding of societal rules. Kids Run the Nation is a 10-week after-school program that not only promotes physical health through running but also cultivates character development, cooperation, love for oneself through the formation of healthy habits, love for the community, and leadership. The program culminates in a 5k run for the participating children. ChildLaw Services actively participates in various abuse prevention initiatives, including Body Safety courses, Listening Projects, and Youth Development programs. While a significant portion (approximately 60%) of our funding comes from fee-for-services provided by the WV Supreme Court and the Public Defender's Service, the need for our services has intensified due to the rising opioid epidemic and its impact on children. Donations from individuals, corporations, and public groups play a crucial role in enabling us to provide legal advocacy and therapeutic services to child victims of crime.

Concord University Foundation, Inc.	PO Box 1405			County	Mercer
	Athens	WV	24712	Phone	3043845348

Project Information	Concord University Pathways Scholarship	Project Information
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Concord University's Pathways Scholarship is awarded annually through the Concord University Foundation to rising or current sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are West Virginia residents and face financial need that could force them to withdraw from school. This scholarship is life-changing for our students, and each year, we have seen applications for this scholarship increase. Last year, Concord was able to award 50 students \$2,000 scholarships. These students were selected from a pool of more than 180 students who applied for assistance. Today's students are dealing with a number of external factors that can present barriers to them completing a college degree, but the CU Foundation is committed to helping break down those barriers by providing as many scholarship dollars as possible each year to Concord students. The Maier Foundation of Charleston, West Virginia matches funds raised by the Concord University Foundation for Pathways, but in order to receive this match, Concord must raise \$60,000 by October 1 of each year. NIP credits will help the Foundation meet this goal, which will in turn help recipients of the Pathways Scholarship continue their education.

Princeton Community Hospital Foundation	122 12th Street			County	Mercer
	Princeton	WV	24740	Phone	304-487-7242
Project Information	Supplemental Charity Care Program				Project Information

The Supplemental Charity Care Program allows individuals experiencing extraordinary circumstances, such as the sudden loss of income, a change in family dynamics, or a catastrophic health event, which are not considered as criteria under the hospital's traditional charity assistance program to be considered for financial assistance to pay for primary or emergency medical care. This program supports patients in our local community who are in the 125% poverty level range. All funds from this program are used for medical care expenses that patients incur at Princeton Community Hospital. PCH serves a multi-county area which is suffering from extreme poverty, high unemployment, and low income. For those who have insurance, they are faced with high deductibles that they cannot afford to pay, therefore many go without medical care. This program helps cover the costs of necessary medical care for those struggling in our area.

West Virginia Families United for Education	2325 Flat Top Egeria Road			County	Mercer
	Flat Top	WV	25841	Phone	3042375292
Project Information	WV FUE - School Options Navigation				Project Information

WV FUE exists to remove barriers, guide parents, and support providers through the transformation of K-12 education in the Mountain State. We recognize that not every child is best served by their local public school, and we believe we are uniquely positioned to provide support for the nonpublic infrastructure that is essential to serving families without means. We are the only WV-based organization in the state formed solely to provide navigation support to parents, connecting them to learning environments and education models that meet them where they are. From technical assistance to working with County Boards of Education on behalf of families, we are often the connecting piece that stands between a child and an opportunity that helps them reach their full potential. The projects that NIP would allow us to execute is to continue offering resources via our website, provide knowledge and resources through workshops, and to create regional committees to be the liaison between families and organizations such as WVSSAC, WVSTO, WVDE, and County Boards of Ed. Most of the families that we work with live in underserved communities with limited resources. This makes it hard to find information and understand laws that pertain to the many different educational options. Hiring a consultant or lawyer is not possible for these families and WV FUE has been successful in helping them to navigate intimidating issues that can become complex, especially since the Hope Scholarship and access to school sports for private and homeschooling students is new to both families and government organizations in WV. WV FUE is the only organization that has provided direct services to both providers and families using experience from decades of grassroots work. Over the past two years, it has become clear that there's a need in WV communities to have access to experts who can provide families with free assistance in navigating all available educational options for their children.

Westminister at Wade Inc.	1400 Highland Ave.			County	Mercer
	Bluefield	WV	24701	Phone	304-327-8636
Project Information	After-School Program				Project Information

The Wade Center provides a safe, creative place for at-risk elementary school children to receive after-school help with their homework, reading and math skills, and computer proficiency. Three tutors and volunteers assist them, and local professionals provide weekly classes in art and music, as well as devotionals. We serve the students healthy snacks and dinner, and the children go home on Thursdays with a bag of easily opened and prepared food for the weekend.

Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc.	539 New Creek Highway			County	Mineral
	Keyser	West Virginia	26726	Phone	304-788-7720
Project Information	SARAH'S House Child Advocacy Center and the Parents as Teachers Program				Project Information

SARAH'S House Child Advocacy Center is a child-friendly, child-focused facility that provides a different way to investigate, treat and respond to allegations of child abuse. These allegations can include sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, witness to violence, drug endangerment, exposure to/depiction in child pornography, and child sexual exploitation. Children ages 3-17, who have been victimized by abuse, receive services from certified professionals who coordinate investigative responsibilities with child protective services and/or law enforcement to increase the likelihood of a successful outcome. SARAH'S House offers services to families in need regardless of their ability to pay. Parents as Teachers is an evidence-based, home visitation program providing services to families with children ages birth through kindergarten and/or prenatal. The program is voluntary and completely free. The goals of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program are to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve positive parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and connection to services, improve parent, child, and family health and well-being, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase children's school readiness and success, improve family economic well-being, strengthen community capacity and connectedness. Goals are met through personalized visits and group connections. PAT visits are tailored to meet the needs of the family. Parent Educators visit with families 1-2 times a month, depending on the need. During visits, research-based information is shared on important topics such as parent-child interaction, child development, development-centered parenting, and family well-being. PAT also hosts group connections for enrolled families and the community to attend. Group connections provide hands-on learning activities, opportunities for socialization with other parents and children, and having fun. ☒

Community Trust Foundation	112 Baltimore St.			County	Mineral
	Cumberland	MD	21502	Phone	301-876-9172
Project Information	Meals on Wheels				Project Information

The Community Trust Foundation, in collaboration with the Aging and Family Services of Mineral County (AFSMC), is supporting the Meals on Wheels program in Mineral County through an established endowed fund. This endowment will assure the long-term sustainability of the Meals on Wheels program which, despite being crucial to the well-being of more and more low-income Mineral County senior citizens, continues to be increasingly underfunded. This Meals on Wheels program is a community-based, emergency assistance program that serves primarily low-income senior citizens in the economically distressed area of Mineral County, West Virginia. Meals on Wheels is a service designed to assist frail, elderly shut-ins by providing them with one well-balanced, nutritious, hot meal, five days per week. This program is for those who cannot cook for themselves, have no one to cook for them, and are unable to leave their homes for meals. The service allows people to stay in their homes, maintain some independence, and avoid living in costly institutions – a financial benefit to the client and the community. A Meals on Wheels delivery also provides a reassuring “check-in” for those who live alone. Any unanswered delivery is reported and investigated. Changes in a recipient’s health or needs are noted so that dietary changes can be made or appropriate referrals to family, physician, or other community services are arranged. NIP Tax Credits to this program go to relieving the hunger deficit of needy senior citizens and assuring the long-term sustainability of this vital program. As the endowment grows in perpetuity, 4% of the market value is used by the AFSMC to assist in feeding the low-income elderly. After 10 years we expect the endowment to hold \$100,000 minimum, providing \$4000+ each year for the agency to address senior hunger and isolation.

Christian Help	219 Walnut Street			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	304-296-0221
Project Information	Direct & Emergency Support Services				Project Information

The Christian Help (CH) direct & emergency support services are provided free-of-charge to facilitate financial stability for individuals & families in, and to avoid, crisis situations. This includes grants-in-aid; vocational assistance; daily & maternity clothes, outerwear, footwear; infant/children needs; household items, small appliances, linens; and food pantry orders. If clients have an unexpected shortage, the CH emergency financial assistance (EFA) program can help. Grants may be for identification documents critical to securing employment and benefits; or, to help pay a bill. CH EFA underwrites utilities, shelter, transportation, medical, and/or personal (e.g., birth certificates & IDs) needs. During CY22, we served 845 households with \$110,929 in monetary aid. Confirmation of need (i.e., billing statement, invoice) and legal right (e.g., account, vehicle, homeowner), as well as voucher acceptance from the involved vendor is required. Our network of vendors is extensive, and our reputation and payment record with them is stellar. The CH Food Pantry (FP) and Free Store (FS) programs provide direct aid via donated in-kind products to help meet client needs and off-set financial shortfalls. During CY22, the CH FP served 790 households; and, the FS served 8,314 shoppers, plus 2,319 special and vocation needs at \$18,688 direct cost. Base physical needs, such as food, undergarments, toiletries, clothing, and shoes, as well as survival blankets, hot hands and feet pads were given to our most vulnerable (i.e., homeless, low-to-moderate income) residents. CH does more than simply help with finances. Our counselor is an education resource and referral service for clients seeking aid. We listen to each unique situation and offer the most beneficial resources. Whether the resource is one of our programs or another agency's, no client leaves without the full support we can offer. Individual stability supports family stability which supports community stability.

Libera, Inc.	P.O. Box 1147			County	Monongalia
	Dellslow	WV	26531	Phone	304-319-0970
Project Information	Lila Bear Explor(her) Boxes for Disadvantaged Youth				Project Information

This project is an exciting opportunity to inspire learning for low income and disadvantaged youth while also supporting their mental health needs. Libera will distribute 660 Lila Bear Explor(her) Boxes filled with STEAM booklets and activities to disadvantaged elementary youth through Pantry Plus More and the Monongalia and Preston County DHHR offices. These boxes will also include mental health support resources such as crisis lines, the child abuse line, tips on disclosing abuse, and free apps for anxiety and depression. The Lila Bear Explor(her) Boxes are focused on Appalachian women and places. They inspire youth to learn, explore, and take action. The boxes will be distributed during the holidays so youth receive something special that is both educational and can meet direct mental and emotional health needs.

Milan Puskar Health Right	341 Spruce Street			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26507	Phone	304-292-5702
Project Information	Access for All at MPHR				Project Information

This year's proposed NIP project will aid in the expansion of our clinic and behavioral health units focused on special populations to include: women, LGBTQ+, and those with English as a second language. Milan Puskar Health Right (MPHR) is a Primary Care clinic for individuals that are uninsured or underinsured which includes a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy licensed in the State of WV. Other programs include the Community Engagement program, Friendship House and Friendship Fairmont (Recovery Drop-In Centers), LIGHT Project (Harm Reduction Program), Pediatric Clinic, Vision and Dental Referral, Women's Health Program, Counseling/Social Services Program, Peer Recovery Support, MAT, and our ever-growing Community Outreach Program. This project will support MPHR's primary clinic and outreach activities as it relates to sexual health screenings, cancer prevention, and wellness. MPHR has a unique capacity for working with people with low-reading levels, low-health literacy, homelessness, and individuals who face difficulty making their way through the regular system. This is important because these socioeconomic groups are typically underserved and therefore have less access to preventative programs and screenings or are provided with a lower standard of care. We are looking to rectify that disservice.

Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	1825 Earl L. Core Road			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	3042920914 x100

Project Information	Robinson Street Affordable Housing Project	Project Information
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The Robinson Street Affordable Housing project consists of three (3) single-family homes which will be built in Fairmont, Marion County, WV. Scheduled to begin late Summer 2023, these three-bedroom, 2-bath homes will be completed within twelve months. The project's goal is to provide three (3) families from the Fairmont area with safe, affordable homes and help revitalize a neighborhood that is considered blighted. Families and individuals apply for the Homeownership Program, and are selected based upon their housing need, ability to assume a 30-year, zero-percent interest mortgage and willingness to partner with Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity. This partnership includes completing 250 hours of "Sweat Equity" for each individual 18 and over in the family; these hours may include work on a construction site, completing homeownership and financial education courses, working in the Morgantown ReStore and promoting the Homeownership Program to potential applicants. Partner families, upon completion of the Homeownership Program, assume a zero-percent affordable mortgage which is calculated on their ability to pay.

To generate awareness of MVVHFH and the Robinson Street Affordable Housing Project, three Community Improvement grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded to groups selected through an application process. These projects may include neighborhood improvements such as painting, landscaping, or accessibility enhancements.

Monongalia County Society for Disabled Children & Adults	400 Mylan Park Lane			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	3043220012

Project Information	SteppingStones R.I.S.E (Recreation, Inclusion, Sports and Education) Programs	Project Information
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There is a tremendous need for out-of-the-home/school recreation and sports programs for children and adults with disabilities. This is not only for the participant but also as a respite break for parents and/or guardians. SteppingStones Sports and Recreation Center's mission is to empower individuals with disabilities through year-round sports, recreation, and educational programs; building self-esteem, confidence, and life skills. We believe that together these goals will help individuals with disabilities find strength and courage within themselves to try new adventures. The R.I.S.E Program stands for Recreation, Inclusion, Sports, and Education. We will use this platform to recruit, encourage and develop additional support from local businesses and donors but the key component of the program is to increase the number of participants from within our community that are involved in our programs in one way or another, either in a sports program, a life skills class or one of our many social programs. We utilize thousands of volunteers from West Virginia University, our local high schools, and other community organizations throughout the year to assist with our programs. Our community volunteer base helps to aid in the area of inclusivity. We pair our volunteers with participants to ensure that everyone is included and engaging during our programs.

Morgantown Community Resources, Inc.	20 Scott Avenue			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	West Virginia	26508	Phone	

Project Information	Hazel's House of Hope Capacity Building Project	Project Information
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Morgantown Community Resources, Inc (MCR) is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation whose goal is to own and maintain Hazel's House of Hope, which provides a centralized location to affordably house a variety of social service agencies to serve Morgantown and Monongalia County. Hazel's House of Hope is a 108,000 square foot former hotel, which has been repurposed as a facility that can support the needs of the most vulnerable populations in our area. Hazel's House of Hope and its partnering agencies aim to address three major public health issues afflicting the vulnerable populations in our community: the high and increasing population of people suffering from homelessness, an increase in the number of individuals struggling to maintain food security, and spikes in substance abuse and fatal overdoses in Monongalia County. Currently, Hazel's House of Hope houses the following agencies: United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties, Bartlett Housing Solutions, Hope Hill Sobering Center, Salvation Army/Morgantown, Lauren's Wish Addition Triage Center, and Catholic Charities. Also, during the winter of 2022-23 the Monongalia County Warming Shelter was housed at Hazel's House of Hope and was managed by United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties. The NIP project will enable MCR to assist the agencies located in Hazel's House of Hope in providing continued services to their clients. Without Hazel's House of Hope, these agencies would not be able to provide temporary housing to homeless individuals, emergency shelter for individuals and families in need, food distribution and feeding programs for all ages, a sobering center for individuals arrested for addiction and are in need of counseling, and addicts that are in need of a safe haven, before a treatment center visit can be arranged, and life skills counseling.

Mylan Park Foundation	500 Mylan Park Lane			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	304-276-8046

Project Information	The Mylan Park Foundation Summer Fun Zone Camp Scholarships	Project Information
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The Mylan Park Foundation (MPF) seeks support of NIP funding for their Summer Fun Zone Camp Scholarships (SFZCS). The SFZCS project will provide access for 50 or more underprivileged children to Summer Fun Zone Camps at Mylan Park. The camps provide elementary age children with a full spectrum of sports and nature assets in the park and the opportunity to learn healthy lifestyle habits in a summer camp atmosphere. The camp curriculum and related activities are designed to support the social, emotional, and physical development of all participants. The camp sessions include outdoor park adventures, friendly sports competitions, explorations of various forms of artistic expression and opportunities to develop strength coordination and teamwork skills participating in a wide variety of sports, swimming, and other camp activities. Summer camp, is a unique venue for growth, allowing kids to become independent and self-confident, while socializing and making new friends, and even learning new skills. According to ID Tech there are significant benefits to a child who attends summer camp beyond the fun and entertainment. Some of these benefits include: 1. Developing unique interests, confidence and resilience 2. Instilling gratitude and appreciation 3. Providing mental stimulation and physical activity 4. Reinforcing independence and empowerment

Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, Inc.	PO Box 4228			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26504	Phone	304-292-5100
Project Information	101 Ways; to bring Awareness to Help Prevent Violence: A community Empowerment Project.				Project Information

Awareness prevention programs will empower our local communities. RDVIC is the only agency of its kind in our three county service area. Our ongoing project this year will focus on public schools, five high schools covering Monongalia, Preston and Taylor counties. Our project will bring awareness to high school children that will determined underserved by the school guidance counselor or the school nurse.

ROFAYKI, Inc	P. O. Box 104			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26507	Phone	304-216-0639
Project Information	Science Based Outreach Programs				Project Information

Spark will create and implement hands-on, science-based outreach programs for an elementary school in Fairmont, WV. Spark will create a new pre-K through 1st grade, hands-on program on the Science of Sound. This program will be specifically made for this age group and based on a book, Oscar and the Bat: A Book About Sound. During the program, students will use different tools to make animal sounds during the story and learn how humans and animals hear sounds. Spark will provide 3 of these programs at no charge to the school. Spark will also offer 3 free hands-on, science-based programs for upper grades at the school. Spark's outreach programs use hands-on activities to teach fundamental science concepts. Hands-on science programs have been shown to get kids excited about science, encouraging children to pursue science knowledge and eventually science careers. West Virginia students are behind in science knowledge, it is important to get kids interested in science and gaining science knowledge and skills at an early age to get them ready for future science careers and break poverty cycle.

Scott's Run Settlement House	PO BOX 590			County	Monongalia
	PURSGLOVE	West Virginia	26546	Phone	304-599-5020
Project Information	Backpack Feeding Program				Project Information

Scott's Run Settlement House's (SRSH) Backpack Feeding Program provides food for the weekend to children who rely on school meals as their primary source of nutrition and experience food insecurity. Each week SRSH delivers bags containing two breakfast items, two lunch items, two dinner items, two snacks, and one fruit item to the schools who then distribute them to the children enrolled in the program. Beginning in 2011 with 100 children participating at one school, the program has grown to serve over 500 children at 9 schools. The benefits of this program are quite substantial. Surveys from both parents and teachers indicate a positive impact in the children's mental, emotional, and physical health in addition to improved academic performance. Specifically, 78% of parents reported an improvement in their child's overall mood and behavior while 72% of teachers reported improved attention in class. The additional nourishment the program provides allows children to develop properly and decreases the stress associated with childhood food insecurity. The cost of this program is roughly \$150 per child, per school year. This reflects food costs alone and does not include transportation or staff expenses. For the 2022 - 2023 school year, SRSH's food cost will be approximately \$75,000. Additional funding will not only allow SRSH to continue to provide for hundreds of children in need, but it will also allow healthier foods to be purchased. With your support our program will continue to evolve and expand to ensure no child goes hungry.

The Shack Neighborhood House, Inc.	PO Box 600			County	Monongalia
	Pursglove	West Virginia	26546	Phone	304-599-5466
Project Information	Shack Student Enrichment				Project Information

There is a tremendous need for before and after school programs as a supplemental offering to children and families in our community. Programs like the Shack's provide children of high risk the opportunity to have additional one on one tutoring. Additionally, children need a safe place to be active and engaged after being restricted to sitting down most of the day. The Shack's before and after-school programs are offered throughout the school year and provide a safe environment for children grades K-5 to receive academic support, recreation, nutritional and social enrichment. The education component consists of programming that include art, STEM, physical activity and reading. The physical education component of this program affords children a place to release their energy and decompress. We will be adding a walking/miles club incentive with our physical activity program allowing children to earn charms for milestones met. It is important that we provide safe, affordable care to working parents and to bridge academic growth during the summer. The Shack offers a summer camp with a unique venue for growth, as it allows kids to become independent and self-confident, while socializing and making new friends, and even learning new skills. Summer Slide is an issue especially for those students from low-income families. A study conducted by NWEA showed that children in 3rd to 5th grades lost about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer. We have incorporated reading, math, art, and science programs in our camp to keep the children engaged and on track over the summer. During the 2022 Summer program many students received scholarships to be able to attend. Most of the students who attended this program attend Mason Dixon Elementary and Mylan Park Elementary, both of which have free/reduced lunch assistance percentages above the State average of 51.4%.

The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest, Inc.	P.O. Box 6130			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26506	Phone	304-293-8555
Project Information	West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest--Legal services for the poor, 2024				Project Information

The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest's summer project sends current West Virginia University College of Law students into the field to serve the unmet legal needs of the poor. Our postgraduate project does the same, but with graduating students who will serve as full-time lawyers. These students and graduates address the legal needs of the poor by working in non-profit organizations throughout West Virginia that serve low-income clients in the areas of housing law, disability rights, family law, consumer law, and domestic violence. In 2024, our summer project will fund at least 15 law students; these students will each work full-time for 10 weeks. Our post-graduate fellowship program will fund one law graduate; that fellow will work full-time for one year. Since the WV Fund's inception in 1987, our fellows--each of whom has completed a competitive selection process--have provided thousands of their fellow West Virginia citizens with the free legal help that they so desperately need. Specifically, the WV Fund has funded over 549 summer fellows who have served low income clients, primarily in civil legal aid offices. Since 2008, the WV Fund has funded 26 full-time, postgraduate fellows who have also served low-income West Virginians with complex legal needs. Their work helps their clients escape domestic violence, retain safe housing, protect their children, and obtain relief from fraudulent consumer debt collection practices. Summer fellows and post-graduate fellows serve clients by providing them with direct legal representation, by giving them legal advice and information, by referring them to needed resources, by conducting legal research on their behalf, and by creating written informational pieces designed to educate them about their rights and options. Our student fellows work under the supervision of licensed attorneys. Our post-graduate fellows begin work once they have passed the bar exam and become licensed attorneys.

United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties	278c Spruce Street			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	West Virginia	26505	Phone	304322-2066
Project Information	Helpful Harvest Food Program				Project Information

The Helpful Harvest Program was implemented in May of 2020 to address the increased need in food insecurity in Monongalia and Preston counties. In addition to addressing food insecurity, the program has a significant impact on employee retention and job creation for people with disabilities, those in substance abuse recovery, the discouraged workforce, and our veterans. The program also disrupts entrenched norms of food pantries providing unhealthy, nutritionally insufficient foods to those in need because of the food's affordability and availability. By providing healthy food options to pantries and feeding programs, we are not only addressing the immediate needs of those experiencing food insecurity, but also helping to address the long-term health issues faced by our communities. The program operates out of Preston County Workshop and at Hazel's House of Hope serving approximately 48 feeding programs and 9,000 individuals monthly. Both locations provide a food storage facility and distribution center. We purchase meat, produce and dairy from local farms, which in turn supports the local agricultural economy. The processing kitchen at Preston County Workshop will begin operations this summer. Produce purchased from local farms will be processed and stored to provide nutritious foods year-round for those experiencing food insecurity in our communities and schools. Classes on food processing and nutrition will be offered to encourage food security and self-sufficiency.

West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.	1 Medical Center Drive			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26506	Phone	304-598-4346
Project Information	WVU Medicine Children's Injury Prevention Program				Project Information

The Injury Prevention and Safety Program at WVU Medicine Children’s is committed to improving the health and safety indicators for children across the state of West Virginia. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and disability of children in the United States, and most are predictable and preventable. Education, age-appropriate safety items, and home safety modifications are proven to reduce injuries and deaths, but many West Virginia families are not able to afford these measures. Our program is a statewide initiative which provides resources and support to families, both in the hospital and community, aiming to support families with incomes less than 125% below federal poverty level. These families come from every county in our state including the 33 counties the Appalachian Regional Commission ranked as distressed or at risk in FY2023. Services are provided to families in the hospital after a baby is born or when a child is admitted with an unintentional injury, during community events like baby fairs and car seat checks, when a community partner requests assistance, or when a family calls or reaches out through social media. Our program also targets childcare centers, parenting groups, foster care agencies and clinics to help improve outreach and accessibility throughout West Virginia. Education is provided on car seat use and installation, safe sleep, shaken baby prevention, neonatal abstinence syndrome, and home childproofing to prevent injury. Age-appropriate child safety items, such as car seats, booster seats, play yards, specialty car seats, locking medicine boxes and home safety kits are provided to families meeting low-income guidelines or in a time of need. Our Injury Prevention and Safety team is comprised of National Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Registered Nurses who stay current on best practice to help keep children safe and serve as a resource across the state.

Monroe County Education Foundation, Inc.	P.O. Box 90			County	Monroe
	Union	West Virginia	24983	Phone	
Project Information	MCEF Scholarship Program helping Monroe County residents of all ages continue a higher education.				Project Information

The Monroe County Education Foundation, Inc. (MCEF) was established in 2001 by local business leaders and educators to help Monroe county residents of all ages seeking a higher education. MCEF provides scholarships, financial assistance, for higher educational opportunities to full time students. Our program awards scholarships each year to Monroe County residents of all ages, those still in high school looking to start taking classes before graduation, those starting their college education after graduating, those already enrolled in college or those pursuing a higher education later in life. Scholarships are awarded to students attending 2 year colleges, 4 year colleges/universities as well as those attending technical/trade schools, willing to help Monroe County resident pursue a higher education, making dreams a reality. The mission of MCEF is to help Monroe County residents of all ages for the enrichment and betterment of family, children and Monroe County. Our mission is becoming a reality because of charitable giving. It is through charitable giving that our scholarship awards are possible. Donations and other income received by MCEF is how award amounts are determined and scholarships are made possible to where we are able to continue to help the residents of Monroe County see brighter tomorrows.

Senior Life Services of Morgan County, Inc.	106 Sand Mine Road Suite 1			County	Morgan
	Berkeley Springs	WV	25411	Phone	304-258-3096

Project Information	Senior Center Community Resource Building HVAC Replacement	Project Information
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Our proposed NIP project is to repair/replace the broken HVAC system for the Senior Center Resource Building located at 106 Sand Mine Road, Berkeley Springs, WV. We have received two quotes. 1. \$595,506.41 and 2. \$1,146,000.00.

Nicholas County Community Foundation	PO Box 561			County	Nicholas
	Summersville	WV	26651	Phone	3048720202

Project Information	TOGETHER WE GROW	Project Information
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The hash tag of the Nicholas County Community Foundation is #togetherwegrow. This statement, although simple and direct, provides a strong base for the Foundation which it represents. Together means our staff, Board of Directors, donors, volunteers, marketing vendors, local business and schools, community members, grant and scholarship recipients, non-profit organizations, government entities and more work in unison like the classical instruments of a symphony joining together to play a beautiful concerto. Each year, collaboration among our organizations grows and each year new ideas sprout and new life is breathed into projects to better our community. The NCCF continues our work by building trust and forming new bonds with our current and potential donors, continuously working on our standards and policies to remain a transparent organization, funding new and ongoing projects and bringing our community closer together through our work. Our project is dynamic, current and ever-changing. We visualize Nicholas County as a vibrant, compassionate community without walls, where all people of all walks of life collaborate to build a prosperous community. Whether it be food, hygiene and household needs, education, safety, town improvements, job training and collaboration, safety, drug rehabilitation and more, the NCCF is there, providing support and hope. The foundation continues our charge, with the support of wonderful programs, like the WV Neighborhood Investment Program and #togetherwegrow!

Appalachian Outreach, Inc	PO Box 6761			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	West Virginia	26003	Phone	304-238-4312
Project Information	Easing the Burden of Poverty in Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel Counties in WV				Project Information

Appalachian Outreach, Inc. (“AOI”) is a non-profit, poverty relief organization that assists people experiencing poverty and disaster in Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel Counties in West Virginia. We believe in the dignity of every person and we’ve been working to ease the burden of poverty in our state for 23 years by fulfilling unmet basic human needs. AOI gathers and transports donated materials to poverty- and disaster-stricken residents of its service area. At our thrift store Hidden Treasures we accept and distribute donations of furniture, clothing, household items and hygiene products. The store is in the heart of South Wheeling, a community with many needs that is central to other parts of the community. The funds from the donated materials sells in its thrift shop Hidden Treasures offset operating costs. These sales items include clothing, furniture and household items. But AOI distributes any of these donated items plus school supplies, personal hygiene items and packs of new underwear and socks at no cost to people who need them. AOI delivers items to remote areas of its three-county service area to provide necessities that are not covered by SNAP benefits, but even more, furniture, clothing and household items that have been donated to AOI and are stored in the AOI warehouse. To assess individual needs, AOI distributes "wishlists" to residents of these areas. Residents return these completed lists to AOI and then staff scout the warehouse for the items requested. We load the needed items on the truck for the scheduled monthly delivery along with a full array of personal care items including shampoo, deodorant, soap, shaving items, dental care items, feminine hygiene items, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, disinfecting wipes, diapers and wipes and school supplies. (They are all items that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits.)

Augusta Levy Learning Center	P.O. Box 6711			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-6722
Project Information	Expanding Autism Inclusion and Acceptance through Community Education				Project Information

The Expanding Autism Inclusion and Acceptance through Community Education project will focus on providing community resources to first responders, creating partnerships with public and private schools in Ohio County to provide classroom instruction about acceptance, and offering a summer camp designed to foster social skills and peer friendships for children with autism.

Catholic Charities West Virginia	2000 Main Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-905-9860 x2024
Project Information	Case Management and Emergency Assistance Services				Project Information

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will use Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits to raise funds in support of its emergency assistance and case management programs. The emergency assistance program provides financial support to income eligible clients facing eviction or utility service termination. Assistance may also include financial help to fill prescriptions; provide gas for transportation to medical appointments or job interviews; or for alternate sources of heating like firewood, kerosene oil and propane. Additionally, food assistance may be provided. Income eligibility is defined as households whose income falls at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Clients who receive emergency or basic needs assistance often transition into CCWVa’s case management program. Case management services go beyond meeting an immediate need to help families improve their health and well-being, and ultimately their long-term stability. Services involve a trained professional sitting down with a family to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Based on these, the clients set goals then meet regularly to work on steps to achieve those goals. The service offerings are comprehensive in nature, and can help clients address a number of obstacles that may be preventing them from breaking the cycle of poverty. These services include one-on-one coaching, financial assistance to help with employment and education, and programs to increase knowledge and skills.

Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley	1226 Chapline Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-3144
Project Information	Ohio Valley Mobility & Opportunity Vital for Employment Project (OV MOVE)				Project Information

The Ohio Valley Mobility and Opportunity Vital for Employment (OV MOVE) Project will address barriers to employment and housing in the Northern Panhandle by offering services and interventions to individuals in various stages of life in the region's most distressed neighborhoods. As a grantmaking public charity that is deeply connected to the challenges of the community it serves, the board and staff of the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley have identified transportation access, youth and family development, and digital literacy as three of the largest barriers to employment and housing in the Northern Panhandle. While past NIP projects have focused on some of these areas, the emphasis has been on addressing critical needs or preparing the region for future challenges. The OV MOVE Project will build on this past success by focusing on the long-term challenges faced by the most at-risk individuals in the Northern Panhandle in an immediate but sustainable fashion. The OV MOVE Project will invest in programs assisting individuals ranging from prenatal children to senior citizens to ensure that all residents in the region have the tools and assistance necessary to be happy, healthy, and productive throughout their hopefully long lives. These activities will include education and support for parents and families, intervention programs for at-risk youth, life skills training for unhoused adults, technological assistance for senior citizens, and transportation assistance for all of these groups. The goal of OV MOVE is to address multiple present challenges in the Northern Panhandle at once to not only help those who are struggling in adulthood, but ensure that its youngest residents are set up for success, thus removing the need for future adult interventions.

Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center	1305 National Road			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-1390
Project Information	Pediatric Medical Rehabilitation and Autism Services for Low-Income Families				Project Information

Easterseals provides medical rehabilitative services to disabled children and adults in northern and central WV. Services include medical care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, autism screening and treatment, and early intervention and child development. Access to life-changing healthcare for the most vulnerable members of society is integral to our mission. For 85 years, Easterseals has received support from our community in order to provide services regardless of the patient's ability to pay. About 60% of our patients receive some amount of subsidized care, which amounts to about \$300,000 in uncompensated care annually.

Faith in Action Caregivers, Inc.	2350 Main Street, Suite 2			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-243-5420
Project Information	Volunteer Match Program				Project Information

Faith in Action is the only agency in the area providing no-cost transportation services. The volunteer match program provides free, caregiver services to support the independent living of low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities residing in Marshall, and Ohio Counties. Volunteer caregivers provide services, not covered by insurance and are not within the care receiver's budget. Frequently, we see our elderly and individuals with disabilities fall through the cracks; the money needed to pay bills (medical and utilities, food and medicine) overshadow the costs associated with transportation to doctor's appointments or grocery shopping and many do not have family or friends available to help. The program provides support and services that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain independent. Transportation is crucial to ensure access to essential services such as medical care and grocery shopping. The availability of adequate transportation enables older adults and individuals with disabilities live independently in their communities and helps to prevent isolation and the possible need for long-term care placement. For many it is necessary to find community resources for transportation, as this vital support service may be their only connection to the outside world. FIAC provides a network of volunteers who offer flexible transportation for shopping, doctors' appointments, recreation, and other activities. One-way, round-trip, and multi-stop rides are available. The program provides door through-door service, offering personal, hands-on assistance by helping passengers through the doors of their residences and to their destinations. The service includes levels of assistance from opening doors and providing verbal guidance, to physical support. The strength of the program lies in the residents of the community; volunteer caregivers come together from all neighborhoods to help their neighbors throughout Marshall and Ohio Counties.

Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless	84 Fifteenth Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-232-6105
Project Information	Homeless Outreach, Engagement, and Access Program				Project Information

The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (Coalition) proposes an Outreach, Engagement, and Access Program to enhance the effectiveness of the organization’s established outreach activities by creating and distributing Coalition program information via print and digital media. This program will assist the Coalition in promoting awareness of the organization’s portfolio of homeless programs and services during outreach and improve the accessibility of these programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the five-county geographic catchment area through the region’s established Coordinated Entry System. The Coalition is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing housing solutions and supportive services to homeless individuals and families in the Northern Panhandle of WV through a comprehensive system of care, including diversion, prevention, outreach and engagement, emergency shelter placement, rental assistance programs, permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities, youth 18-24 transitional housing, and wrap-around supportive services. A Neighborhood Investment Program award will assist the Coalition in further building its outreach capacity through the creation and distribution of printed material, such as informational brochures and flyers, social media awareness posts, and the continued enhancement of a web-based application where individuals requiring assistance can pre-apply to create a streamlined triage approach to care. The Outreach, Engagement, and Access Program will complement the Coalition’s existing four-pronged approach to outreach, which focuses on regular connection with clients, landlords, community partners, and employers throughout all five counties. Printed outreach materials are not financially supported through any existing Coalition grant program, and a NIP award will allow the Coalition to maximize its community reach, including engagement with clients least likely to apply for assistance.

Harmony House, Inc.	P.O. Box 6502			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304 230 2205
Project Information	CAC Model - Strengthening Community's Response to Child Abuse				Project Information

One in ten children in West Virginia will be a victim of sexual abuse by their 18th birthday. Traditionally, after making an abuse allegation, children are moved from agency to agency and endure multiple interviews, which create additional trauma of having to retell the circumstances of the abuse over and over. Harmony House is a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), and our project is to provide a comprehensive, child-focused program based in a facility, a CAC, that allows prosecutors, law enforcement, child protection services staff, medical & mental health professionals, and victim advocates to work together to strengthen Ohio and Marshall counties response to child abuse. The project is to ensure that no child is further victimized by systems designed to protect them and their well-being is the first priority. To accomplish this, Harmony House CAC provides the following services to those children and their families that come through our door: forensic interviews provided by staff trained in ChildFirst; therapeutic intervention (on-site and through referrals), victim support and advocacy (crisis intervention, supportive counseling, case management, community resource information), case review and case tracking through a multidisciplinary team approach. The services provided by this project are at no cost to the children and families.

HoH-Share Inc.	87 15th St. Suite 436			County	Ohio
	WHEELING	West Virginia	26003	Phone	304-218-8373
Project Information	The Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground at The Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community				Project Information

The Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground (UMP) at The Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community, provides FREE safe, trauma-informed play stops and prevention programs in low-income, at-risk neighborhoods, and public housing, to mitigate the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to create greater youth and family well-being and resilience. The Fun-Raiser UMP uses play and peer support to address community disparity issues, the effects of ACEs, the prevention of Substance Use Disorder & the negative impacts of WV ranking in the top 5 for preventable chronic health diseases. Our adult peers are trained as coaches in recovery and reentry to help families with the resources needed to be healthy, supported, and thriving community members. The Fun-Raiser UMP adapts to the space & places available in an urban setting to create safe community play, as well as providing prevention programs for youth and families at The Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community. Diverse community members of all ages & generations, known as "Fun-Facilitators," assist The Fun-Raiser UMP on visits to schools, community and non-profit events, impacting over 2000 local children and their families each year! Youth help oversee The Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground operations by providing leadership, peer-to-peer mentoring & being a part of our youth "Never Bored Board." Adult Peer Recovery Coaches are present at our programs and play stops to help families struggling with addiction issues or maintaining recovery. The Fun-Raiser UMP youth are also responsible for inviting community members, organizations, and businesses to come to Play Stops to be guest "Fun-Experts" who share a skill or talent, have fun & build a greater understanding of community resources. The Fun-Raiser UMP is dedicated to supporting youth visionaries, leaders, healthy kids, community relationships- & fun, of course! Learn more at TheFunRaiserOV.org & on Facebook at The Fun-Raiser OV.

King's Daughters Child Care Center	61 13th Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-1114
Project Information	Child Nutrition Program				Project Information

Since 1995, West Virginia has shown a steady incline in the cases of adult diabetes and obesity. Currently, the State is ranked #1 in the Country for adult obesity, #6 for child obesity in low-income children between 2 - 4 years old (which is an improvement from #2 in 2022), #1 for obesity in adolescent children (aged 10 to 17 years old) and #2 in high school age children (<http://stateofchildhoodobesity.org>). WV ranks #1 in adults with obesity, diabetes and hypertension. In order to prevent that number from continuing to rise, nutrition education is important in a young child's life. We continue to use a variety of ways to teach and promote healthy eating at the Center. Our outdoor garden provides the Center with tomatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers. The Center follows the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and continues to be part of Keys 4 Healthy Kids, a program that provides tools and resources on proper nutrition for the children, staff and families we serve. This program also teaches the staff how to implement change and encourages children to try new foods. We continue to focus on a fresh food menu and keep processed foods to a minimum. Tax credits awarded for 2024 will continue these efforts, educate children on the benefits of healthy eating habits and provide healthy meals to the children.

LIFE HUB Inc.	P.O. Box 2089			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-234-3610
Project Information	Serving the homeless in Wheeling, WV.				Project Information

The LIFE HUB is a public, private, and nonprofit collaborative located in Wheeling, West Virginia, focused on serving adults and families who are homeless and in need of a 24/7/365 low-barrier shelter, coordinated social services, permanent housing, employment, education, as well as mental and physical healthcare in one safe place. The Upper Ohio Valley has been blessed with several social service agencies and faith-based organizations dedicated to providing resources within their mission to assist the poor and homeless. The LIFE HUB will act as the conduit to coordinate the efforts into a whole community approach. The LIFE HUB was created as a 501c3 nonprofit organization in October 2022, as a program of the Wheeling Housing Authority partnering with the City of Wheeling. The program will provide wraparound services under one roof to help the homeless strategically and compassionately navigate through a variety of systems that include housing, employment, education, health, and mental health to ensure a rapid response to basic emergent needs. Strategic planning is underway to coordinate services rapidly to ensure people are not sleeping in unsafe conditions. Navigating the complexities of mental health, poverty, physical health, addiction, unemployment, and even end of life care are profound. The care coordination is of utmost importance to serve individuals with dignity and respect. The First English Lutheran Church in downtown Wheeling was recently purchased with the support of individual and foundation donations to become the location for the services. A new building will be built over the existing parking lot to become the future 24/7/365 shelter. Historical and New Market Tax Credits will be pursued for the project. During the Winter of 2023-24, the church building will be used as the temporary shelter. The LIFE HUB operated the Winter Shelter this past year in the Catholic Charities building and served over 250 unduplicated individuals.

Oglebay Foundation	255 Mansion Drive			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042434166
Project Information	Access to the Parks				Project Information

Access to the Parks offers each low-income child in Ohio County (WV), along with an accompanying parent, free admission to activities at Oglebay and Wheeling Park year around, where they can reap the physical, mental, educational and social benefits of spending time outdoors in the parks. Included are all recreational and educational options (including related equipment) such as swimming, golf and miniature golf, tennis, boating, fishing, ice skating, skiing, and visits to the zoo, museums and nature education center. Interested families register and receive passes valid for one year. Without "Access," many low-income children would not have the chance to engage in these healthy, social and mentally stimulating activities due to their families' inability to pay. Additionally, many live in neighborhoods that offer no natural areas for outdoor activity, or that are unsafe for play. Through Access, however, children are outside in a safe and healthy environment, exercising their bodies and minds, acquiring new skills and knowledge, and engaging with nature and with other children – all year long. These qualities, in turn, build self-reliance, foster healthy family ties, connect community members, and provide alternatives to destructive decisions – all of which help to break the poverty cycle.

Oglebay Institute	1330 National Road			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-4200
Project Information	Total Access: Engaging Students in the Arts, Nature & History				Project Information

Oglebay Institute's NIP project focuses on mitigating financial and geographical barriers to access to arts, culture, and nature experiences for local children and youth. Scholarships, subsidized school participation fees, and direct delivery programs ensure broad access to potentially life-changing experiences. Through camps, classes, workshops, field trips, after-school activities, and curriculum enrichment programs, OI will enhance students' learning opportunities, both at OI venues and at locations throughout the community. Local OI venues include Stifel Fine Arts Center, School of Dance, Towngate Theatre, Mansion & Glass Museums, and Schrader Environmental Education Center. OI's professional educators partner with classroom teachers to deliver hands-on, standards-based learning opportunities directly to classrooms. Relationships with community-based organizations enable OI to engage local youth in their own neighborhoods and in places where they already feel comfortable and safe. OI's scholarship program focuses on reducing financial barriers for individual students and families, ensuring that the cost of camp does not prevent a child from gaining the social and educational benefits of participation. Each year, OI awards at least \$25,000 in program scholarships based on family size and income, need, and past OI scholarship awards. The GEMS (Giving to Education Means Success) Fund is an avenue for schools to seek program support to provide their students with unique learning experiences through OI. Through these efforts, OI strives to broaden access to education-enhancing opportunities for students, helping them to develop essential skills for success, including creativity, collaboration, and communication.

Orchard Park Hospital, LLC	2211 Eoff St.			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042332367
Project Information	Mental Health Acute Care for Children and Adolescents in West Virginia				Project Information

Orchard Park Hospital (OPH) is a non-profit acute care mental health hospital serving children and adolescents in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia and throughout the state. More than 40 professional staff will provide short-term, acute crisis treatment for at-risk youth. Orchard Park Hospital reduces the burden on emergency rooms across the tri-state area to provide immediate care to the most urgent cases. Orchard Park Hospital is located in the former Robert C. Byrd Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center. The Children's Home of Wheeling purchased the building and spearheaded renovations that include a new commercial kitchen and upgraded safety features. The Hospital will open in August 2023. Children and teens will be treated in a secure 30-bed facility according to age and cared for by trained medical staff. The average length of stay is eight days but can vary from four days to two weeks depending on patient needs. Treatment includes individual, group, and family therapy, workshops to learn coping skills, craft-making, indoor and outdoor play time. Communication with schools and counselors are a part of the follow-up care plan. The \$10 million facility meets the need for urgent care amidst a rapidly growing mental healthcare crisis among children and teens vulnerable to the stresses of modern society – much of it played out via social media that is all too available to children on their electronic devices. This, combined with the Covid-19 lockdown, was a particularly difficult time for WV youth, resulting in emergency room visits jumping from 2,000 to 3,000 during that time. Orchard Park Hospital, LLC, is a non-profit subsidiary of The Children's Home of Wheeling, Inc. Location is 2211 Eoff Street, Wheeling, the facility was built in 2009 as the Robert C. Byrd Child and Behavioral Health Center and was formerly part of now closed Ohio Valley Medical Center Complex. The Children's Home of Wheeling has served youth in the area since 1870.

Seeing Hand Association, Inc	750 Main St			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	
Project Information	Community Outreach and Vision Education				Project Information

The Seeing Hand Association continues to provide free educational programs to the communities of the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. These educational programs consist of discussions about proper eye care, healthy eye diet, and the importance of eye exams. One of our most used educational devices are vision goggles. These goggles are used to simulate the vision of an individual with specific eye conditions such as Macular Degeneration and Cataracts. The Seeing Hand Association visits and invites local daycare facilities and schools to visit the agency where we discuss the Courtesy Rules for the Blind, how a visually impaired adapts to their work environment and how their work environment adapts to their needs. They have fun learning to bowl blindfolded, as well as engage in discussions of how individuals who are visually impaired want to be treated. The Seeing Hand continues to attend local health fairs, senior centers and back to school and youth events to provide educational information. We are now inviting schools, day care centers and day camps to bring their students to the Edelman Garden in the summer to learn about gardening and how a visually impaired individual have adapted the their outdoor surrounding. They will also learn how visually impaired individuals are able to plant, water, weed and harvest produce. The Seeing Hand Association offers free screening for Glaucoma at local low income high rises and senior centers in each of the counties in our catchment area. We are expanding more educational programs to these low income high raises through vision loss prevention discussions and Healthy Eye Discussions. The Seeing Hand Association has implemented a health and wellness program for their visually impaired and blind employees and clients which includes exercise classes and mental health trainings for the visually impaired in the Upper Ohio Valley.

St. John's Home for Children	141 Key Avenue			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-639-0535
Project Information	Providing basic needs to abused and neglected young boys in West Virginia.				Project Information

St. John's Home for Children (St. John's Home) in Wheeling, West Virginia, has been providing care and meeting basic needs for at-risk children for 167 years-longer than West Virginia has been an independent state. From the 19th to 21st century, the agency has continued its mission to help traumatized children move forward to a life of hope and potential. In 1856, Bishop Richard V. Whelan, the first Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, brought three orphans to the Sisters of St. Joseph for care. This small step marked the beginning of St. John's and St. Vincent's Homes. Operated for decades by the sisters, St. John's Home has served thousands of children. In 1984 St. John's Home became an independent 501c (3) non-profit operating as a nationally accredited WV-licensed residential program serving boys ages 6 to 12 from throughout the state with behavioral or emotional difficulties. St. John's Home has expanded its trauma-sensitive therapy via community outreach and providing prevention services aimed at keeping children in their homes whenever possible. St. John's Home is part of a Continuum of Care that strives to eliminate abuse and neglect-as well as the effects of abuse-one child, one family, one community at a time. St. John's Home works toward making permanent, systemic change in the children's lives to help break the cycle of abuse for future generations. St. John's Home is a leader in delivering innovative and therapeutic services, in collaboration with community partners and resources to promote healing and growth for children and families. St. John's Home envisions a world where every child has a loving family and a place to call home. This NIP proposal will award West Virginia tax credit to individuals and businesses supporting St. John's Home's residential programming.

The House of the Carpenter	200 South Front Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-4640
Project Information	Building hope for tomorrow while transforming lives today.				Project Information

The House of the Carpenter's growth over the past decade has been tremendous. What started 60 years ago, has grown to serving more than 1,400 individuals each week with programs to meet basic needs such as a food pantry, thrift shop, and utility assistance. The House of the Carpenter engages disadvantaged neighbors in programs that will transform their lives. The programs are for adults and children. The programs with children and youth such as Pathways to Success, a career program for middle school students; after school programming for middle school students; music lessons; art classes; cooking classes, and athletic programs and camps are having a positive impact on their lives. The Toni and Nancy Bedway Center for Youth at the House of the Carpenter was built to meet the growing needs of the community. The new Youth Center was completed in 2020 during the Pandemic. The building is a conduit for changing lives and has enabled the House of the Carpenter to expand all programming and enhance its current ministries. The ministries enable the House of the Carpenter to take a holistic approach to serving clients' minds, bodies, and spirits. This holistic approach enables those served to begin transforming their lives in positive ways to become productive members of their communities. The NIP tax credits will be used for donations supporting basic needs that includes all of the House of the Carpenter's food programs as well educational and recreational programs such as STEM Camps, Literacy Camps, Sports Camps, and after-school programming.

West Virginia Northern Community College Foundation	1704 Market St.			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-214-8906
Project Information	Job Training, Education & Emergency Assistance to Students				Project Information

NIP credit contributions will fund two projects - emergency assistance to students and student scholarships. The Emergency Assistance Fund helps low-income students with unanticipated expenses that hinder retention and program completion. The scholarship funds assist students who receive little to no federal assistance. Awarding scholarships decreases the amount of loans taken out by students and, therefore, also decreases the loan default rate, which is a challenge for community colleges across the state of WV and across the country.

Wheeling Health Right Inc	61-29th St			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-1135
Project Information	Wheeling Health Right Primary Care Free and Charitable Clinic				Project Information

The overall mission of Wheeling Health Right (WHR) is to provide quality primary health care and pharmaceuticals to the uninsured and underinsured including expanded Medicaid patients. This is an effort to meet the growing need for Medicaid providers precipitated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Wheeling Health Right's goal is to ensure that quality health care and medications, as well as health education and preventive services are provided to those most in need - the uninsured, Medicaid recipients, underinsured, as well as those who can't afford the high deductibles of their Marketplace plans. With increased responsibility at the state level on covering the increasing percentage of costs of Medicaid, the Wheeling Health Right Clinic and board are committed to the goal to decrease dependence on state funding and establish long-term, sustainable funding, regardless of the availability of state funds. The Clinic has met a longtime goal of adding a free dental clinic to its menu of services to meet another very pressing need in the Northern Panhandle.

Wheeling Symphony Society, Inc.	1025 Main Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042326191
Project Information	Partnerships to Build Capacity and Self-Reliance for Children and Families				Project Information

Partnerships to Build Capacity and Self-Reliance for Children and Families brings Wheeling Symphony staff and musicians together with local organizations for the mission of providing assistance to individuals and families in distress to develop a pathway out of the tradition of poverty through education and training. This project offers people who are in economically distressed neighborhoods or homeless, training in music through free after-school programs for children; Young People's Concerts created for grades 3-8; and interaction with families by nurturing talent and developing trusting relationships. Through this project, we aim to "see" people who are living in distressed neighborhoods, who are homeless, and who have talent that can be nurtured giving them dignity, purpose, responsibility and a pathway toward breaking the tradition of poverty. This project is uniquely situated because we have partnerships with so many organizations that offer emergency services and assistance to clients in the highly distressed neighborhoods of East Wheeling, downtown Wheeling, and Wheeling Island. Together we can offer more and better services than can be provided by only one organization. We can "see" and work with the whole person. This project focuses on children first to develop self-reliance, discipline, and a "can-do" attitude that will help them graduate from high school and be prepared to enter the workforce or attend college or technical training through the guidance of staff in this collaborative effort. Adults will be targeted to locate talent; create, perform and listen to music; and develop a trusting relationship through the energy of a collaborative effort. Music is a part of all of our lives and must be a part of a collaborative plan to lift people from poverty and find hope.

Youth Services System, Inc	P.O. Box 6041			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-218-2869
Project Information	Homeless Services for Youth and Adults				Project Information

Youth Services System has been preventing and responding to youth homelessness since 1974. We have two youth emergency shelters (ages 8- 17) and a Transitional Living Program (TLP) for youth aging out of foster care or experiencing homelessness (ages 17- 21). YSS also provided services to homeless and street youth in the community. In FY 2022, YSS served 49 youth in our emergency shelters, 28 in Transitional Living Program and 29 in our recovery homes. This year we have increased our staff in both emergency shelters, we are expanding our TLP in our community plus opened a Recovery Resource & Help Center which is the home of the new YSS Post Overdose Response Team. Over the past 11 years, the efforts of YSS have expanded to helping adults and families. Individuals who are homeless and out in the elements have basic needs which need to be met. YSS reduces their vulnerability and improves their quality of life. Staff and community partners help to track down birth certificates, help with first month's rent or a month's rent to people and their families from becoming homeless, assist with furnishings through our Sophie Moses Free Store and stocking their pantry with basic food from our food pantry. Finally, for people in recovery from substance use disorder who need housing, YSS offers housing in one of our three recovery homes. Clients live among peers and work together on their education and/or employment and recovery. The community supports YSS through the donations, volunteers (including our Board of Directors and Emeritus Board), participation in our fundraising efforts providing material needs- clothing, blankets, house hold items, shoes and toiletries.

High Rocks Educational Corporatoin	195 Thompson Road			County	Pocahontas
	Hillsboro	WV	24946	Phone	304 653-4891
Project Information	High Rocks Academy				Project Information

High Rocks Educational Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering, inspiring, and educating young people in the Mountain State. We have 26 years of experience teaching them to become strong and confident leaders in their communities. High Rocks Academy, our founding program, consists of two two-week-long immersive summer camp sessions. Camp is the heart of High Rocks. We offer a variety of classes, mentoring opportunities, and wellness activities for teenage girls and visiting college interns. Our first camp session is called New Beginnings. Camp is a pathway for most girls entering High Rocks. Admission is open to all rising eighth graders despite their economic background. We provide leadership roles for older girls and college interns and bring in a staff of professionals from around the country to teach and offer mentoring. Camp Steele is for older girls from ninth grade through their senior year, providing them with two academic tracks in various interest areas, including art, media, mountain traditions, food culture, music, and STEM. Volunteers teach math and financial literacy concepts. Courses are like mini college classes, providing in-depth, solid learning for girls in an educational setting. High Rocks offers camp free to girls across the state to ensure that kids from every financial spectrum are represented. High Rocks reach goes beyond our campground. We run college access trips and a leadership program. These programs provide one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, college trips, service-learning overnights, enrichment events, community outreach, leadership roles, and advocacy. High Rocks coordinates State Legislature trips, allowing students to speak with their representatives and partner with other organizations as opportunities arise to teach relevant topics to their communities.

Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation	818 Third Avenue			County	Pocahontas
	Marlinton	WV	24954	Phone	304 799 2484

Project Information	Pocahontas County Opera House Youth Arts Engagement Program	Project Information
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The Pocahontas County Opera House Youth Arts Engagement Program gives donors the opportunity to support after-school and summer theater programs as well as school performances and workshops with musicians and artists contracted through the Opera House’s Annual Performance Series. The after-school theater program and summer theater camp targets low income and at risk families. The Opera House provides a safe place for students who have minimal family support or opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities a chance to feel connected to their community by engaging in creative healthy activities. These programs help students develop self-reliance and confidence which discourages them from making bad decisions that could lead to drug use and addiction. Participation in the theater arts also helps students develop social skills while encouraging leadership, teamwork and goal setting. Staff and volunteers from the community who have gone on to higher education serve as role models for the students. This encourages students to look beyond public assistance and set career goals for their own future. The week-long summer camp provides classes in drama skills, movement, set and prop design. The Missoula Theater Company model helps students mount a full production (including sets, costumes, music, and props) in one week’s time giving participants a real sense of accomplishment as they take to the Opera House stage and perform for a packed house. Older students will serve as junior-counselors, mentoring the younger students. This encourages leadership skills and promotes drug prevention for both groups. Both the summer and after-school programs provide healthy snacks/meals for all participants.

Arts in Action	2658 Main Street			County	Putnam
	Hurricane	WV	25526	Phone	304-419-4446

Project Information	Arts in Action's URBAN STAGE	Project Information
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Arts in Action’s Urban Stage is entering its 18th season of providing performing arts instruction and performance opportunities to youth in Charleston’s West Side neighborhood. Our 2023-2024 program offerings include dance, percussion, and drumming circles. This afterschool program is provided by professionally credentialed instructors and through collaboration with local partners including Emmanuel Baptist Church, Kanawha County Schools, and the Bob Burdette Center. Urban Stage’s impact goes well beyond performing arts instruction. Adult volunteers and instructors are also mentors who provide encouragement and a safe, supportive environment. In addition to performing arts skills, students learn self-discipline and teamwork while growing in confidence and self esteem. They make new friends, receive opportunities to help others, and become more physically fit. Research shows that an arts education improves academic performance, leads to a successful career, and improves overall happiness. Our students prove these assertions! The specific purpose of this NIP Credit Project is to ensure that the approximately 150 Urban Stage students of low-income families can receive full program services including professional instruction, percussion instruments, dance attire, shoes, costuming and performance opportunities without cost.

Special Olympics West Virginia	3055 Mt Vernon Rd			County	Putnam
	Hurricane	WV	25526	Phone	304-345-9310

Project Information	Revealing the Champions in All of Us	Project Information
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Through their participation in Special Olympics West Virginia, individuals with intellectual disabilities (some of whom also have physical disabilities) have year-round opportunities to participate in sports training and competition that otherwise would not be possible for most. It is through such participation that these individuals have opportunities to demonstrate their character, develop their motor skills and improve their physical fitness, showcase their courage, display their talents and fulfill their potential. The organization offers several state and regional level competitions that bring together these individuals and enable them to set personal goals, give their best efforts, and overcome challenges. Such competitions, which are scheduled to provide continuous year-round opportunities in multiple sports, include but are not limited to Fall Sports Festival, State Bowling Championship, Winter Sports Classic, Spring State Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament, and Summer Games. The competitions are supported by hundreds of community volunteers who give of their time to ensure that the participants have meaningful experiences. All participants are publicly recognized for their accomplishments no matter how great or small to help build self-esteem and a positive self-image. Individuals participate at no cost to them or their families to ensure that low socioeconomic status does not prevent their involvement. Participation in Special Olympics West Virginia is often the only place where individuals with intellectual disabilities have opportunities to see themselves differently -- as individuals who can do much more; who have a purpose in their lives; who can highlight their abilities rather than focus on their disabilities; who can inspire others through their accomplishments on a field or court; and who can promote acceptance and inclusion in their respective communities.

Active Southern West Virginia	116 N Heber St, Suite B			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-254-8488

Project Information	Volunteers in Motion	Project Information
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Active Southern West Virginia's NIP Project, "Volunteers in Motion," aims to reach families and individuals across WV by providing free high-quality volunteer led physical activity programs through Active SWV's Community Captain program and Kids Run Clubs. These efforts decrease the occurrence of chronic diseases and increase the quality of life for many West Virginians. Active SWV volunteers are individuals seeking to improve their own health and gain leadership skills by delivering free beginner level programs to their rural communities. These free physical activity programs led by trained volunteers, remove the barrier of costs, help alleviate fear of inadequate skills, provide participants of varying ages with instruction, help individuals reach the recommended physical activity guidelines for Americans, and decrease travel to access activities. NIP project donations will be used to provide volunteers with certification opportunities, program equipment, and health resources. Giving a volunteer access to beginner fitness certifications, insurance coverage, data tracking, risk management oversight, program promotion, and quality equipment positions them for a successful volunteer role. This leadership opportunity in their community with their friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and members of places of worship has proven to make lasting health impacts on the volunteers and participants. After school Kids Run Clubs, weekly walking groups, water aerobics, bicycling, paddling, a variety of aerobic classes, and many other types of activities are making a difference in small towns and rural communities across southern West Virginia. It is time to expand this evidenced based peer-to-peer approach to more individuals in West Virginia.

Beckley Area Foundation, Inc.	1210 S. Kanawha Street			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	3042533806
Project Information	Donors Making a Difference				Project Information

BAF's NIP "Donors Making a Difference" project, serving a five county region in southern WV, will provide support to non-profit organizations striving to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families through grantmaking. To accomplish this, BAF will earmark at least 60% of the total NIP award to organizations providing programs to the region's distressed communities. This will be accomplished by designating 1/2 of each contribution to a BAF permanent endowment and the other 1/2 "passed thru" directly to a nonprofit agency. The remaining 40% of the NIP award will be used to start new endowments or to build existing endowments. Eligible endowments and nonprofit agencies such as Hope Restored Community Enrichment, Raleigh County Commission on Aging, A.W.A.Y. (formerly Women's Resource Center), Brian's Safehouse, The Carpenter's Corner, United Way of Southern WV, Active So. WV, Just for Kids Child Advocacy Center, Bread of Life Outreach Center, Beckley Health Right, Catholic Charities of WV, and Southern Appalachian Labor School are among agencies in our service area that provide support for the those challenged with substance abuse, homelessness, abuse, hunger, physical and mental health. Beckley Art Center, Active So. WV, YMCA of Southern WV, Hope in the Mountains, and Raleigh County Bd. of Education provide financial support for education, literacy, healthy lifestyles and enrichment programs for low-income families. BAF is the conduit that links municipalities, donors, private foundations, and business to non-profits that serve the underserved population in the counties of Raleigh, McDowell, Wyoming, Webster, and Fayette counties.

Brian's Safehouse, Inc.	PO Box 1122			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25802	Phone	304-673-8012
Project Information	Hope and Healing: Scholarships for Substance Use Disorders				Project Information

The Hope and Healing Scholarship Program provides scholarships for adults trapped in substance use disorders (SUDs). Coming to us through various channels, neither they nor their families usually have the means to afford treatment, but these men and women are worth rescuing! Over the 12 months of our residential programs, they are given the skills and time needed to rebuild their lives and escape the enslavement of SUDs in a safe, closed-campus environment. Our strong Aftercare Program and close-knit recovery community with transition housing units, graduated rent (beginning at \$0), transportation, and mentoring help ensure continued recovery and a successful reentry into society. Mike's addiction was consuming him and his family. After 17 years, his wife finally said, "Enough", and had to move on: Mike had lost his wife and his girls. Eventually he came to Brian's Safehouse where he learned to think of others. He sets boundaries, copes with triggers that can cause relapse, and has built a work ethic that will provide for himself and his daughters. He paid off his fines, got his driver's license back, and sorted out child support. He is part of his daughters' lives, visiting with them and watching them in their sports activities as often as he can. Mike wants to serve others in addiction and is currently considering whether to take the Leadership Training track in the Aftercare program or to remain in the job he has with a graduate of the Safehouse. He has good choices ahead of him, and despair is no longer part of his life. Hope and Healing: Scholarships for Substance Use Disorders has brought freedom to Mike and many others and will continue to bring freedom to men and women, lifting them out of poverty, hopelessness, and even lives of crime and raise them up to live lives of purpose and productivity. Health and healing CAN come to them and their loved ones; families can be restored and the cycle of addiction and despair broken. There IS hope for addiction!

Hospice of Southern WV	PO Box 1472			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25802	Phone	304-255-6404
Project Information	Camp Hope Childrens Bereavement Camp				Project Information

In 2024, Hospice of Southern West Virginia will hold the 11th annual Camp Hope. This children's bereavement camp is expected to serve 35 children in a secure and nurturing atmosphere with activities led by licensed professionals. Recognizing that each child's personal loss is unique, the camp staff provides a safe environment where grieving children receive comfort and support to facilitate the healing process. They form lasting friendships and enjoy activities that encourage them to be kids. Camp is scheduled to last 3 days and will be held at Glade Springs Resort, which offers an array of fun activities, including bowling, laser tag, and swimming. At the same time, participants will receive therapeutic engagement opportunities such as storytelling, arts, journaling, group discussions, and interactive group exercises such as solutions basket, yarn-web, and "what helps/what hurts." Camp Hope offers children who have experienced the loss of a loved one the opportunity to understand both the individualistic nature of grief and to connect with peers who are also working through loss. Attendees are able to express their grief in a safe, non-judgmental environment, focusing on their own unique healing process rather than being told how they should grieve. Camp Hope uses engagement techniques coupled with best practice models to support children. This program directly affects the lives of hurting young people in a positive way. Southern WV counties have been ravaged with loss from the opioid epidemic, with WV leading the nation in the highest rate of overdose deaths. The need for bereavement services in our four county service area is critical. True to its name, Camp Hope gives hope in terms of positivity and mental health support for children; the program is a positive step away from the ingrained practice of false bravado and neglecting self. Camp Hope acknowledges that grief is a difficult process of the human condition, but healing is possible.

Just For Kids, Inc.	611 N. Kanawha St.			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-255-4834
Project Information	The Lessman House Improvement Plan				Project Information

The Lessman House Renovations will include adding on approximately 800 square feet of space to include soundproofed observation and interview rooms, a medical exam room and a conference room to hold Fayette County Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team meetings. This will greatly enhance the experience for children coming to the house, by providing a quieter space to conduct interviews, less distractions for the children and the staff, and more comfortable area to conduct meetings. We will conduct between 130 and 200 interviews in our Oak Hill office in 2024. Just For Kids is always working to improve the quality of services that we provide to children who have suffered trauma in the community. Creating a space for child medical exams has been a goal of JFK for many years. There are no Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) with the Pediatric credentials in either Fayette or Raleigh Co. We have verbal agreements with two PA's to conduct exams, but needed a space to perform them.

New River Community and Technical College Foundation	280 University Drive			County	Raleigh
	Beaver	West Virginia	25813	Phone	304-929-1042
Project Information	Neighborhood Investment Scholarship & Emergency Assistance Program				Project Information

New River Community and Technical College Foundation provides increased student access to educational opportunities, workforce training programs, and services. The Foundation strives to fill the gaps that exist in our 9-county service area by providing NIP scholarships and emergency assistance to meet the direct needs of economically disadvantaged students, particularly those whose course loads do not qualify for state and federal assistance. Priority is given to residents of counties with the highest poverty rates and lowest median household incomes. The return on investment assists the state and college with higher college graduation rates and decreased unemployment rates.

United Way of Southern West Virginia	110 Croft Street			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-253-2111
Project Information	United for Community Impact				Project Information

The United Way of Southern West Virginia is our community's resource of resources. We provide funding opportunities, platforms for collaborations, and connections for community partners to improve lives in southern West Virginia. In addition to funding various community non-profit partners, we focus on specific Community Impact Initiatives supported by our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers. United for Community Impact provides basic needs and emergency support to families and individuals living below the poverty line in southern West Virginia. Our initiative collaborates with our local agency partners to provide financial assistance for utility services, food, clothing, and shelter. United for Community Impact partners with WV211 and takes calls locally from Fayette, McDowell, Mercer, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster, and Wyoming counties from those seeking services and provides referrals based on zip code, ensuring callers receive information about local resources. United for Community Impact includes our Equal Footing Shoe Fund, that works with teachers, counselors, and Communities in Schools site coordinators to identify students without proper footwear and provide a new pair of athletic shoes for their health and safety. In conjunction with our Equal Footing Shoe Fund, we also provide hygiene items or clothing items through our Dignity Closets when trusted school partners identify students in need. United for Community Impact provides volunteer readers in classrooms and books to students. A child growing up in a low-income family, on average, has been exposed to only 25 hours of one-on-one reading, compared to 1,700 hours for children from middle-income families. UWSWV is committed to improving grade-level reading in southern West Virginia through this project.

Davis & Elkins College	100 Campus Drive			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-637-1354
Project Information	Davis & Elkins College Highlands Scholars Regional Program				Project Information

Davis & Elkins College has a long history of serving first-generation and low-income students. The College was founded in 1904 to create access to education for the citizens of Elkins, WV and the rural Appalachian region surrounding it. In keeping with that tradition, the Highlands Scholar Program debuted in 2009 to make private higher education affordable to students in surrounding counties by providing scholarships to students who have a minimum 2.5 GPA. This segment of the program's original 7-county region comprises the current Highlands Scholars Regional Program. These low-income students are often 1st-generation high school graduates and 1st-generation college students, and this program ensures them access to a private college within their home state at a reasonable tuition rate. Average awards are \$19,000 for residential students and \$16,000 for commuting students (\$76,000 / \$64,000 for four years respectively), making the dream of a college degree accessible and affordable. To date D&E has invested over \$41.9 million in 1,983 Highlands Scholar recipients. Last year, 161 enrolled from this 7-county region, and this year to date 114 are enrolled, with more enrolling almost daily. At D&E students find small classes and a nurturing community, increasing their likelihood of academic and personal success. D&E believes that while a college education provides value for a lifetime, students shouldn't have to spend a lifetime paying for it. With the Highlands Scholar Regional Program, D&E provides deserving low-income students in the local region with an opportunity to receive a quality, private education at an affordable price close to home. This unique program will continue to have a positive impact on our young people, ensuring the best opportunity for WV to thrive in the future.

Historic Beverly Preservation	PO Box 227			County	Randolph
	Beverly	West Virginia	26253	Phone	304-637-7424
Project Information	Beverly Community Education and Assistance				Project Information

The Beverly Community Education & Assistance project by Historic Beverly Preservation and Beverly ON TRAC meets direct needs and engages local low-income residents with limited opportunities to help increase their self-reliance. We provide library services for the Beverly community through the Beverly Branch Library which opened in March 2022 in the upstairs of the Beverly Heritage Center providing year round workspace and internet access. We are continuing to support the Beverly Bookmobile and its summer reading program that helps students stay engaged with learning through the summer, improving school performance & retention. Together we will offer at least 12 activities or programs providing community educational opportunities and supporting children reading and staying in school, serving estimated 200 local low-income attendees. With our facilities including BHC and community room, we offer workshops and programs, and support healthy foods with a summer farmers market for fresh produce. Training topics and assistance include economic development training such as job skills, small business or tourism development; home maintenance information for repairs, maintenance, preservation, energy efficiency, and preparing for and dealing with disasters; and healthy lifestyles activities about gardening and healthy foods. We also provide technical assistance direct services to local low-income residents who need help in these areas, and work with them directly to address their needs and help them find additional resources, including emergency assistance in cases of individual or community emergencies. We will offer at least 10 workshops, programs, or direct technical assistance to increase self-sufficiency, build skills and economic capacity, support housing maintenance, and encourage healthy foods assisting at least 25 local low-income individuals.

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia	421 Davis Ave.			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-345-6005
Project Information	Hands-on Historic Trades Camps				Project Information

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV) is seeking donations to support its newest program - "Hands-on Historic Trades Camps" – dynamic, interactive educational programs to introduce young people to careers in historic preservation trades. The goal of this program is to engage and begin training the next generation of historic trades professionals in West Virginia. Our state and nation are facing a major shortage of construction workers, most especially skilled historic trades workers, leading to deferred maintenance and delayed redevelopment projects. According to a 2019 survey by the Associated General Contractors of America, 80% of construction firms reported having difficulty in filling craft positions that represent the bulk of the construction workforce. Similarly, a survey by the National Association of Home Builders found 82% of respondents expected labor shortages to be their top issue in 2019. The skilled labor shortage has only been exacerbated by the pandemic. Through its Preservation Trades Task Force, created in 2020, PAWV identified outreach to young people as a major priority, as they are our future workers, and we hope to help guide them into well-paying and secure jobs in the historic trades. We intend to do this by partnering with existing groups, such as 4-H, the scouts and vocational schools, to offer free, interactive programs that will teach participants about traditional tools, building safety, historic trades skills, and how to pursue a career in historic trades. By engaging our youth, we are securing the future of our neighborhoods, downtowns, and places being revitalized across West Virginia.

Randolph County Children's Advocacy Center	PO Box 627			County	Randolph
	Elkins	West Virginia	26241	Phone	3046302214
Project Information	Enhanced Advocacy Project				Project Information

Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center coordinates a team approach to the investigation and treatment of child abuse. Recorded forensic interviews are conducted by trained individuals in a child friendly space, bringing together all investigating agencies to collaboratively work together for the best outcomes for children at risk. RTCAC then connects these children and their families to shelter, legal protection, medical treatment, crisis counseling, and other resources and services as needed, free of charge. RTCAC's Family Advocacy Project will fund targeted support services to low-income families in crisis, enabling struggling caregivers to provide support to their children.

Randolph County Community Arts Council	Two Park Street			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-637-2355
Project Information	Arts Education for All Program				Project Information

The Arts Center's goal is to provide a diverse arts programming schedule year round to all citizens. Amongst the many arts opportunities we offer, arts education classes are one of the most popular in the community, serving almost 400 students yearly. The Arts Education for All Program offers tuition based arts education scholarships for art classes, especially our After School Art Program, and a Student Art Exhibition. The scholarships will be available to any age in need, from toddlers to seniors, and all ages in between; arts should be available to all equally. Our Arts program provides quality arts education in a variety of mediums such as pottery, ceramics, stained glass, fused glass, painting, mixed media, music, and outdoor art, from qualified professional artists that are dedicated to sharing their knowledge with our community. Research shows that art heals mentally, provides an educational benefit that aids in other subjects for the school age children and builds confidence in individuals, especially children. Our After School Art program supplements the school experience to elementary level children and is available weekly throughout the entire school year. Other art classes are available at different days and times to provide options to children, seniors, college students, home schooled children and adults. To spread arts awareness and celebrate the success of our arts education program, we have a Student Art Exhibition during Youth Art Month. What better way to promote arts and let these young artists shine in our community!

Randolph County Humane Society	PO Box 785			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-614-4591
Project Information	Randolph County Humane Society Compassion in Action Program				Project Information

The Randolph County Humane Society's Compassion in Action program provides services to low-income clients such as spay/neuter assistance, straw for outdoor animals in cold temperatures, emergency veterinary/medical care, emergency pet food assistance, fencing to keep animals safe and contained, and other services on a case-by-case basis that keep animals healthy and safely with their families.

Youth Health Service, Inc.	971 Harrison Avenue			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-636-9450

Project Information	Safe, Reliable Access to Care	Project Information
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Youth Health Service is committed to providing ongoing, safe, reliable services to the children and families accessing much needed behavioral health, child care and support services with our agency. We believe that every child, every parent, and every family in need of our services should have easy access to them; to that end, we offer transportation services free of charge to clients and their families when needed to access the services and support they need to engage in healthy relationships and enjoy a high quality of life. We find that many of the children and families accessing our services are already struggling with life stressors and taking the stress of arranging for transportation off their shoulders is a small task we can take on to lighten their load. With our ability to provide transportation for behavioral health clients, children can be picked up at home, school or the sitter's house to be transported for their behavioral health session without the caregiver being faced with the need of working or not to get their child to the services; we can transport without the caregiver so long as appropriate consents are signed and on file. Our child care and family support center recipients also benefit from our transportation services as we are able to provide transportation for children from their local schools to our quality after-school program and food pantry clients with limited or no transportation services are able to benefit from food deliveries. Our professional drivers are well versed in vehicle and driver safety, completing annual safety training and maintaining up-to-date CPR/First Aide certification. Our vehicles are well-kept, receiving regular maintenance, and are equipped with safety equipment for fast response to any emergency situation. Through our Safe, Reliable Access to Care transportation program we hope to make receiving ongoing, consistent, quality and non-judgmental services an ease for those who need it most.

Hinton Area Foundation	PO Box 217			County	Summers
	Hinton	WV	25951	Phone	304-309-5502

Project Information	Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter	Project Information
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Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter is not just the name of our Neighborhood Investment Project but the fundamental mission of the Hinton Area Foundation (HAF). Through the fundraising and marketing efforts of HAF we identify, cultivate and solicit gifts for our foundation that significantly impact our at-risk youth and adults in our local Summers County community. This impact is only possible by collaboration with local non-profit groups on the front lines that are addressing the issues of providing better housing, education, health care, food security, and employment. By leveraging the talents and resources of all sectors—public, private and philanthropic—we do what none of us could achieve on our own. By uniting the passion and commitment of donors, advisors, community leaders and nonprofits, we are creating sustainable solutions that will continue to affect lives for years to come in Summers County. Through collaborative efforts with our community partner's, we are making significant impacts in serving at risk youth, reducing childhood trauma, providing educational and vocational scholarships to students, ensuring all our children and adults have enough food to eat and appropriate clothing, providing services to individuals with substance use disorder, and addressing other mental health issues. These partners are advocating for low-income families and children so that they have the resources and opportunities to begin the healing process and grow and live healthy lives within our Summers County community. Community development by definition is the planned effort to build assets that increase the capacity of residents to improve their quality of life. I invite you to learn more about our work, our partners and our stewardship of charitable funds. Join with us in making an impact and building Summers County.

REACHH Family Resource Center, INC	411 Temple Street			County	Summers
	Hinton	WV	25951	Phone	3044662226
Project Information	Addressing Food Insecurities in Summers County				Project Information

REACHH-Family Resource Center (REACHH) is a growing multi-service organization that provides services mainly in Summers County. We have over 33 years of experience meeting the needs of our low-income community. Our services include advocacy, referral and linkage, multi-disciplinary planning, counseling, children's recreational and educational activities. We also provide direct services to the community in the event of financial hardship or food insecurities. These needs seem to increase as the current economic situation has worsen, increasing the cost of food and services. Last year with the help of our NIP credits and the Summers County Commission we were able to increase our food pantry with a freezer and frozen meats. We are continuing to stock the pantry with non-perishable items that are selected by the individuals on their "shopping days. Our pantry is open 4 days a week with one evening day to provide for those who are unable to arrive in the mornings. We are reaching out to several community resources to provide fresh vegetables and other items. We would like to organize the food pantries in Summers County to insure that a limited amount of overlap occurs. We will use the credits to again expand our pantry services. Our goal is to make sure that all of the residents of Summers County know that help is available at REACHH on a daily basis.

Cortland Foundation, Inc.	39 Cortland Acres Lane			County	Tucker
	Thomas	WV	26292	Phone	304-463-4181 ext 228
Project Information	Horticulture Therapy Program				Project Information

Spring 2023 we began a Horticultural Therapy (HT) program to integrate gardening & nature-based experiences into our "nature of care". The goal is to optimize the residents functional, physical & cognitive capacity & support positive social relationships through plants & gardening. It will be a component of Social Services & speech, physical and occupational therapy. HT is an approach used to maximize & enhance general health & wellness. The activities are selected by hort. therapists to meet client ability, treatment objectives & personal interest. In nursing homes gardening can be beneficial for activities of daily living & social engagement. Positive benefits found are: significant changes on transfer, eating, toileting skills, a sense of connection to family, the past & themselves, increased social interaction & self-confidence, interest in the future & awareness of their physical environment. For individuals with dementia gardening is effective in encouraging activity participation & decreasing agitation. We have year round gardening. Resident participate 1-3 times/week. The participants are called "The Green Thumb Club", it is a social & vocational group for residents. They work with the program team to maintain plants around the facility. This funding will support, design & install of therapeutic gardens at the nursing home and purchase adaptive equipment & build a Sensory & Memory Garden in the Courtyard by the Memory Care Unit. This type of garden is designed intended to create a stimulating environment. These features not only induce sensory responses but can also provide individuals with natural 'cues' that help them interpret and better utilize the environment. Accessible, manageable, interesting journey, seating, shade Colorful plants that flower at different times of the year Fragrant plants; flowers & culinary herbs Trickling water features Wind chimes Features like flowers for bees & bird feeders & insect houses

UPSHUR CO SR CITIZENS OPPORT CTR	28 NORTH KANAWHA STREET			County	Upshur
	Buckhannon	West Virginia	26201	Phone	3044720528

Project Information	Upshur County Senior Center Nutrition Program	Project Information
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The Upshur County Senior Center Nutrition program provides Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, nutritional education and nutritional counseling for all Upshur County seniors. At Upshur County Senior Center we take the nutritional requirements of our seniors very seriously and strive to provide a tasty, yet well balanced and healthy daily meal that will nourish and satisfy dietary needs. Good nutrition is important for senior health and quality of life. Maintaining proper nutrition through your senior years can eliminate many illnesses, diseases, and health-related issues. The reality is that 9 million seniors in America struggle with hunger and food insecurity, 15 million live in isolation and 18 million live in or near poverty. This problem will only become more serious as the senior population is projected to double by 2050. Families are spread out and elders are left behind, often struggling to remain self-sufficient. Most Upshur County seniors are living in or near poverty due to the rural area we live in. Upshur County Senior Center has made it our goal to reach as many Upshur County seniors as possible through our Nutrition program by expanding our Meals On Wheels routes into rural areas of our county, working with rural county fire departments in holding senior congregate/community meals at fire department dining/kitchen facilities and increasing our membership in congregate meals at our senior center; giving every Upshur County senior options to receive a nutritional meal and also providing socialization and health and wellness education. Providing one on one nutritional counseling by registered nurses and dietitians and nutritional education in making sure food insecurity and food needs are being met. Providing health and wellness blood pressure checks and information on different health and wellness issues. Upshur County Senior Center strives to provide as many services as possible to help seniors live independent, quality healthy lives.

Upshur Cooperative Parish House Inc.	68 College Ave.			County	Upshur
	Buckhannon	WV	26201	Phone	304-472-0743

Project Information	Upshur Parish House & Crosslines Community Assistance Program	Project Information
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Since 1992, the Upshur Cooperative Parish has assisted local residents with meeting basic needs including food, shelter and warmth. On average, we serve 80-100 families per week with food pantry groceries, rent/utility assistance, medical costs and more. In 2022, we provided food to more than 2,600 low-income families in Upshur County. To combat food insecurity, emergency food packages typically include food for five days per household. Our food pantry also supplies hygiene products, cleaning supplies and diapers. We offer free takeout lunches every Wednesday and Friday, and we provide clothing vouchers for our thrift store. For rent, utilities, or other financial assistance, we cover up to \$200 per family (paid directly to vendor). We work closely with other agencies in our region to make sure needs are met and utility shutoffs and evictions are prevented. Requests for our services have dramatically increased since the beginning of the pandemic. More recently, with the elimination of extra SNAP dollars and higher costs for food, we have witnessed a surge in families asking for food. Takeout lunches used to serve 30-40, now we serve 50-60 at every free meal. Demand for other services/programs such as holiday meal boxes and backpacks filled with school supplies have increased 25% or more in the last year. Meeting basic needs remains our primary focus. We especially want to insure our children and youth have food and other necessities. Our continued partnership with NIP will secure additional funds for our special programs and services, including holiday meal boxes, takeout lunches, backpacks filled with school supplies, and more - all of which are in addition to our regular, monthly food packages and rent/utility assistance.

West Virginia Wesleyan College	59 College Ave			County	Upshur
	Buckhannon	WV	26201	Phone	304-473-8600
Project Information	The West Virginia Opportunity Scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan College				Project Information

For over 130 years, West Virginia Wesleyan College (WVWC) has had at its core a mission to provide intellectual development for West Virginians that can be used in service to others. WVWC graduates can be found throughout the state and the country in positions of leadership in business, industry, community service, politics, medicine, government, and education. WVWC strives to make college as economically accessible as possible for all who seek out educational experience. Therefore, WVWC proposes to solicit donations in support of the WV Opportunity Scholarship. This scholarship is designated for students from 12 counties in Central West Virginia (Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Lewis, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane, Upshur, and Webster counties) who are at or below 125% of the federal poverty level.

Golden Girl Group Home	999 B Street			County	Wayne
	Ceredo	WV	25507	Phone	304-453-1401
Project Information	Recreational Activities for Golden Girl Group Home				Project Information

Recreational Activities for Golden Girl Group Home Golden Girl Group Home houses 24 girls ages 12-18 who have been sexually abused, neglected and abandoned. The girls have been taken out of their homes and brought to us to live, grow and heal. Unfortunately, funding for recreational activities is not available for our girls. Research shows that girls who have been victimized (especially sexually) show an increase in positive behaviors due to a variety of recreational activities for them to engage in. It is increasingly expensive, especially with the current national inflation, for 24 girls throughout the year, and the availability of volunteers and donor designations for these are slim. The recreational activities include membership to the local YMCA, stretching which involves trauma sensitive moves that increases self-esteem and confidence in the girls, an annual camping trip which includes wildlife educational activities and cultural arts enrichment. The variety of activities along with the extra staff cost to oversee these activities are a necessity. The girls that come to live at Golden Girl Group Home are traumatized and come from poverty stricken homes. The stipend received for the girls does not cover recreation. The combination of poverty and abuse creates such a bondage within the hearts of the girls that is shows in their behaviors and all aspects of their lives. Consistency and a variety of fun, rewarding and educational activities significantly helps in the healing process and produces more positive behaviors. According to "The Journal of Abnormal Psychology" children especially adolescents that have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder caused by abuse and neglect benefit tremendously from consistent "fun" and "diverse" recreational activities. The release of stress due to trauma through therapeutic play is not only beneficial in immediate behaviors it has been proven to provide long term positive results in the future.

ArtsLink, Inc.	202 Maple Avenue			County	Wetzel
	New Martinsville	WV	26155	Phone	304-455-2278
Project Information	ArtsLink Concerts and Theatrical Activities				Project Information

ArtsLink will present concerts and theater productions at low or no cost to the audience or participants. Admission costs currently remain at 2001 levels. NIP credits will be used to encourage sponsorships and other donations to allow free and reduced price events. In addition to the adult population of the area, ArtsLink plans to involve approximately 1,400 children in its activities. All the covid-related cancelled activities have been completed and ArtsLink is planning a 7-event concert series for 2023-24.

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley	PO Box 462			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26102	Phone	304-422-7907
Project Information	Building Permanent, Affordable Housing in Wood County				Project Information

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley builds homes in partnership with those in need of affordable, permanent housing. Homebuyers partner with our organization by agreeing to work on their and other Habitat homes, take homeowner readiness courses, and repay an interest-free mortgage. Habitat homeowners work alongside community volunteers to build their home. Access to affordable housing is a challenge for many low-income families in our community. Housing that is available is oftentimes substandard. One in nine households in West Virginia are burdened by housing costs spending half or more of their income on housing (Habitat for Humanity International, 2022 State of Home Affordability in West Virginia). Habitat's affordable homeownership program is a solution to address the rising cost of housing in our communities. As part of this project, Habitat will construct two single family homes in Wood County. Both homes will be located in the City of Parkersburg. As a result of the projects, eight low-income individuals will move into safe, stable, affordable housing. In addition to building new homes, Habitat will also provide homebuyer education and home maintenance classes in order to prepare partner families for owning their home.

Humane Society of Parkersburg	530 29th Street			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-422-5541

Project Information	Spay Away Together	Project Information
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Humane Society of Parkersburg will provide free spay/neuter procedure and a rabies vaccine (if not already vaccinated) to low income individuals. While we do not currently have a full-time staff veterinarian, we do have access to relief veterinarians who come to our free-standing clinic and perform these procedures several times each month. While our standard cost for the procedures is low, the cost is still a barrier for many of the clients who would otherwise have their animals altered and help with the pet overpopulation in our community. This project will allow low income pet owners to receive these services by presenting an award letter, Medicare or Medicaid card or any other documentation indicating they are currently receiving one or more forms of government assistance. Appointments will be required to ensure adequate staff resources are available to provide safe care for each of the animals being altered. It is our goal by providing these services to prevent unintentional litters of puppies or kittens that increase the number of pets the individuals have to provide care for or re-home.

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates	1620 Park Ave.			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-428-4438

Project Information	Delivering Funds to Meet Basic Human Needs, Provide Emergency Support and Relieve Community Distress	Project Information
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Celebrating 60 years of WV service, the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates, Inc. (PACF) is a locally governed public charity with 200+ community-based volunteers who work together to build publicly-managed charitable funds that provide grants to meet the greatest needs of economically disadvantaged citizens and their communities. PACF's FY 2023 NIP project directly serves citizens in need and their families by raising and distributing current grants for emergency shelter, clothing, food, medical / dental supplies and services; aid for vulnerable residents' hardship and personal safety needs; as well as aid for local first responders, and other local groups serving persons in recovery from substance use disorders. PACF will use its innovative GiveLocalMOV 24-hour online giving project to raise NIP funds for grantmaking; its competitive Community Action Grant and Advised Grant programs; its Community Sponsors program to support PACF's own capacity to deliver services; and also targeted fundraising for PACF's "Hunger Fund" (funds food pantries and feeding programs); "Safety Net Fund" (provides hardship grant support and addresses needs of un-homed citizens) and "Recovery Fund" (supports persons in recovery and emergency shelters). In providing local and broad-based support, PACF is unique in uniting the citizens of its service area to work collaboratively to improve their local quality of life by collectively raising funds for the public good and distributing grants to meet their communities' most pressing current needs. PACF builds regional civic capacity by enlisting volunteers in the leadership of our organization through our Regional Affiliates network and locally based committees of citizens. PACF's FY 2023 NIP Project is focused on the service counties of our region in which PACF is the only public charity community foundation funder, four of which counties are labeled by the ARC as "distressed" counties and two others as "at risk."

Parkersburg Art Center	725 Market Street			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	3044853859
Project Information	Senior Art is Growing				Project Information

For eighteen months, the Parkersburg Art Center has worked to involve residents over age 55 in art instruction. The local reception to the program has been beyond our expectations! Many older residents do not have the opportunity or finances to join their peers in learning and socializing. Research—both formal investigation and in our experience—shows that older individuals who suffer from isolation do not thrive mentally and socially. The need for this program is shown by the waiting lists we’ve had for previous sessions, far exceeding the class limits. A space has been created especially for these students. Their access and work space is barrier-free. This year will expand the number of students that can be enrolled to 96. Starting with the next classes, the space created for these students will be available to any student enrolled at any time the Art Center is open to the public. They may work on their projects, and as team-work is assigned, they will have a place to work together. If they find it necessary to allow works to dry before taking the next step they will leave the project in their assigned area to dry. The Art Center will provide instruction, and supplies. The instructor will also show students inexpensive materials that they have access to at home. Experience in previous sessions, and during this year, will guide the instructor in developing lesson plans and identify materials needed for future classes.

The Parkersburg Area Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.d/b/a House to Home	413 8th Street			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	West Virginia	26101	Phone	304-488-8103
Project Information	House to Home Day Shelter				Project Information

House to Home Day Shelter is a place where the homeless, inadequately housed and those unable to make ends meet due to limited income can seek help. At House to Home, clients can find food, shelter, clothing, laundry, and shower facilities as well as phone, phone charging and computer access. House to Home helps clients meet these basic, day-to-day needs, so they can focus on other goals such as finding housing, employment or accessing other needed services and resources. Unlike most overnight shelters, House to Home is open during daytime hours. House to Home charges nothing for its services. By providing a place where clients can access resources during the day, clients are not forced to seek shelter in public areas where they are typically unwelcome. House to Home is funded and operated by the Parkersburg Area Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.

The Salvation Army of Parkersburg	534 Fifth Street			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-485-4529
Project Information	Hope is on the Way				Project Information

Our programs aim to meet clients where they are with compassion and understanding. Homeless individuals, families struggling financially, and elderly adults are assisted everyday through our agency. While some clients receive assistance regularly, others simply need support to get by for the month, and our program works to lessen the burden regardless of a client's situation. Our Social Services assisted 1,730 clients this year. Social service programs, such as rental and utility assistance, provide financial support to help clients catch up on bills while remaining in the comfort of their homes. Our Pathway of Hope program works as a supportive steppingstone for families to maintain independent housing. Our shelter provides individuals and families with a safe, warm, caring place to stay while they receive case management and resources to assist them in successful societal reentry. Our food pantry and two meal programs provide hot nutritious meals every day of the week plus we recently started a canteen ministry where we set up at a location in Ravenswood and Ripley WV to hand out meals. We currently are only providing that canteen meal on Friday but eventually would like to increase that frequency.

Women's Care Center	P.O. Box 4765			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26104	Phone	304-485-7122
Project Information	Growing Parents and People				Project Information

Over 300 women received material assistance at Women's Care Center last fiscal year. While there was lots of mentoring and will continue to be, we want to be more intentional in growing moms (and dads) as parents and people when they make use of our baby boutique. BrightCourse will give us the opportunity to educate moms and dads (biological or not) to be the best parent they can be! Lessons cover topics from pregnancy to birth to infancy to toddlers to parenting to life-skills to fatherhood. Each course includes an online video, video worksheet, homework, a fact sheet, and a spiritual application, if desired. Course examples include Emotions of Pregnancy, Bonding with Your Unborn, Smoking/Drinking/Drugs, Simple Infant Care, Stable Parent/Stable Home, and Being a Father/Real Time. There will be no cost for the curriculum and no cost for the baby and maternity items to participants. The boutique is filled day after day with community donations and manned by volunteers. Baby showers inundated with diapers, wipes, onesies, and anything a baby would use are received. Larger items like cribs and car seats are earned by mom/dad participating in BrightCourse, prenatal care visits, pediatrician visits, obtaining a GED, and more. We are excited about this new program! We are setting a goal of 50 participants the first year and will build upon that in subsequent years.