

NIP Directory FY-2018

Community Trust Foundation			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Allegany, MD
71 Baltimore St.	Cumberland	MD	21502	Phone	301-876-9172

Meals on Wheels

The Community Trust Foundation in collaboration with the Mineral County Office on Aging and Family Services will support the Meals on Wheels program in Mineral County. 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. The program is for those persons who cannot cook for themselves, have no one to cook for them and are unable to leave their homes for meals. This 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” on those who live alone. Any unanswered delivery is reported and investigated. Any changes in a recipient’s health or needs are noted, and dietary changes are made, as needed. If appropriate, referrals to family, physician, or other community services, are also made.

Goodwill of Southwestern PA			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Allegany, PA
118 52nd Street	Pittsburgh	PA	15201	Phone	412-632-1901

Pre-ETS: Pre-Employment Training for Youth with Disabilities

Targeting Preston County, Goodwill seeks to expand upon its current services to individuals with disabilities and will further develop a program to assist youth from poverty-stricken communities. The youth programming is called Pre-ETS and it is an approved statewide Pre-Employment Transition Services that provides Workplace Readiness Training. It helps high school students with disabilities get the knowledge needed to find and maintain competitive integrated employment. This can include soft skills training, interview skills, job readiness, job-seeking skills, HR practices, and other skills needed to become "workplace-ready." Pre-ETS will serve up to 15 high school students with disabilities during the 2017-2018 school year and additional months of post-graduation services. Two, main components of Pre-ETS are: A) Job Shadowing and B) Work-Based Learning Experiences and the specifics are: A) Job Shadowing will provide high school students with disabilities a one to five day job shadowing experience, for a maximum of 25 hours per school year, in an occupation of interest within a community integrated setting. Students will be provided an opportunity to shadow employees and obtain an overview of knowledge, tasks, and abilities needed to work in this field. B) Work-Based Learning Experiences will give high school students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in work-based learning experiences, which may include in-school opportunities, or experience outside the traditional school setting (including internships), that is provided in an integrated environment in the community. Students will be given options for experiences to gain knowledge and skills needed to obtain competitive integrated employment or transition to post-secondary training. Students will be supervised by Goodwill staff to ensure progress and safety.

Alderson Broaddus University			Award Amount	\$3,000.00	Barbour
101 College Hill Drive	Philippi	WV	26416-4600	Phone	304-457-6317

Alderson Broaddus University Equal Opportunity Scholarship

This project, entitled The Equal Opportunity Scholarship, will provide a \$500 scholarship to a minimum of 12 eligible Barbour County students attending Alderson Broaddus University. The project complements existing fundraising efforts to generate support for tuition reduction assistance, particularly to needs-based local students. These scholarships will assist students in reducing the overall ticket price of annual tuition costs for books, supplies and course credits.

Mountain Hospice, INC.			Award Amount	\$22,500.00	Barbour
1002 S. Crim Ave.	Belington	WV	26250	Phone	304-823-3922

Emergency Preparedness; Charity Care & Patient Support Fund; and Bereavement Support Services

Mountain Hospice continues to enhance Emergency Preparedness efforts. With our main office designated a Red Cross-approved emergency shelter, we want to enhance safe provision of uninterrupted services to our hospice patients and families. We are working with county Offices of Emergency Management to determine additional equipment and supplies needed so hospice staff providing direct services can do so effectively before, during and after severe weather events and other emergency situations. Our goal is to provide safe access to hospice patients for nursing staff, aides, volunteers, and social workers so that no one is further endangered by an emergency event; and that 100% of patients receive all critically necessary services. A goal is to have zero patient deaths resulting from an interruption in hospice services due to emergency events. We are working to monitor that hospice families have a 72-hour supply of necessary food, medicine, oxygen, and other supplies on hand in advance of an emergency occurrence. We plan to respond quickly when emergencies occur and have communication devices in place to stay in contact with our facilities, emergency personnel, staff and volunteers at all times. We will be prepared with supplies and volunteers to assist in rescuing pets during evacuations if needed. The NIP project would facilitate acquisition of various preparedness items and supplies. Mountain Hospice provides Charity Care for patients who are uninsured or whose insurance may not adequately cover their expenses. We maintain a Patient Support Fund for these expenses and other patient costs for comfort and care that insurance may not address. The NIP project would assist in meeting these expenses. The NIP project would support enhancement and expansion of the Camp Good Grief youth bereavement summer day camp program as well as the broader youth and adult community bereavement support program, both provided at no cost to participants or their families.

Heart and Hand House, Inc.			Award Amount	\$6,000.00	Barbour
PO Box 128	Philippi	WV	26416	Phone	304-457-1295

Home Repair & Construction

Heart and Hand House hosts more than 15 volunteer work teams each summer to help low-income families in Barbour County, WV, maintain safe, livable housing. An average of 20 families receive assistance each year with home improvements or repairs, including, but not limited to, bedroom additions, roof repairs, insulation and wheelchair ramps and at least one new home is constructed each year.

Faith in Action Caregivers, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Belmont, OH
38 N. 4th Street	Martins Ferry	Ohio	43935	Phone	304-243-5420

Volunteer Match Project

Faith in Action Caregivers (FIAC) volunteer match project provides free, non-professional caregiver services to support the independent living of low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities within Ohio and Marshall 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) over shadow the costs associated with transportation. Many do not have family or friends available to help to get them to doctor's appointments, pick up prescriptions or even shop for groceries. The project provides support and services helping 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 project 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 project lies in the residents of the community; volunteer caregivers come together from all neighborhoods to help their neighbors throughout Ohio and Marshall Counties.

Apollo Civic Theatre, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Berkeley
P.O. Box 3120	Martinsburg	WV	25402-3120	Phone	304-676-6386
Youth Theatre Program					
<p>Continue to offer the Fall and Winter After School Programs - After School program runs for 6 weeks. Program is offered to school aged children from 1st grade to 12th grade. After school program is in its 4th year. Continue to offer the Youth Summer Theatre Workshop - Program is offered to school aged children from 4th grade through 12th grade. Youth Summer Theatre Workshop is in its 35th year. Both programs end in an onstage production that is offered to the public to attend.</p>					

Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Berkeley
116 East King Street	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-2934
Berkeley County Meals on Wheels					
<p>Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc. (non-profit), provides hot, nutritional, low-cost, home-delivered meals for HOMEBOUND seniors and/or handicapped and convalescing residents covering the entire 322 square miles of the County. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday and weekend deliveries are available upon request. This daily home visit serves as a "well-check" to many recipients who live alone which is a life-line to them and their families. We maintain contact phone numbers to use if the client does not answer the door when the meal is delivered. This helps the client, the client's family and or caregiver know there is a safety net which enables those receiving this service to sustain their independence within their own homes. Our project is executed through the efforts of over 120 volunteers, 5 part-time employees and an active Board of Directors. Meals are delivered on all Holidays; for Thanksgiving and Christmas, meals are delivered the day before the Holiday; we provide "Snow Kits" for those who request them when inclement weather prevents safe delivery. Over one million meals have been served since our inception in 1971.</p>					

For The Kids, By George Children's Museum			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Berkeley
229 E Martin St, Ste 2	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-283-4256

Museum Admission Scholarships

Our goal is to offer our museum experience to all children and their families in the Eastern Panhandle regardless of their ability to pay. We perform outreach to local elementary schools and summer school programs in Berkeley, Morgan, and Jefferson counties. Many children in this area are from low income families under served by extra curricula cultural and educational experiences. Our intent is to provide admission scholarships to this low income population so as to offer them the same exposure to culture and education enjoyed by others. We currently use private donations, ticket sales, and a grant from the City of Martinsburg to cover our administrative costs. The funds from the NIP tax credit program will allow us to directly offer our museum experience to this targeted population.

Good Samaritan Free Clinic			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Berkeley
121 N. Queen St	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304-582-5948

Good Samaritan Free Clinic-Martinsburg, WV

Good Samaritan Free Clinic (GSFC) offers free medical care to the uninsured and under-insured. We provide free medication to those that can't afford them; free medical care and spiritual care to those who request it. Our services also provide free behavioral health by a licensed psychologist. Good Samaritan Free Clinic has a Street Medicine program with the help of WVU Eastern Division Medical School physicians and medical student volunteers. GSFC provides street rounds to give medical care to the homeless in Martinsburg, WV; as well as out reach clinics at Back Creek Valley Full Gospel Church once a month and Immanuel's House on the fourth Monday of the month. The clinic hours at the Queen Street Martinsburg, WV location is open at 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday and first Thursday of the month- No Appointment is Necessary. GSFC distributes preventive care items that have been donated such as socks, hygiene kits, blankets, tents and sleeping bags on our street rounds and through the clinic. This year we are planning preventive health initiatives in conjunction with area churches and Healthy Berkeley; which will include healthy eating, exercise, stress and chronic disease management .

CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Berkeley
336 South Queen Street	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-5100

Each One Reach One

In order to enhance our on-going program and maximize our efficiency to serve no fewer than 48 at-risk children new to out-of-home care due to child abuse and neglect per year, CASA-EP proposes to boost awareness and generate additional interest within the counties we serve through an "Each One Reach One" challenge campaign for FY 2018. This project will produce no fewer than 20 new advocates for the CASAs standard training offered in the spring and fall of 2018. The project will challenge active volunteers, staff, and Board members to hand out this message in the form of a business card with the referral name written on the back of the card- incentives will be provided to the individual and/or group that initiates the most result. The cards can be handed out face to face, through mail campaigns or virtually via electronic mail and social media.

Community Combined Ministries Inc			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Berkeley
256 Quality Terr	Martinsburg	WV	25403	Phone	304-268-8778

Kidz Power Pacs

The heart of Community Combined Ministries (CCM) is to feed children, souls, and empower 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 within those counties. This mission is being carried out by two ministries under CCM including Kidz Power Pacs (KPP) and a host site for King Foods, a discounted food ministry. 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. Berkeley County's food insecurity rate is 14.2%, while Jefferson County's is 11.6%. As CCM has been feeding food deprived children for 10 years and has distributed over 2.5 million meals to the hungry children so far, 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. When a child is fed and the hunger pains subside a glimmer of hope emerges. They see and feel that someone cares about what they are going through and what their family is facing. When hunger is subsided and hope is given, it affects not only their mood but the possibilities of accomplishing goals. This is a snowball effect: child's behavior improves, classroom atmosphere improves, attendance improves, teachers and school staff morale improves, grades improve, testing scores improve, home life atmosphere and satisfaction improve, and a hopeful future becomes possible. All of this benefits the community as a whole. Together we are better!

Community Networks, Inc.			Award Amount	\$3,000.00	Berkeley
P.O. Box 3064	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	(304) 263-6614, X 19

Community Networks/Bethany House Emergency Shelter

Community Networks/Bethany House Emergency Shelter is located in Martinsburg, WV and provides emergency shelter, basic life needs, and case management services to low-income women and children in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties and homeless information/referral and case management to all low-income homeless populations in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties. In FY '16, approximately 25% of the shelter's population were children (most under the age of 5). Without this vital resource these youngsters would have been un-housed and could have been literally living on the streets. While residing at Bethany House, residents participate in a mandatory savings program and receive individualized case management services. Participants receive personal hygiene products, clothing, and other needed items during their stay. In FY '16, Bethany House provided residential services to 233 unduplicated individuals (174 women and 59 children) who received 9,188 nights of shelter. The average length of stay in the emergency shelter was 39.43 days per person. In addition to nights of shelter, residents received 1,456 hours of case management and 12,593 on-site meals. Other services provided by the shelter include provision of laundry facilities, life enrichment classes, nutrition classes, life skills training, and children's interactive learning activities. In addition, staff maintain and update a "Job Board" listing employment opportunities throughout the community to assist residents in their employment searches. During FY '16, non-residential homeless services were provided to 431 individuals. During this period, 5,845 nights of shelter were provided in local motels utilizing DHHR vouchers. In addition, 884 hours of case management were provided. Non-residential assistance is provided through referrals and information linking the individual/family to the appropriate agency or service provider.

Panhandle Home Health, Inc.			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Berkeley
208 Old Mill Road	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-5680

Charity Care Program

PHHI seeks the support of NIP funding for our Charity Care Program (CCP), which we established at our founding in 1976. We are a service organization that provides professional health care services to patients at home in need of medical care under the direction of the patient's physician. Our professionals assist the patient, family and caregivers in the home setting to achieve maximum independence. However, these services may be out of reach to as many as 25% of our referred patients because they lack insurance coverage or their coverage is not adequate for the services that they require often with very high and unaffordable deductibles. We developed the CCP to meet the needs of such patients, allowing them the dignity of receiving required, medically directed home health care services without stigma. The premise behind home health care is to promote wellness, a return to independence, and a sense of well being but poverty and unemployment often force patients to "do without." Our CCP was developed to ensure that our neighbors in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia do not have to do without home health services. Our goal is to give all of our patients access to the needed health care services at home. Individuals of all ages, regardless of circumstances, are eligible for our services based on medical need and a physician's order. We turn no one away from the medically necessary services. Our CCP ensures that professional home health care services are provided to members of the community that do not have insurance coverage and/or do not have the funds to cover the costs of necessary home health care. We call this a Charity Care Program but, to us, it is simply a matter of providing the necessary medical care to those who need it.

Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Inc.			Award Amount	\$8,000.00	Berkeley
PO Box 1146	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304-263-4999 ext 106

Starting Points Family Resource Center

Morgan County Starting Points would use NIP credits to leverage additional funds to enhance initiatives that address the issue of food insecurity for Morgan County families. This small county has great need and increasing requests for assistance and support. Starting Points has focused on this need through the operation of a community kitchen, nutrition education programs, and a Backpack program. NIP credits would allow us to maximize the financial contributions from our current donors and potentially attract new donors. The Meal Time Community Kitchen (MTCK) serves free hot meals three evenings a week with one part time staff member and volunteers from churches, businesses, and civic groups. MTCK offers nutrition education and guidance to volunteers and participants. Weekly, produce is gleaned from Berkeley Springs Farmers Market vendors and daily donations from Food Lion. These products are utilized in meal preparation for the MTCK and/or are given to participants. The Morgan County Backpack Program distributes backpack meals to more than 340 children grades k-12. This effort is managed by a committee comprised of Starting Points' staff and community volunteers. Morgan County Schools supply storage space where the food is bagged weekly during the school year and is also offered during the summer months to children attending camps. Larger backpack quantities are distributed for holidays and long breaks. Cheap Eats-- Paw Paw, a 25 mile drive from Berkeley Springs, meets the USDA criteria of a food desert, with the closest grocery store a 45 minute drive. There are only limited food and fresh produce resources available at the Dollar Store and the gas station. Starting Points created a monthly "Cheap Eats" nutrition program that partners with families to demonstrate preparation of a nutritious meal on a budget. Families share in the prepared meal, receive nutrition education, gardening and meal preparation ideas, and receive free food.

Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Berkeley
PO Box 1184	Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304-263-1832

Mentoring Matters Most -- Triple M

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle provides after school and summer programming to over 1,200 children in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties. Members receive daily access to programs in five core areas: education and career development; character and leadership development; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation. We recognize that we can make a greater impact in our members' futures with programs targeting positive youth development. Our primary focus is engaging our most needy population by providing scholarships to 50 children who are at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). As part of their scholarship, members will be matched with a mentor who will provide one-on-one support and guidance. Currently, over half of our membership falls below the FPL. An annual membership per child is \$2,800. This is the cost to provide services, however, this is not what our members are responsible to pay. Community investment through grants, foundations, corporate and individual donations help to support our members' annual fees. A nominal tuition fee per child is assessed to the member family. To assist our most needy families, a sliding tuition scale is offered and in some cases, full sponsorship is provided. We respectfully request NIP credits to support the unfunded portion of a child's membership, which is \$1,000. Funding 50 members comprises 4% of our total membership.

Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation			Award Amount	\$50,000.00	Berkeley
229 E. Martin Street	Martinsburg	WV	25427	Phone	304-264-0353

EWVCF NIP Community Service, Emergency Assistance, and Job Training & Education Project

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) is requesting \$125,000 in NIP Tax Credits to support the following projects to assist the more than 30,000 low-income residents of the region. The NIP Tax Credits will be utilized by donors wishing to make “pass through” contributions directly to these programs, and by donors contributing to permanent endowments which were established to provide lasting support:1. Community Service – Medical, day care, foster care, and counseling for low-income families2. Community Service – Funding youth programs, recreation, and the arts for at-risk children and families3. Community Service – Assistance with housing, transportation, sheltered workshops and food pantries4. Job Training & Education – Scholarships to students from low-income families, and mini-grants to teachers in Title 1 schools5. Emergency Assistance – Funding for emergency shelter, food, water, clothing, and supplies6. Capacity Building – Workshops to help nonprofit leaders build capacity, recruit volunteers, etc.We are the only organization in our five-county region (Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson and Morgan) that brings together a wide range of nonprofit organizations, donors, businesses, and private foundations to forge innovative, creative, and unique partnerships that fill an underserved population in the eastern region of West Virginia. EWVCF operates with remarkably low overhead costs. Three full-time employees serve hundreds of donors, dozens of other nonprofit organizations, scores of scholarship recipients, and the general public over five counties. A mere one percent of a donor’s fund offsets the majority of our operating expenses. The programs and grants we offer to the community (many of which are inspired and built by donors with shared NIP values) are always in greater demand than we can fund.

Berkeley County Congregational Cooperative Action Project, Inc., dba, "CCAP/Loaves& Fishes"			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Berkeley
336 South Queen Street	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-671-6511

Provision of Emergency Financial Assistance for Maintaining Safe Housing

This project provides emergency financial assistance to help residents of Berkeley County maintain safe housing by providing assistance with rent, electric service or water/sewer service. Recipients must be residents of Berkeley County,West Virginia whose annual income is below 125% of the federal poverty level.Financial vouchers payable to the landlord or utility are issued to eligible households for rent, electric service, or water/sewer service when a notice of arrears, eviction or termination of service is presented to and verified with the billing entity by CCAP/Loaves&Fishes volunteer staff . Rental assistance may be provided once in three years; electric and water/sewer service once in two years.

Mountaineer Food Bank, Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Braxton
484 Enterprise Drive	Gassaway	WV	26624	Phone	304-364-5518

Veterans Table

West Virginia has a long history of Military service men and women, many of which have a service connected disability and many of these who are facing the war on the battlefield of hunger. Mountaineer Food Bank is dedicated to helping these veterans to win that war by providing them with monthly food boxes, mobile food pantries and onsite VA pantries, that will allow them to have the food they need and deserve.

A Child's Place CASA, Ltd.			Award Amount	\$3,000.00	Brooke
613 Main Street	Follansbee	WV	26037	Phone	(304) 737-4444

A Child's Place CASA, Ltd.

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.

EJ & Lenore Kaiser and David E. Gerlach			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Cabell
PO Box 592	Huntington	WV	25710	Phone	304-6380534

Coin Harvey House Restoration Apprenticeship Program

The Coin Harvey House, through the E. J. and Lenore Kaiser and David E. Gerlach Foundation, seeks to save and restore Huntington's unique historic house to its original splendor through the "Coin Harvey House Restoration Apprenticeship Program," which will provide Mountwest Community & Technical College Engineering students and addiction rehabilitation participants apprenticeships in architecture, design and on-the-job training via construction skills development. Additionally, school children and visitors will be provided educational opportunities according to the WV Department of Education standards for history and culture. Importantly, the "Coin Harvey House Restoration Apprenticeship Program" will serve as an impetus to restore the history of the region and improve the blighted neighborhood.

Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District			Award Amount	\$0.00	Cabell
P.O. Box 2985	Huntington	WV	25728	Phone	304-696-5954

St. Cloud Commons All-Inclusive Playground Project

The Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District has undertaken extensive research to learn that nearly 25% of the children in our immediate area have some type of disability. We are now building a new playground that will be the first of its kind in the area. This All-Inclusive Playground will be fully accessible and cater to children with all scopes of abilities. It will be wheelchair accessible and have multiple places for kids to slide, swing, twirl, and climb. This playground will serve as a National Demonstration Site that will represent the proper way to build an all-inclusive playground. Despite the location being right off of Interstate 64, it is being installed in an extremely disadvantaged neighborhood and dilapidated area. Children are not the only focus of this project, adult play and exercise equipment is included in the plans and the park will be connected to the citywide Paul Ambrose Trail for Health. The Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District is working closely with the playground vendor to make sure that this project follows seven key principles. 1. Be Fair- Will provide social justice by being equitable and usable by people of all abilities so they can enjoy their right to play. 2. Be Included- Will support the participation of individuals with diverse abilities in social and physical activities for inclusive, intergenerational play. 3. Be Smart- Will be easy to understand, allowing individuals to be successful and gain confidence through play. 4. Be Independent- Will allow children to effectively explore and participate in play at their own level. 5. Be Safe- Will address current safety standards while providing developmental opportunities needed for exploration and challenge. 6. Be Active- Will support various degrees of physical and social participation in play while minimizing unnecessary fatigue. 7. Be Comfortable- Will be usable for individuals with sensory needs, diverse body size, posture, mobility, and motor control.

The Lifehouse			Award Amount	\$1,500.00	Cabell
P. O. Box 503	Huntington	WV	25710	Phone	(304) 429-5433 Ext. 5

Restoring Who We Are by Changing How We Live - Phase II (Continuing Capital Improvement)

The project Lifehouse desires to continue funding with donations sparked by an NIP allocation is a second phase of capital improvements on various properties that are shared by people recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction. In both complement and furthering of our mission and existing efforts, we choose to offer people in recovery an environment that challenges the accepted low standards of living in addiction by improving self-perception in recognition of a house that exceeds long-accepted standards of a person who has lived with addiction for years, if not decades. To help explain how this will be effected, we recognize that many of us grow to understand that our environment challenges us to change the way we look at ourselves. Improving the conditions we may offer recovering participants enables us to continue to challenge their acceptance of substandard self-worth in a way that encourages responsibility and stewardship for the opportunity to continue their recovery in above-average living conditions. As the environments of active addiction gradually effaces the dignity and self-esteem of an individual, we believe the reverse is an essential part of the remedy that draws a person up from a negative self-image and closed selfishness to a positive self-conception and open, outward stewardship. As follows from an initial phase that began more than a year ago, wherein we have already completed a variety of both safety and capital improvements such as fire escapes (3 properties), central HVAC (2 properties) and a build-out of livable attic space (opening 7 additional beds + a full bath), this second phase continues our goal of extensive renovations to all areas (kitchens, bathrooms, living areas, etc.). Furthering the very practical and organizational stewarding of limited resources, we will continue to assess and target improvements which meet both a real need and the incorporative goal of widening a participant's self-perspective as a mechanism of change.

Unlimited Future			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Cabell
1650 8th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25703	Phone	304-697-3007

Igniting Individual Success through Entrepreneurial Education

Unlimited Future has a 20-year history serving economically disadvantaged and minority entrepreneurs in Huntington. Unlimited Future conducts effective programming that drives small business development and growth in Huntington and region. The target entrepreneur is interested in starting a business that leverages a skills or interests to provide a service or product to others. These entrepreneurs are experts in their field but lack the basic business knowledge to make themselves marketable. Unlimited Future provides education to ignite the potential of these individuals, helping them overcome barriers on their pathway to success. The 12-hour small business training class, called Planning for Profit, is offered on a sliding scale according to household income, enabling clients in the Very-Low Income range to enroll in this course at no charge and receive credit at Mountwest CTC. The course will provide intensive instruction for each business topic- company incorporation, bookkeeping, taxes, financial management, and marketing. Participants will receive materials, like checklists, worksheets, and resource lists to support the classroom learning experience. Unlimited Future identified financial skill building as a critical need for all types of businesses and dedicates six hours of course instruction to this topic. Clients that complete Planning for Profit are eligible to receive additional support services as they launch their business. These coaching and technical assistance services support new business owners as they work through the challenges of a startup. The staff works with a network of advisors including an accountant, local bank representatives, and other seasoned business owners to provide coaching and technical assistance. We also work with 5/3 Bank to offer personal credit building workshops to increase access to financing. Finally, businesses ready to open access low-cost office space at the Unlimited Future incubator to facilitate successful operation.

Developmental Therapy Center, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Cabell
803 7th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-1164

Outpatient Therapy Services

DTC provides comprehensive therapeutic services in the related fields of occupational, physical, and speech-language therapy. DTC provides screenings, evaluations and treatment to assist patients in enhancing their cognitive, fine motor, gross motor and communication skills. Our team of professionals consists of developmental therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech language pathologists, support staff, and volunteers. Our team provides early intervention screenings to identify children who may have, or be at risk, for a delay: Occupational therapy team provides intervention treatment to enhance patients' independent functioning in their daily activities; Physical therapy team assists patients in developing and enhancing mobility so they may safely participate in activities in the home/community; Speech language pathology team assesses, diagnoses, treats, and helps to prevent disorders related to speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency. Our team develops a plan of care, (tailored to each patient's needs) which includes the frequency and intensity of the needed therapy services. Services are provided in child care centers, preschools, patients' homes, and our center. DTC improves and sustains the wellness of patients by assisting them in reaching their highest functioning level, which enhances the quality of their lives and the lives of their families. A significant number of our patients come from families living in poverty in addition to addressing the challenges of a special needs family member. Families with special needs children and adults are constrained by limitations which impact their ability to work/sustain their families. Many DTC patients have inadequate/no insurance coverage and are economically disadvantaged. Others have payment methods which only allow limited visits per year. DTC assists these families by providing appropriate and affordable developmental therapy services.

Huntington Symphony Orchestra			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Cabell
763 Third Avenue	Huntington	WV	25725	Phone	304-781-8343

Huntington Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Janet E. Bromley Community Education Outreach Project

The Huntington Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Janet E. Bromley Community Education Outreach Project is a free community-based service which provides orchestral recreational services to low-income, economically distressed schools and community sectors, such as patrons of the City Mission, Tri-State Literacy Council's adult learners, clients of the WV Legal Aid, Veterans from Huntington's Homeless Veterans Resources, Huntington Housing Authority residents, and other low-income individuals. Additionally, the Huntington Symphony Orchestra will provide community-service in-school performances held in economically distressed communities. These performances-- known in the community as E.F.F.O.R.T. for Education, For, Future, Orchestra, Related, Tradition (founded in 1974)-- will engage the youth through interactive methods designed to facilitate critical thinking and innovative creativity. Notably, these performances will help address the continued cutbacks in music and arts education. Full-orchestra performance tickets will also be provided for free to the children and families from highly distressed communities. Beginning in 2017, area school children (K-12, approx. 1,200 students) from Wayne and Cabell counties will be transported to and attend the winter season series at no charge. Additionally, the chaperons will attend free, and all of the attendees will receive music appreciation and education opportunities.

River Valley Child Development Svs.			Award Amount	\$0.00	Cabell
611 7th Ave.	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-3417, x208

Healthy Baby Coalition

To provide an appropriate setting for infants born addicted to drugs when they are released from Lilly's Place. Also, to provide counseling, education and training to the current and future caregivers of those children.

Facing Hunger Foodbank, Inc.			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Cabell
1327 7th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	3045236029

Lincoln County Schools Back Pack Program

Through our Lincoln County Schools Back Pack Program, Facing Hunger Food Bank seeks to continue to address the nutritional and developmental needs of a minimum of 450 children qualifying for participation (through the free & reduced breakfast and lunch program) in the back pack program at seven PK-8 schools, and Lincoln County High School. This program, started in 2012, is part of our ongoing hunger relief efforts in the county 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 and 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 37.1%. 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 and perform 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.

Lily's Place			Award Amount	\$15,000.00	Cabell
1320 7th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304.523.5459

Family Foundations

Family Foundations is designed to stop the trend of drug-exposed newborns by providing education, training, support services and community resources to the families of our patients and our community. Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome require specialized care; all caregivers will complete training for therapeutic handling, care of a high-needs infant, infant CPR, feeding a NAS baby, what symptoms to expect, what to do if there is a problem, safety precautions and safe sleeping practices. Our Director of Nursing provides education on NAS, medication protocols and therapeutic handling techniques to community members and medical professionals allowing them to care for the increase in population of NAS babies that we have seen throughout our community. In addition, Lily's Place works with occupational therapists, physical therapists and in-home providers to educate them on how to deliver the specialized care required of babies with NAS. At Lily's Place, we have an onsite social worker who will preform an intake process with the parents/guardian as part of Family Foundations. This intake identifies their social, mental and wellness needs and pairs them with the appropriate programs to obtain the care they need. Family Foundations also allows us to ensure that families who have completed our program are receiving the continuing intervention resources they may need. To assist with this, we offer a monthly follow-up clinic to our families led by Dr. Mitzi Payne, a pediatric neurologist. Each baby receives a full exam at the clinic and parents are given items such as clothing, diapers, wipes and bottles when they attend. Our services are continuous to ensure that babies and their caregivers continue to stay healthy after their stay at Lily's Place.

Faith in Action of the River Cities, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Cabell
200 19th Street	Huntington	WV	25703	Phone	304-697-1274

Increasing Supportive Services for Seniors and Chronically Disabled Adults

Faith in Action of the River Cities recruits and trains volunteers from faith congregations and civic organizations to meet the daily needs of senior citizens and chronically disabled adults who wish to continue living in their own homes rather than in assisted-living or nursing facilities. Services include transportation, assistance with grocery shopping and errands, help with paperwork and bill-paying, respite care for family caregivers, and home modifications such as construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps and installation of grab bars and home-safety devices. Services are provided free of charge to care receivers and without billing any responsible third-parties. As the state's population ages, FIA continues to experience an increase in new requests for services. A concerted effort continues to recruit and train new volunteers in communities witnessing a rapid increase in requests for help. Working with local citizens as well as students of Marshall University's Service Learning, Nursing and Social Work Departments, efforts are continuing to improve assessment of the needs of new applicants; to link applicants with other agencies for assistance, when appropriate; and to advocate on behalf of care receivers with insurance and/or health care professionals when necessary. Funds will be utilized for recruiting and for new training materials; for advertising; for presentation supplies; for increased mileage reimbursement; and to closely monitor the changing physical and mental conditions of the care receivers served by FIA volunteers.

Dress for Success River Cities			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Cabell
1141 4th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-522-3011

Supporting Success Through the Professional Women's Group (PWG)

Success is not only about getting a job; it's about building a career. Dress for Success ensures that women are adequately prepared to gain employment, by providing professional attire and resources such as a resume and interview preparation. It is equally important that women who have gained employment continue to receive support and guidance. Many women who are advancing out of poverty find that their support network may be inadequate as they face new challenges, and that they need to keep developing their skills and knowledge in order to advance in the workforce. Dress for Success created the Professional Women's Group (PWG) to provide networking and support opportunities, combined with educational sessions and resources in order to help women step closer to self-sufficiency. The PWG takes a comprehensive approach to moving low-income women toward self-sufficiency by addressing their social and economic needs in relation to work, home and community. The PWG supports clients during a critical time by providing information that will help women unfamiliar with the workplace continue to develop skills and advance in their careers. The PWG offers women a comfortable atmosphere in which they can share, grow and network with other women who have recently made the same transition into the workforce. Women who are new to the workforce, or transitioning back into the workforce face a myriad of challenges, from understanding corporate culture, to handling personal finances, often with no support or guidance. PWG programming centers around the four pillars of PWG including: Financial Planning, the Written/Unwritten Rules of the Workplace, Work Life/Balance and Health and Wellness. Our project would allow for the creation of a PWG program in Cabell County by providing a coordinator to plan monthly PWG meetings, select workshop topics, arrange speakers, and assign mentors to PWG members to provide the constant support and resources these women so desperately need.

Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, Inc.			Award Amount	\$13,000.00	Cabell
PO Box 7365	Huntington	WV	25776-7365	Phone	304-525-7034

Goodwill of KYOWVA's Community Prosperity Services

"Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA's Community Prosperity Services" 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 Community Prosperity project offers an array of computer skills classes as well as high-demand Industrial Certification tracks, including:* Microsoft Office Training & Windows Examination Certification: Excel, Word, Outlook, & PowerPoint* Employment Skills Training* Work Adjustment/Life Skills Training* ABE/GED/ESL Instruction* E-Commerce & Entrepreneurship Training* Customer Service, Retail Sales & Retail Management Training: National Retail Federation certifications* Janitorial Training: Cleaning Management Institute certifications* Medical Office Skills Technician, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant: National Health Care Association Each Industrial Certification track provides self-empowerment training, resume writing, job search, interviewing skills and internships. Importantly, graduates can receive up to 12 hours of college credit through Mountwest Community & Technical College. Additionally, the array of holistic supports for low-income individuals includes our Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) division, a National Foundation for Credit Counseling member, which builds financial independence through budget planning, debt management planning, pre-bankruptcy counseling, and debtor education. Further, Goodwill's Family Service Division provides counseling sessions that afford stabilizing behavioral health supports, which empower individuals to gain and retain high-quality employment. Participants will also receive essential employability skills, free hygiene counseling (including interview appropriate haircuts), and appropriate interview attire via Goodwill's Clothing Voucher program for women and Goodwill's Hire Attire program for men.

TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc.			Award Amount	\$14,000.00	Cabell
P.O. Box 1653	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-9587 ext 308

Western Regional CASA

Provides advocacy for 800 child abuse victims in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Putnam and Kanawha civil courts by recruiting, training and supporting community volunteers known as Court Appointed Special Advocates (or CASA volunteers) to advocate for the best interests of 300 children, and by having trained CASA staff to monitor and advocate for another 500 children until they are in a safe, loving and permanent home.

John W. Hereford Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington, Inc.			Award Amount	\$57,500.00	Cabell
520 Everett Street	Huntington	WV	25702	Phone	304-523-5120

John W. Hereford Boys & Girls Club of Huntington

Since 1959, the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington has provided a safe and nurturing environment for tens of thousands of children in the Huntington area. The club, as a whole, is the project because its programs and services are designed with a holistic approach to each child. This approach includes programs like Power Hour, an interactive after-school homework assistance program led by a certified teacher, that provides the support, resources and guidance necessary to complete their homework and start the next school day with a sense of confidence and ability. Each year, approximately 150 children between the ages of 6 and 18 participate in Power Hour, which includes homework assistance, tutoring, enrichment, field trips and educational computer programs and games. Along with the Power Hour, the club coordinates both educational and kid-friendly opportunities that include yoga, motivational speakers, cookouts, art projects and field trips to the Huntington Museum of Art, Carter Caves, Marshall University, Ritter Park, Roll-A-Rama and local libraries. Children also participate in a community garden and the local sustainability fair. The Boys & Girls Club provides healthy snacks and meals each afternoon during the school year, with breakfast included in the summer. That has culminated in average of 2,500 meals served each month. Both club locations -- in Guyandotte and West Huntington -- are neighborhoods with higher rates of poverty and crime, which means the clubs serve as a safe shelter both after school and during the summer, when one or more parent or guardian may be working or seeking employment. Focusing our efforts on the safety, well-being and educational advancement of our children has led and continues to lead them to long-term improvements, valuable organizational skills and confidence.

Recovery Point of Huntington, Inc.			Award Amount	\$42,500.00	Cabell
2425 9th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25703	Phone	304-523-4673

Improving Recovery Point Huntington and Charleston

Recovery Point West Virginia is dedicated to stopping the addiction epidemic in our state. Recovery Point programs provide addiction recovery programs to people suffering from substance use disorder at NO COST. The organization will take on two renovation projects at our Huntington and Charleston locations to benefit existing residential recovery programs in the fiscal year 2018. In Charleston, the organization intends to purchase a vacant parking lot across from the program and begin the process of developing this community eyesore into a therapeutic green space for participants and community members to garden, meditate, and relax. In Huntington, the program is housed in an aging school building. There are several small renovations planned to improve the facility and continue to provide secure shelter for 100 men seeking recovery from addiction. Both programs offer a long-term, residential addiction recovery setting that sees 68 percent of all graduates remain sober after one year of graduating the program. The Huntington facility houses 100 men as they work their way through classes and job assignments designed to help them learn a new way of life. The Charleston program houses 92 women as they work through the same recovery program, and it will soon also serve up to 48 women with low-income housing in a new apartment complex adjoining the facility. The green space will serve all of the women housed in the facility and in the apartments. These upgrades will improve the quality of life for nearly 200 men and women participating in our programs who are working hard to find lasting, meaningful recovery from addiction. Recovery Point Huntington and Charleston recovery programs aim to see lives restored, families reunited, and communities healed.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Cabell
501 5th Avenue, suite 3	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-522-2191

Improving School Competence Indicators Through Community and School Based Mentoring Programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State (BBBSTS) expects to see measurable results in the area of education when evaluating the impact of youth mentoring on children served by adult mentors. Mentoring relationships offer an alternative to negative influences by supporting personal and academic outcomes, and preparing young people for the workforce. Negative cultural influences, peer pressure and challenging life circumstances put children at great risk. Research indicates that children who participate in one risky behavior often participate in others. At-risk youth are more likely to have academic struggles and less likely to have naturally occurring mentors. BBBSTS helps children reach the goals of higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors, and educational success. Mentoring takes place through two programs which include: School-Based Mentoring Program: Mentors spend 1 hour per week at a partner school one-to-one with children referred by school personnel assisting with school assignments, improving academic and social skills, and offering guidance and support.

Community Based Program: Mentors provide children with one-to-one quality time and attention, at least twice monthly through social/cultural/educational activities. They cultivate relationships that provide children with skills to manage every day challenges while improving social interaction, developing trust, encouraging academic success and improving family relationships. Results are measured through the use of Performance Outcomes Evaluations (POE) and Youth Outcomes Surveys (YOS). Studies have found a strong and positive relationship between the developmental assets measured in POE and increases in reported school attendance and grades in mentored youth. The YOS measures current and forward-looking perceptions from mentored youth in areas of education, social acceptance, parental trust and attitudes toward risk.

Huntington Museum of Art, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Cabell
2033 McCoy Road	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	(304) 529-2701 xt. 306

Museum Making Connections: ArtWorks!, After School, Tri-State Elementaries, and Tours

Huntington Museum of Art (HMA) will offer programming from within Museum Making Connections (MMC) to provide at-risk children in the Cabell, Wayne, and Mason Counties with on and off-site art education and interactive art experiences, enriching their lives and encouraging expanded thought processes through art. Children who have a connection to the arts perform better on tests and think in broader terms leading to better classroom performance, giving them the best opportunity possible for long-term success. Over the years, West Virginia has seen many cuts to the arts in our public school systems, leaving a developmental gap which only professionally trained art educators can fill. HMA is meeting that direct need in our community through MMC: ArtWorks – which uses project-based learning to help disadvantaged teens understand problem identification, collaboration, critical thinking, planning and instill community pride through public art creation and installation; MMC: Tours – which provides teachers with pre-tour and post-tour materials to reinforce, integrate, and evaluate lessons learned at the Museum through guided, grade specific tours meeting state content standards & objectives, including experiences that introduce art concepts and explore connections between art, math, social studies, science, engineering, and literature; MMC: After School – which offers cross curricular, supportive lessons based on content standards and objectives in established after school sites; and MMC: Tri-State Elementaries – which helps to close the developmental gap by working collaboratively with economically distressed, rural schools in our service area to support state standards in education, addressing 21st Century Learning Skills while encouraging personal growth and artistic development in elementary classrooms with professionally trained art educators.

Pretera Foundation for Behavioral Health Services, Inc.			Award Amount	\$30,000.00	Cabell
PO Box 2672	Huntington	WV	25726	Phone	304-525-7851

Clay County Behavioral Health Service Expansion

Nestled in the small remote town of Clay West Virginia, Pretera Center provided a variety of high quality behavioral health care services to 235 adults, children and families in need in the past year (July 1, 2016 through June 26, 2017). Services provided included evaluations, therapy, psychiatry, case management, supportive services and medications. Clay County has always been the most disadvantaged county of the nine counties served by Pretera Center. The demand for behavioral health care services has steadily increased after the June 2016 flood disaster left victims suffering with anxiety, depression, substance use disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder. This project will increase the number of persons served in fiscal year 2018 by 25% or an additional 59 adults, children and families (expanding from 235 to at least 294) in the Clay County Pretera Center service location. This increase in persons served will be accomplished by expanding the staffing in the Clay County clinic site. A psychiatrist will be added two full days a week. Additionally, at least two full days each month, a Charleston-based master's level therapist will travel to the Clay clinic site to provide therapy services. A full-time on-site bachelor's level case manager and a full-time on-site community engagement specialist along with an office manager complement the staffing at the Clay County clinic site.

Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Cabell
627 4th Avenue	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-2764, ext. 10

Harmony House day shelter

The Coalition's project will focus on the provision of basic resources and essential services to nearly 1,000 individuals currently experiencing homelessness or those who have been homeless in Cabell County through our day shelter, Harmony House. Through Harmony House, we provide a variety of services, including a supported employment program, counseling, medical care and transportation. We also provide the following basic resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness: showers, laundry services, hygiene supplies, breakfast and lunch three or more times each week, telephone and mail access, lockers and document storage. Harmony House provides office space for community partners who offer services to those individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Community partners include Prester Center's PATH program, Information and Referral, Valley Health, Marshall Health and Marshall Dermatology. We also have a new grant-funded team that helps those who are most vulnerable and chronically homeless by assisting with the housing process, ensuring they receive proper health care treatment, and providing additional supportive services even after clients are housed.

Hospice of Huntington, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Cabell
1101 Sixth Avenue	Huntington, WV	WV	25701	Phone	304-633-2169

Peace of Mind Hospice Care

Hospice of Huntington NIP project will cover the cost of services to our patients who are uninsured and are unable to pay.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Tri-State			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Cabell
1500 17th Street	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-529-1122

Providing access to lifesaving healthcare for children of Lincoln, McDowell and Mingo Counties

We provide access to life-saving healthcare for very sick children, by providing lodging, meals and assistance to pediatric patients and their families - all free of charge. When something scary happens, a child wants mom and dad close by. A serious illness often takes children away from home, and to a hospital in another city. We know that is frightening for children. Our mission is to keep families together during a medical crisis. Our House is comfortable for everyone, with kitchens, playroom, computer room, library, lots of toys and many smiling faces. We are "home away from home" after a day of chemotherapy or physical therapy at the hospital. We provide a "hotel-style" bedroom, meals, comfort and more to families with very sick children who travel to our facility to receive treatment from pediatric specialists. We believe nothing is more important than keeping family together after a catastrophic diagnosis. Huntington is home to many specialized medical facilities that WV families seek for their children – Hoops Family Children’s Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital, RiverPark (behavioral healthcare facility for children with psychiatric and emotional conditions, Dr. Touma (ear/nose/throat specialists), and more. It is our mission to provide support to the parents, siblings, grandparents, caregivers, and the child patients themselves - at no charge to the family.

Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Inc.			Award Amount	\$62,000.00	Cabell
P.O. Box 7932	Huntington	WV	25779	Phone	304-942-0046

Building sustainable funding sources for services to at-risk individuals and their neighborhoods.

FTSC’s project expands NIP’s reach by granting money generated from its endowments and contributions 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 Doctors Care of Cabell County, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Huntington City Mission, Team for WV Children, Boys and Girls Club, Larry Joe Harless Center, Mingo County Autism Association and Tug Valley Shelter. Discretionary funds provide early funding for new organizations; seed money for new projects; special equipment and technology needs; specialized training for staff; required matches for grants and other specific requests. FTSC 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 James H. Harless Foundation (Mingo County), Coalfield Development Corporation and Heritage Farm Museum (Wayne County) and June Harless Center for Rural Education (southern WV). The City of Huntington chose FTSC to be its non-profit partner in Frontier Communication’s America’s Best Communities Competition. The HIP (Huntington Innovation Project) targets 3 blighted neighborhoods for revitalization, leading to job creation and improved quality of life for the residents. The prize money, which is housed at FTSC, will incent large projects such as housing, infrastructure, environmental concerns and neighborhood revitalization. FTSC will continue its traditional funding of new and existing programs to improve health, education, crime prevention, drug rehabilitation and other critical needs of the residents. The HIP will only be successful if the residents in the three neighborhoods have access to programs that will prepare them to embrace the opportunities that will come when the revitalization plans are implemented.

Huntington WV Area Habitat for Humanity			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Cabell
240 Third Avenue	Huntington	WV	25726-2526	Phone	304-523-4822

Huntington WV Area Habitat for Humanity's New Home Construction and Veterans Housing Initiative

Since our founding in 1990, Huntington WV Area Habitat for Humanity has constructed 97 new homes and completed one critical home repair in our service area of Cabell County. Approximately 312 lives have been positively impacted by our ministry, with 195 being children. In 2014, we created the Veterans Housing Initiative to address the housing needs of previously homeless veterans who were interested in home ownership. To date, 10 houses have been built, with five occupied with single and coupled veterans. This program has been recognized nationally for its housing model, and recently was awarded the Clarence E. Jordan Award for innovation from Habitat for Humanity International. This year, we will five traditional Habitat houses and one Veterans Housing Initiative home. We will also prepare three parcels of property for construction by demolishing old structures and conducting additional ground preparation work. All homes constructed will be USEPA Energy Star Certified in energy efficiency. Additionally, in preparation of homeownership, we will conduct Homeowner Education classes at no cost for 8 future homeowners.

Huntington City Mission			Award Amount	\$62,000.00	Cabell
62410th street	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-0293

Community Feeding Program

The Community Feeding Project (CFP) was started in 1939 as a “soup kitchen” for homeless men. Today it is the largest and the only congregating mass feeding project within a 50 mile radius of Huntington and serves over 100,000 meals annually. The CFP is a well-established on-going project serving low-income individuals of the city of Huntington which includes portions of both Cabell and Wayne counties. The project serves 3 meals a day 6 days a week and 2 meals on Sunday and is operational 365 days a year. The project is located at 1030 7th Avenue in downtown Huntington and is easily accessible by the city bus route. The meals served meet the state nutritional guidelines including milk for the children and pregnant women. The meals are available and provided at no charge to the homeless living at the Huntington City Mission (HCM) and to low-income residents of the Huntington community. The Project has operated successfully for over 50 years with, 1 Kitchen Coordinator, 3 cooks, and 1 kitchen assistant. Volunteers are utilized daily with meal preparation and serving. HCM clients assist with general clean up after each meal. At each meal staff does a physical count of number of meals served and records the following information of each participant; sex, race, estimated age, and if the participant is living at the HCM or a low-income individual from the community. In 2016 the feeding project served 125,949 meals; 66,132 of those meals were to the homeless men, women, and children living at HCM shelters and 59,817 were to low-income individuals of the Huntington community. It is estimated the project will serve at least the same number of meals in the coming year. The number one goal of the CFP is to provide the simple basic survival need of food to the homeless and low-income residents of the Huntington community.

Southern Appalachian Labor School			Award Amount	\$50,000.00	Fayette
P. O. Box 127	Kincaid	WV	25119	Phone	304-250-7627

Southern Appalachian Labor School

The Project will repair 40 coal camp homes occupied by low income families in Fayette County. Labor will consist of drop-outs 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 provide after school and summer education, enrichment, and food program, as well as health services to the youth and community residents.

Greenbrier Historical Society Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Greenbrier
301 W. Washington Street	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	3046453398

Native American Heritage Gathering

The Greenbrier Historical Society will educate students as well as the general public about the rich Native American Heritage of this area. The Greenbrier Historical Society will collaborate with local community service venues and schools to educate the under-served in this area by bringing them to a weekend gathering of Native American culture that was once ever present in this region. We will provide transportation for students and educational programs that include traditional Native American dancing, cooking, hunting, and folklore. Through this immersive-- hands-on -- experience under-served individuals will be able to experience and learn about their past while embracing their future.

Child and Youth Advocacy Center			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Greenbrier
212 West Washington Street	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	

Intervention and Treatment for Child Abuse and Neglect Victims

The CYAC provides forensic interviews, advocacy, and therapy to child victims of abuse and neglect and their non-offending caregivers. The CYAC administers these services at no cost to children or their families. The CYAC also coordinates the Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas County Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs). These teams include representatives from the prosecuting attorney's office, Child Protective Services, law enforcement, the Family Refuge Center, CASA of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and local medical and mental health agencies. The CYAC works with these professionals to streamline child abuse and neglect investigations and ensure that no victims fall through the cracks. The CYAC holds monthly case review meetings in each county. These meetings increase interagency collaboration and information sharing and create shared responsibility for the outcomes of investigations. The CYAC's multidisciplinary team approach results in better coordinated investigations and more effective prosecution of cases. Through our efforts, child victims receive the treatment and support that they need to recover from abuse and grow into strong, healthy adults. The CYAC serves between 200 and 300 children per year.

Davis-Stuart, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Greenbrier
163 Cottage Drive	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	(304) 647-5577

Davis-Stuart, Inc.

Davis Stuart works with teens and families who need additional guidance. We're working to repair the family unit and reunite families. If family reunification is not feasible, we work to find that child a loving foster or adoptive family. Our project is on-going as we continuously work to reverse the vicious cycle of poverty, abuse, and neglect that often brings these children to us. In that work, we can make positive changes in these teens' lives, and thus, the communities to which they will return.

CASA of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, WV , Inc			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Greenbrier
PO Box 1142	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-645-5437

Serving more abused children

The children served by CASA are victims of abuse and neglect who have been removed from their homes. These children have been witnesses to domestic violence, some have been sexually and/ or physically abused, others have been emotionally or medically neglected and many have parents have substance abuse addiction problems resulting in criminal charges. These children are victims to their parents' life choices and circumstances of their environments. Children removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect has lost their families and everything familiar to them but not because of something they did but because of something their parents did not do; care for them appropriately. Once the children are in the system dozens of strangers enter and exit their lives; police, foster parents, social workers, lawyers, judges and more. For these children, having a CASA advocate means having at their side a trained and committed adult appointed by a judge to advocate for their bests interests from start to finish of their case. These children did nothing wrong, yet they lose everything. A CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate, is central to fulfilling one of the community's most fundamental obligations by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be secure and grow up in a safe, permanent family. CASA advocates make sure that the abuse and neglect the children originally suffered at home does not continue at the hands of the system. With a strong commitment to diversity, CASA trains and supervises volunteers from the community who advocate for the best interest of our children, recognizing and respecting each child's individual needs. By providing the voice to children in the foster care system, it is our goal to promote the timely placement of the children we serve in safe, permanent and loving homes as quickly as possible.

Trillium Collective Ltd.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Greenbrier
867 Court Street North	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-645-3003

Trillium's Artistic Lens Learning

Trillium Performing Arts partnered with local performing artists and the Greenbrier County School District to provide science education through theatre, music, and dance for 3rd grade students. 350 students from 9 schools attended. 58% of the students in Greenbrier county are title 1. Our plans are to remount this show, "Weathering the Elements", each year and ad another show that teaches either math, science or history for another grade. This is a five year plan, to add a new grade each year.Students are asked to participate during the performance and then time is allowed for questions to and from the performers (and there are quite a few!). One boy wrote, "All of you taught me something new about science."Study guides are also provided to the teachers. These guides include classroom activities and experiments, wall graphs,and terms. There is also a sheet for the students with fun activities.Many children do not have exposure to the performing arts, and at a young age, it is a pivotal component of their overall development. "I really loved it. I never seen a play. It was so...so...so cool." wrote one student.By utilizing the 2017-18 NIP tax credits,Trillium hopes to provide a safe, nurturing environment for students to engage and experience the performing arts at no cost to them or their families. "Thank you for making this free for my school." wrote another student. "I would like to come back again." many students wrote.

Family Refuge Center			Award Amount	\$7,000.00	Greenbrier
P.O. Box 249	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-645-6334

Family Refuge Center

Family Refuge Center is a crisis center that offers shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Family Refuge Center's Anne Blair House Emergency Shelter is an 18-bed shelter facility that offers case management, counseling, life skills, tutoring and a host of advocacy services. Services are offered in Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, and Pocahontas Counties. M

Carnegie Hall			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Greenbrier
105 Church Street	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	3046457917

Arts Education for Low-Income Students in Southern West Virginia

Carnegie Hall's arts education programs are critical to the development of the young minds in our communities. To students in our region, we provide programs such as Spotlight on Schools, Link Up, Kids' College, and Carnegie Classrooms, all of which focus on arts education in the Greenbrier Valley. Carnegie Classrooms are classroom based, curriculum-connected, and arts-integrated residencies in area schools taught by teaching artists from Carnegie Hall. Students demonstrate their understanding of a topic that connects an art form to another subject area, often science, meeting evolving objectives of both disciplines. Last year, 4,150 students in Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, and Pocahontas counties participated in 232 Carnegie Classrooms sessions taught by 20 teaching artists. Spotlight on Schools is a program that invites every student in Greenbrier County to come to the Hamilton Auditorium for a performance on our Mainstage. Link Up is a recorder-based music curriculum for fourth and fifth grade students in the region. Students from public and private schools and home-schooled students participate in this program. Kids' College is a two-week art and science summer day camp available to students in the region. This programming that the Hall offers significantly impacts arts education that students in Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Monroe, and Summers counties receive. Many studies show that children from low socioeconomic backgrounds with significant exposure to the arts achieve higher tests scores and are more likely to seek higher education than those with no access to the arts. Every school in these four counties is considered a Title 1 School, meaning at least 40 percent of the students live below the poverty line. Many of our private donors that fund programs like Carnegie Classrooms or Link Up donate to receive NIP credits, so essentially, the credits we receive allow us to provide arts education programming to children in these communities.

Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Co., Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Greenbrier
113 E. Washington Street	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	3046453838

Arts for All

Greenbrier Valley Theatre's NIP project builds on our ongoing commitment to broadening arts access in Greenbrier County, particularly for underserved local youth. NIP credits will be used to open doors to arts access for individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level, including the 27.1% of Greenbrier County youth (under 18) living in poverty. Considering the well documented benefits of comprehensive, sequential arts programs like those offered at GVT, providing partially or wholly underwritten arts opportunities to our community is ever more important. Engagement efforts include: after-school drama classes for ages 5-18 (at GVT in Lewisburg and at Greenbrier West High School in Charmco, WV; full & partial scholarships); summer drama camp for ages 5-14 (full & partial scholarships); spring collaborative youth production (middle & high school); subsidized ticket prices for student matinees (\$4-8/student); Pay-What-You-Can nights for all professional mainstage productions & the spring youth production (open to the public); Intern & Apprentice Program (paid; high school/college); Literary Tea Series (free & open to the public; engages audiences in reading and discussion of worked related to our October professional mainstage production of TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, as well as offering members of the WV Writers' Assoc. to share their work); the Daywood Lobby Art Gallery (free & open to the public 6 days a week; deepens relationships between diverse arts disciplines and engages theatre audiences with local artists); music class partnership with Rainelle Elementary School, and NEW THIS YEAR, a partnership with Pocahontas County Schools to created arts-integrated classroom content at Hillsboro Elementary School. This project engages our local community in the interactive, collaborative medium of theatre, improving residents' quality of life, combating the high school dropout rate, and supplementing limited arts offerings, both in schools and for the public.

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Greenbrier
PO Box 1188	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-661-1018

Student Support Services

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is requesting NIP tax credits to assist in funding our student support services. These will take place on-campus in eight public schools throughout our county during the 2017-2018 school year. CISGC's student support services consists of one-on-one case management, student mentoring, widely-accessible educational programs and family engagement. Case management services are provided for students who are at-risk of dropping out of school, while educational programming targets schools' identified risk areas and works to combat those risks and create a well-rounded environment for learning and growth at every site. CIS of Greenbrier County links educators, employers, government agencies, law enforcement and community organizations with our at-risk students, essentially bringing the "community" into the schools, to address the "whole" student. We feel this approach is very important because students with unmet physical, psychological and social needs cannot engage in the classroom and learn effectively. Community partners provide volunteers, physical tools and professional resources for a variety of CISGC programming.

Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Greenbrier
214 Washington St.	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304.645.4196

Adventures in Learning (AIL)

Adventures in Learning' is a series of classes presented twice a year for six consecutive weeks to both the Greenbrier Valley (eastern Greenbrier county) region and to the Meadow River Valley (western Greenbrier county) region. Classes stimulate and encourage continued learning, spiritual growth and community service for older adults. The classes cover a wide range of topics to involve ALL of the participants. Following is a sampling of classes we offer: Bible Study, 'Wonderful World of Birds', Current Events, Appalachian Culture, Book Group, American History, Creative Writing, Exercise, Travel, Gourmet Cooking, Basket Weaving, Art classes, Gardening, Fly Fishing, Singing, Mah Jongg, Playing 'cups', Line Dancing, and there are more! These classes provide an important socialization factor especially for older adults possibly living alone. We have seen transformations in many of our participants being able to share their lives, talk with their peers, learning new crafts, seeing the world through another's travels, etc. They also share ideas for new classes for upcoming sessions and some offer to lead the classes. There is 'Coffee Time' prior to classes and lunches each day that allows everyone to talk and catch up. Old friendships are renewed and new relationships are formed. There is a feeling of 'family' among all of us. It is truly rewarding for everyone involved!

Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Greenbrier
524 Nicholas Street	Rupert	WV	25984	Phone	304-392-2095

The Wellspring Center

Wellspring provides services to poor, homeless, transient and disadvantaged people throughout Greenbrier County. These services are administered from our center which is located in Rupert, WV where we provide free washers and dryers, serve daily lunches, offer counseling services, assist with utility bills, help with clothing and assist in every way possible. The people we serve all fall within the low income level, and many live in dire poverty. Our goal is to provide hope to all who walk through the doors, and even when we can't meet specific needs, hope and encouragement are always dispensed. Wellspring is a totally volunteer organization with no payroll; however, we are blessed with dedicated volunteers who feel strongly about the difficult plight of the poor. Our project is the ongoing operation of the Wellspring Center from which all services are provided and from which all assistance is rendered. Last year, June 23rd to be exact, the Wellspring catchment area suffered a devastating flood. As a result, donations poured in from all over the country which totally distorted its financial picture for tax year 2016. This created a financial anomaly which will be non-recurring in 2017 as well as in future years.

United Way of the Greenbrier Valley			Award Amount	\$40,000.00	Greenbrier
809 Jefferson Street, South	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-647-3783

United Way of the Greenbrier Valley Basic Needs Project

The goal of the United Way of the Greenbrier Valley Basic Needs Project is to provide emergency assistance to Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas County families in crisis by preventing the termination of vital services such as electricity, heat, and water while providing necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter. The United Way of the Greenbrier Valley Basic Needs Project collaborates with several local non-profits to ensure those who live below the poverty line get the assistance they need to make it through another day.

Weirton Christian Center			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Hancock
P.O. Box 2045	Weirton	WV	26062	Phone	304-748-2353

WCC Afterschool Program

Our programs are all free. We provide preschool for 3 and 4-year old children, offering a Developmental Curriculum that meets state standards and includes computer training. Free Afterschool Care for Kindergarten through High School students includes Homework Help, Computer Lab and Tutoring with programs along with a 'Quarters for Grades' program to inspire better grades. We recruit college mentors, The children receive Healthy Snacks, Meals and weekend Blessing Bags. We offer FREE Transportation -- to and from our programs with 4 15-passenger vans. Our Fitness /Nutrition programs teach about best ways to care for their bodies. Bible Lessons and Character Programs teach best way to behave and care for themselves and others. The Donation Room provides necessities to children and their families. Project Journey inspires them with Entrepreneurial Programs, Life skills, music and dance lessons, and community educational programs on drugs, etc. We are in the process of tripling the size of our WCC Community Garden offering free Garden beds for our low-income families, and local churches and organizations...while teaching our children about gardening and healthy eating habits.

CHANGE, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Hancock
3136 West Street	Weirton	WV	26062	Phone	

Child Nutrition Program

CHANGE, Inc.'s Child Nutrition Program provides free, nutritious meals to youth under 18 years of age throughout the summer and after school at sites located in low-income areas. The program assists in meeting the nutritional needs of children and easing the financial burden of low-income families.

Genesis Youth Crisis Center Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Harrison
PO Box 546	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-1907

Clothing and Hygiene Closet

Genesis Youth Crisis Center, Inc has established itself as a premier emergency shelter provider in the state of WV. Currently we operate 2 crisis shelters that serve children ages 6-18 for all 55 WV counties. Many of the youth we serve come to us with simply the clothes on their back, their belongings in trash bags and no hygiene supplies. The money raised from our NIP donations will be used to purchase items for our "Clothing Closet". In this closet we keep needed goods for the children, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene supplies, sports bras, socks, underwear, sweatpants, yoga pants, tee shirts, shorts, coats, sweatshirts, pajamas, flip flops, shoes and duffel bags, etc. These items are kept on hand, so when a youth comes to us without anything, we have things on hand so they don't have to go without these basic needs.

Central WV Community Action Association, Inc.			Award Amount	\$7,600.00	Harrison
P.O. Box 1070	Clarksburg	WV	26302	Phone	304-622-8495 x45

Pursuing Independence

Central WV Community Action, Inc. utilizes its NIP donations to support low-income, Lewis County customers enrolled in its Families Services program. Specifically, donations support the program's Independence Fund. In order to ensure access to work, customers enrolled in case management are supported by the Independence Fund with fuel purchases, minor car repairs, license renewals, required uniforms, certification testing or licensing fees, and other employment-related needs. Customers enter case management with the purpose of improving economic self-sufficiency and lessening dependence on government assistance. Customers choose specific goals and timelines for completion. (Goals are based on National Performance Indicators as defined by the federal Office of Community Services.) A contract is developed to identify the responsibilities of each party. For example, staff work with all customers to develop a household budget by examining income vs. needs and desired wants, and customers agree to follow their budget for 90 days. The agency may make referrals to other specific services (ex. food pantry, housing applications, etc.), and customers agree to follow-up on those referrals. The agency may agree to purchase a uniform or gasoline necessary for a customer to begin a new job, pay for a license or test fee (ex. CNA), and other work-related needs, and the customer agrees to maintain employment for 180 days. Because no two customers are alike, services are customized to the needs of each individual and family. The agency occasionally makes rent and utility payments for customers beginning the program and/or making job transitions. In addition, free state and federal tax preparation is available for most customers, with customers strongly encouraged to deposit any refund in a savings account to address future emergencies. The Independence Fund is limited to individuals at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Harrison County Child Abuse Task Force, Inc. d/b/a Harrison County Child Advocacy Center			Award Amount	\$12,000.00	Harrison
229 West Main Street, Ste. 500	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-0375

Harrison County Child Advocacy Center - Safe & Strong Kids in Barbour County

The Harrison County Child Advocacy Center will provide a multi-disciplinary approach to ensure that child victims of sexual abuse, sexual assault, or severe abuse and neglect in Barbour County receive a full array of services. The services will include forensic interviews, facilitation of follow-up by members of the multi-disciplinary investigative team, advocacy and support for victims and their protecting family members and specialized medical care and mental health treatment.

Health Access, Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Harrison
489 Washington Avenue	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-2708

Health Access Vision Outreach Project

Health Access patients covered by WV Medicaid lack any eligibility for vision services so they are unable to have their eyes tested or receive any assistance with costs associated with eye screening testing or prescription glasses. This gap in a critical medical service led the WVU Eye Institute to develop the Appalachian Vision Outreach Program (AVOP) which has enabled the WVU Eye Institute Team to make several visits to WV free & charitable clinics in the state to offer free eye screening testing and also prescription glasses for a very low co-payment of \$20.00 per pair for Medicaid insured patients. This AVOP has been funded by various grant sources and those sources have been exhausted at the end of FY 2017. Our NIP Project will provide funding for two (2) AVOP type screening events at Health Access, Inc. with associated prescription glasses for up to 100 Medicaid insured patients at each screening event. The project plans for the first eye screening event to be held in the fall of 2017 and the second eye screening event in the spring of 2018. Cost estimates/event budget documents provided by WVU Eye Institute for the AVOP event serving 100 patients are set at \$10,000.00 for each event completed and includes the costs for the professionals to provide the screening/testing, the professional Optician to measure and fit patients with the glasses and the costs to purchase the glasses from the low bid vendor for the project.

Foundation for Children, Families, and Communities of WV, Inc			Award Amount	\$17,500.00	Harrison
PO Box 967	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	3042038399

Youth Initiative of Clarksburg

The Foundation for Children, Families, and Communities of West Virginia, Inc. is a community foundation that raises funds to help children in Harrison County. We are a grass-roots organization that fosters partnerships to promote lasting improvements in the lives of low-income children. We fund exciting new learning and recreational opportunities for our most vulnerable children, living in high crime and drug infested areas. The project proposed here is the Youth Initiative of Clarksburg. This project provides financial support to area agencies that deliver specialized educational programs that equip youth, who are at-risk for not meeting basic needs with the skills to lead positive, productive, and contributing lives. In this way, the Youth Initiative of Clarksburg will improve the quality and quantity of community-based programs for economically disadvantaged children in grades K-12, from highly distressed communities. Recognizing the social, economic, and environmental factors that influence youth, the Youth Initiative of Clarksburg supports a broad range of programs that transform the lives of our children. As a result, children will have their basic physical, emotional, and intellectual needs met in order for them to lead fulfilling positive lives. We exceed the requirements for NIP participation on several criteria. We have very low administrative costs; volunteers from the community perform all work, and our successful track record speaks for itself. This project is unique and does not compete with the work of other groups in Harrison County with whom we work collaboratively to serve the needy, low-income children from highly distressed neighborhoods.

Highland Clarksburg Hospital			Award Amount	\$0.00	Harrison
3 Hospital Plaza	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-969-3100

Substance Abuse & Detox Youth 13-17 & Adults - expansion therapeutic recreation and Support Groups

Highland-Clarksburg Hospital, Inc. is growing steadily with current and new services and moving forward with expansion of 50% growth by 2018. New programming included, but not limited to, substance abuse for our youth ages 13-17 (current priority) and substance abuse/detox for the adult population. Along with the growth, we need to assure the highest quality therapeutic programs, therapeutic activities, and outdoor recreation areas. The hospital 50% growth will extend the 115 current total beds to 173. Building additional space to offer more treatment and services is a must. Our new treatment, recreation, and services will require more space and extended activities to meet the individuals needs to recovery. Many parents are in need of services not only for their children but for themselves. The NIP funds will directly assist those individuals who are in poverty, addicted, looking for recovery, and those in active crisis. To offer these services we must add to our existing service areas to assure we provide quality behavioral health services to ALL our patients. HCHI conducted our own SA SURVEY for age group 13-17 (here are a few questions and statistics to support our project) 134 participants from over 13 different counties in NCWV (families, youth, Social Workers, Behavioral Health, BOE, other) SA is needed for kids 13-17? 94% said yes and 5.07% said no Do you know someone who needs SA treatment? 65.2% yes, 34% no Barriers to SA services? - 89% lack of service, 51% insurance, 48% LOS Number of SA referrals per month? 50% said 5, 30% said 10, 15% said 11-15 additional services - recovery groups, prevention education, NARCONON, AA, SMART Recovery, CRAFT SA treatment programs. WV is in need of more detox & recovery centers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, WV's drug overdose death rate was about 41.5 cases per 100,000 in 2015. Next were New Hampshire (34.3 per 100,000) & Kentucky (29.9 per 100,000).

CASA of the Fifth Judicial Circuit			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Jackson
342 C South Church Street	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	304-373-1165

CASA Expansion in the Fifth Judicial Circuit

CASA of the Fifth Judicial Circuit endeavors to expand and provide a fully functioning CASA program in all counties of the WV Fifth Judicial Circuit. (Jackson Mason Roane and Calhoun Counties). The program is currently operational in Jackson County and recently expanded to Roane and Calhoun Counties. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a program where trained, court-appointed Volunteers, supervised by a Volunteer Coordinator, represent the best interest of an abused or neglected child for whom a placement is being determined by the court. A CASA Volunteer gathers facts and submits a report to the Judge. The report includes recommendations that are in the best interest of the child and other information to help the court make a sound decision about the child's future. The Volunteer, under the supervision of the Volunteer Coordinator, makes monthly visits to the child and reports any findings or new recommendations to the Multi Disciplinary Team and the Judge. The Volunteer Coordinator provides information on services and benefits to victims of crime. The Advocate's goal is to help a child find a safe, permanent and stable family as quickly as possible.

Community Foundation of Mason County/MCCF, Inc.			Award Amount	\$30,000.00	Jackson
108 North Church Street	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	3043724500

Building Support For Mason County Youth Through Economic Development and Educational Opportunities

MCCF, Inc. works directly with citizens in Mason County helping build community-based publicly managed grant & scholarship funds that meet essential local needs & that leverage support from other funders & government for projects that improve quality of life. Our Foundation is unique as it unites the contributions of many people, businesses & organizations on a county-wide scale to generate funds for important causes. MCCF, Inc. is the only public charity community foundation specifically serving the Mason County Region. The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) identifies Mason County as economically at-risk. We are locally governed. No overlaps exist with other public charity funders for Mason County. We build regional civic capacity, engaging more than 75 individuals in volunteer leadership through our board members; grants & scholarship committees; marketing committee; investment committee & corporate steering partners. MCCF, Inc. serves economically disadvantaged individuals & communities using NIP contributions. MCCF, Inc. & its qualifying nonprofit component funds need tax credit to increase local resources available to address vital priorities— such as education & workforce improvement (via scholarships to create a more educated, employable local workforce); neighborhood & community development (via grants that improve the lives of individuals at the community level); & improved access to public resources (via developing funding resources that leverage funds, including community donations from local citizens for NIP related projects & funds from outside sources). NIP credit is also helpful in leveraging funds that increase our own operational internal capacity & in building the capacities of over 35 qualifying non-profit organizations' funds that we administer. NIP credits enable MCCF, Inc. & the nonprofits for which we manage funds to more effectively accomplish our respective missions, enhance our sustainability & better meet critical needs in our region.

Community Foundation of Jackson County- JCCF, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Jackson
108 North Church Street	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	304-372-4500

Charity Challenge- Child & Family Services / Community Celebration Benefit- Honoring All Who Served

JCCF, Inc. works directly with citizens in Jackson County helping them to build community-based publicly-managed grant and scholarship funds that meet essential local needs and that leverage support from other funders and government for projects that improve the area's quality of life. We are locally governed (no national, state, or other affiliation). We build regional civic capacity, engaging more than 175 individuals in volunteer leadership through work on committees and boards. NIP credit is also helpful in leveraging funds that increase our regional operation's own internal capacity and in building the capacities of the more than 55 qualifying non-profit organizations' funds that we administer. NIP credits enable JCCF, Inc. and the nonprofits for which we manage funds to more effectively accomplish our respective missions, enhance our sustainability and better meet critical needs in our region. The Charity Challenge event leverages funds for 20+ nonprofits that identify new projects each year. Funds raised are divided among participating nonprofits, schools, and civic groups different charitable projects with the remainder supporting JCCF's Community Support Fund (which makes grants). \$120,000 must be raised, with 90% immediately re-granted to community non-profits. NIP credit leverages larger donations which build a matching pool that JCCF, Inc. uses to match funds raised by participating organizations. The objective is to build JCCF, Inc.'s permanent grant fund while concurrently expanding its role as a grant maker, re-granting most funds raised for immediate community needs, identified by each participating organization. Additional event outcomes are the building of civic capacity and community awareness as groups in the county work together on their fundraising and accomplishment of the individual organizations' specific approved projects that benefit Jackson County.

Ranson Old Town Community Gardens			Award Amount	\$3,000.00	Jefferson
P.O. Box 919	Ranson	WV	25438	Phone	3047252617

Getting More Green: Teaching urban gardening and delivering healthy food to people's tables

Our community gardens offer our neighbors the chance to learn about urban and small space gardening while producing crops that are then donated to the local food banks. With the addition of our new greenhouse, we're now able to grow vegetables three seasons of the year. Our NIP project, "Getting Green" will enable us to expand the number of raised beds available which will increase the amount of food we grow. Since this additional fresh produce will exceed the food banks ability to distribute it, we will outfit a delivery vehicle to enable us to take the produce to those that can't get to the food bank. In addition, we will use the beds to increase the availability of our urban gardening training classes. These classes supply residents with the knowledge and materials to do small space gardening. These classes and supplies are provided to the students at no charge. We also offer a 'Budding Botanist' program for elementary school age children. This program teaches them about plants, nutrition and gardening. The NIP grant will allow us to increase these offerings.

Shepherdstown Day Care, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Jefferson
PO Box 388	Shepherdstown	WV	25443	Phone	304-876-1055

Education and care for needy children in the Eastern Panhandle

Since the founding, Shepherdstown Day Care's (SDC) mission has been to serve the children of the working poor. Approximately half of the children qualify for the state tuition subsidy that supports low income parents, and a further 20% are enrolled from families whose income levels are slightly above the 125% of the federal poverty level. Tuition for these families are charged on a sliding scale tied to family income. The gap/disparity between tuition payments and funds needed for operations grows larger each year; bridging the gap and balancing SDC's budget is an ongoing and ever-present challenge. This year, the annual revenue shortfall per child is \$3,900 for the state tuition subsidized student. Funds realized from this project will help keep SDC operational and our educational program strong, and will maintain or increase the access of children of low income families to SDC's high quality educational programs.

Jefferson County Community Ministries Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Jefferson
238 W. Washington St.	Charles Town	WV	25414	Phone	3047253186

Enhanced Transitional Assistance: Health, Employment & Recovery

We continue transitioning clients to greater self-sufficiency through Transitional Employment (TE) & Health & Wellness (H & W) initiatives. We create "Safe Space" where we support clients as they address and ultimately break life long patterns of self-destruction and unhealthy habits that impede movement toward self-sufficiency. TE puts unemployed clients back to work in paid internships, leading to employment in the community, while also teaching the value of volunteerism. We will increase the number of work sites and interns. TE clients receive regular & ongoing budget coaching. We will increase coaching opportunities for job retention and stress management, which we will require of all interns. H&W will continue the FMOC with physician provided health assessments, referrals to healthy lifestyle programs, smoking cessation, movement & mindfulness stress reduction for chronic pain & substance abuse recovery. We will augment mindfulness programs with group processes & acupressure, focusing on the debilitating stress related to overcoming long-held harmful habits that seem permanently fixed. A "Safe Space" (SS) will be a trusted & supportive place for clients to work on their recovery. In an environment free from negative social pressures that contribute to dysfunctional behaviors, clients will develop new skills at avoiding destructive decisions that impede the flow of the therapeutic process. Any JCCM client can access the Safe Space, as can clients of other community recovery programs. Community members can also self-refer to the Safe Space when they are feeling isolated or experiencing some sort of temporary upsetting situation.

Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers			Award Amount	\$27,500.00	Jefferson
P.O. Box 1882	Shepherdstown	WV	25443	Phone	304-876-1639

Ready, Set, Grow Our Volunteers!

Ready, Set, Grow Our Volunteers uses volunteers to provide no cost services that support everyday living for seniors and those living with disabilities who are in financial need. These volunteers assist clients with accessing basic needs such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and trips to the pharmacy. Good Shepherd Caregivers has focused on helping residents remain as independent as possible in their own homes through the use of volunteers. Transportation volunteers are coordinated daily to provide escorted round trip rides for those who don't drive, can't effectively manage public transportation and have no family or friends to help. Without our specialized transportation, seniors and adults and children with disabilities lose their independence and can't take care of their basic needs such as getting to the doctor, buying groceries or picking up medicines. Additional services include medical equipment lending, home repairs, handicap modifications, reassurance calls and visits including respite care.

Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of WV			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
1 Clay Square	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	3045613587

Clay Center West Side Scholarship Project

The Clay Center will provide up to 36 needs-based scholarships to children of Charleston’s West Side neighborhood to attend week-long summer and spring break camps. These camps work to bridge the gap between formal and informal education as students receive hands-on training, discover various arts and science concepts, and build their 21st Century Skills while they interact directly with artists, scientists, educators, and performers. The camp subjects include topics such as: plants and animals, art history and creation, crime solving that utilizes math and science concepts in partnership with PBS Kids, scientific methods and exploration in the PBS Sci Girls Camp, and robot building and programming alongside a NASA specialist and WVU scientists in the VEX Robotics Academy. Furthermore, to deepen the educational impact of the camps, these scholarships will include Clay Center annual memberships for the 36 recipients and their families (for a total of 144 individuals impacted). These memberships will provide unlimited access to the Clay Center’s Avampato Museum, where children can engage with a variety of science and art-integrated exhibits, take on various real-world jobs in My Town—the Center’s scaled-down city where children can become a doctor, banker, veterinarian, and mayor, and others—attend educational workshops, and watch planetarium shows. These scholarships and accompanying museum passes provide educational opportunities for children who reside in an underserved area with limited opportunities. The scholarships cover the cost of camp attendance, lunches, and snacks for children, and allow their families to become a key component in the learning process as they work together to explore the Museum’s exhibits throughout the year. This project positively impacts several children and families in need by providing year-long educational opportunities alongside an immersive, week-long camp specifically designed for each child’s respective age group.

Woman's Choice INC.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
P.O. Box 11687	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-346-9779

Helping Families Thrive

Woman’s Choice Pregnancy Resource Center provides services for women and families in need in the community. One way we help families is through our free parenting classes. These classes teach expectant mothers and young parents how to best care for their little ones. Our classes currently cover newborn care, keeping your child safe, early child development, and positive child training for children of all ages. We want to update and add to these existing classes so that we can help parents be better equipped to raise thriving children. These new parenting classes will incorporate hands-on education for emergency infant care. To help us make our classes more interactive we will invest in life-like emergency training dolls on which to practice. We will also add needed topics for classes, including; household budgeting, life skills, holding family meetings, non-violent discipline strategies, etc. We will also get certification for staff members so that parents required to attend court approved parenting classes can use our resources for the local court system and Child Protective Services. We also hope to start a monthly/bi-monthly parenting support group. This parent support group will allow parents to meet others in the same season of life where they can share stories and encouragement. This support group will also offer a short lesson or speaker at each meeting to focus on a specific topic related to parenting such as helping your child with homework, household finances, etc.

WV FREE			Award Amount	\$0.00	Kanawha
P.O. Box 11042	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-342-9188

Healthy Youth Initiative

WV FREE's project, Healthy Youth Initiative, will focus on educating youth in local communities on healthy relationships, teen pregnancy prevention, and comprehensive reproductive health education through the implementation of two on-going programs, WISE and Sky's the Limit. Through our WISE (Working to Institutionalize Sex Education) program, WV FREE provides educators and administrators with the skills and resources to more confidently and comfortably deliver comprehensive sex education to their students. WISE helps to implement curriculum and build capacity within schools to sustain programming and currently serves 29 counties across the state. Through Sky's the Limit, our summer program in McDowell County, WV FREE engages underprivileged youth with long-term goals of reducing teen pregnancy rates, improving health outcomes, ensuring sustainable opportunities for youth participation in extracurricular activities, and improving community self-image.

St.Maryand Archangel Gabriel Coptic Church,Inc			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
309 Beaugard St.,	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-951-8849

Charleston Coptic Community Health &/Or Wellness (CHOW)

In order to better serve and meet the needs of our community, we designed our NIP project to have three main components that center on: 1) physical fitness, 2) nutritional counselling, 3) addiction counselling and 4) providing day care. Fitness facility:Our fitness facility will be equipped with two types of equipment free weights and machines. Free weights are the most basic form of equipment, consist of: barbells, dumbbells, and weight plates. Machines consist of (Leg Press, Hack Squat, Leg Extension, Leg Curl, Calf, Leg Adduction / Abduction, Lat Pull Down, Pec Deck. We will also provide Fitness classes, Yoga, Weight Management and Zumba.

Nutritional counselling:It is important to eat the proper amounts and types of foods that contain adequate nutrition to help build the body as well as to prepare it to combat various diseases. We will offer complete nutritional consulting, evaluate patients' diets, make recommendations for change and teach our members to adopt new nutritional habits.Addiction counselling: We will offer counselling and support to young people and adults who are affected by drug addiction and alcoholism. We will provide options and methods for them to use to stop addictive behaviors and reduce harm that is normally associated with those behaviors. Most important, we will provide them with new opportunities and options for spending their free time. Overall, we will help them to understand that new choices will allow them to cope with stress and live life more fully.Daycare:We will also offer child care, which could be one of the reasons why parents may not want to enroll in gyms or participate in one of our other lifestyle programs. Our members may not have anyone to take care of their children while they are working-out in the gym or participating in another program. Having a day care within the facility will encourage parents to have regular visits, while at the same time reducing the worry about the care of their children.

Festiv-ALL Charleston, West Virginia, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
PO Box 11287	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-470-0489

FestivALL Neighborhood Arts Program

The purpose of the FestivALL Neighborhood Arts Program is to offer arts opportunities to low-income citizens, including children, in Kanawha County and surrounding counties (Boone, Clay, Fayette, Lincoln and Putnam). Through this project, FestivALL Charleston provides free or low-cost arts education and participatory activities for children, including participation in a juried art exhibition, public art opportunities, children's art fair participation and experiencing national arts performances that visit during FestivALL.

Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
P.O. Box 11623	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-881-7253

Empowering Volunteers to Assist Seniors, Neighbor to Neighbor

In our state, 71 people per day turn 65 years old. As one of the most rapidly aging demographics in the nation, West Virginia faces unique challenges in ensuring the health and well-being of our senior population. Transportation and social isolation are two of the greatest barriers to our seniors living independently and aging in place, safely and with confidence. Our project strives to remove those obstacles. Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley recruits and trains a diverse pool of volunteers from the community - congregations, businesses, schools, social service agencies, and healthcare providers - to provide services that empower low income seniors at no cost to them, their insurance, or Medicaid/Medicare. Our volunteer caregivers provide solutions by offering free transportation to medical appointments and the grocery store to ensure access to the essential basic needs of healthcare and food. They also make friendly visits and reassurance calls to combat the serious issues of isolation and loneliness. Our Honey Do Crews perform minor home repairs and maintenance to enhance both safety and quality of life. Our program exists to complement existing services; far from creating redundancies or competition, our program helps fill gaps by taking care of seniors who find themselves unable to meet stringent eligibility requirements of publicly funded programs, making services available to a much broader population. We are able to take referrals from and make referrals to other programs with an eye toward the best interests of the senior being served. Our project started in 2014 with 11 volunteers and 1 care receiver. Today, we have nearly 150 volunteers serving 400+ care receivers and make continual efforts to grow our volunteer base to keep up with the need. Funds raised go directly toward the recruitment, training, and retention of our volunteers in service to our senior care receivers, and to purchase materials for our Honey Do Crew projects as needed.

West Virginia State University Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
100 East Hall	Institute	WV	25112	Phone	(304) 766-3021

WVSU Southern Counties Scholarship Program

West Virginia State University has seen growth in admission of students from southern W.Va. The University acknowledges the extreme economic disadvantage that many students from areas such as Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln and Boone 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 5 students per semester will receive up to \$2,000 to assist with tuition, fees, books and other needs. Southern West Virginia consistently ranks at or near the bottom in measures of health, income and education on statewide rankings. Statewide, 19.2% of West Virginians have attained a bachelor's degree or higher. The average percentage of Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln and Boone county residents who have attained a bachelor's degree is half the statewide figure at 8.3%. 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. 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's comprehensive campus provides vast opportunities for our students. We take great pride in our accomplishments and envision building upon our baccalaureate and graduate programs and our excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Kanawha Hospice Care, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
1606 Kanawha Blvd., West	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	304 -768-8523

Putnam County HospiceCare Education Center

HospiceCare is opening a satellite office in Hurricane, WV (Putnam County) designed to provide the citizens of Putnam and Lincoln Counties improved access to a variety of end-of-life care services. The office contains roughly 2000 square feet of space and is conveniently located across the highway from CAMC's Teays Valley Hospital. The space includes a large conference room that will be used to provide end-of-life education classes to residents of the area. We will also be offering classes including topics such as advance directives, powers of attorney, POST forms and general caregiving classes for families caring for loved ones at the end-of-life. For convenience we will also be offering bereavement support groups that previously were only held in the Charleston area. Residents of Putnam and Lincoln Counties will no longer have to drive all the way to Charleston for support group activities such as our Holiday Support groups. All of these classes and support group meetings will be offered to the community free of charge.

Childhood Language Center			Award Amount	\$0.00	Kanawha
406 Capitol Street	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-7852 ext. 102
Sponsor A Child					
<p>Since 1990, the CLC has helped over 2500 children with speech, language, feeding, and swallowing problems. The CLC is currently assisting over 100 children from 10 different WV counties and has over 20 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, development 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, the CLC is the only option for speech and language therapy because it is free to any family that may need it. Other programs require families to pay for services. 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, the children who would otherwise struggle to find affordable and effective speech therapy are assisted.</p>					

the west virginia music hall of fame			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
1427 Lee Street	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-4412

Music Career Counseling Program					
<p>The WVMHoF's Music Career Counseling Program is a "career day" for the national music industry. The pilot for this innovative program was funded by a 2015 Challenge America grant. Building on the success of WVMHoF's extremely successful Traveling Museum, the Music Career Counseling project targets 8th graders who will soon be creating Personalized Education Plans and making preliminary career choices. Utilizing the experience of West Virginians who have achieved successful careers in the music industry, students are exposed to the many career opportunities - both performing and non-performing - that exist in the music industry. In addition to performing musicians and songwriters, these careers include audio/video engineers, record producers, tech and stage hands, managers, agents, event/show producers, publicists, photographers and writers. The Music Career Counseling Program was created to help address one of the most pressing problems facing West Virginia: the "brain drain" of its youth and the out-migration of its work force. This issue is raised whenever there are discussions on how to stabilize the state's lagging economy and decreasing population. The program visits middle schools and brings four visiting professionals. Once gathered in the auditorium, the guests give a brief presentation about their career and an overview of their jobs and the skills and education required. When possible, the talks include performances and/or video presentations. After introductory presentations, students have the opportunity to have a more in-depth discussion with the professional of their choice. He/she explains how to follow a career path through high school and describes the possible entries into his/her profession. Taking questions from the students, the end goal is to assist the student to take steps to make their chosen career a reality. Having visited more than 15 schools in Kanawha, Calhoun and Raleigh counties, this program is a proven model.</p>					

River City Youth Ballet Ensemble, Inc.			Award Amount	\$0.00	Kanawha
4110 MacCorkle Avenue, SE	Charleston	WV	25304	Phone	(304) 925-3262

Boone County Schools Dance Outreach

Two major and several minor performances give young dancers valuable performance experience. School children from Kanawha and surrounding counties attend the major performances at no or minimal charge, and RCYBE provides teachers with lesson plans. For our Project this year, RCYBE again plans to offer an additional, FREE performance of our Fall ballet, Hans Christian Andersen's "Little Mermaid" at the Civic Center Little Theater, for up to 700 students from the Boone County public schools. Project funding will cover partial rental on the theater, the additional cost of the extra production, and tickets to admit Boone County students to the ballet performance. If our NIP allocation is increased, it will also cover partial transportation costs. We did a similar Project last year for the Boone County schools, enabling an estimated 465 students to attend a morning performance of "Snow White" on December 2, 2016 at the Civic Center Little Theater. Most of these students had never been to a ballet before and they loved it, applauding wildly and asking us afterwards if they could come again. Dozens of Students from Sherman Elementary School who attended that performance sent us drawings and letters describing their experience. Sixth grader Hailee Cavender wrote, "My favorite part about it was that there weren't only adults, there were kids my age and even younger too! It would be pretty inspiring to anyone who wanted to be a ballerina." She concluded, "I wouldn't pass up a chance to watch another." Other students echoed that sentiment. These students were so grateful for the opportunity to see a performing arts program that we hope to treat more Boone County students to a free ballet performance this Fall. We believe this project meets the overall goals of the NIP by providing fine arts education and dance performances to students from this distressed community, whose schools have suffered even more severe budgetary constraints and layoffs during the past year.

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
PO Box 2292	Charleston	WV	25328-	Phone	304-957-9879

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra's Distressed Communities Fund

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) will use the power of music to transform lives in underserved communities by taking its symphonic, pops and educational programming, including its Young People's Concerts and percussion ensemble ShookStruck, on the road to Fairmont, Huntington, Hurricane, Lewisburg, Morgantown, Parkersburg and beyond. This project will help remove geographic, transportation and financial barriers facing many West Virginians and enrich the curriculum in schools suffering from funding cuts. The WVSO's award-winning school programs use music as a point of entry to improve test scores in core subjects. Performances also create economic and educational opportunities in these communities as touring musicians stay overnight in area hotels, eat in area restaurants, shop in locally owned stores, and often stop in local schools. Besides boosting the local economy, these performances greatly improve the quality of life in these communities and give people a connection to the WVSO that promotes lifelong learning and an appreciation for live music. The WVSO, which offers transportation assistance and admission waivers to schools where more than 60 percent of the students qualify for the national free and reduced lunch program, always finds ways to make its programs available to people living in distressed communities. Last year, the WVSO gave 83 free tickets to "The Wizard of Oz" concert to children living on Charleston's West Side. Following the success of the WVSO's inaugural "Orchestra of the Hills" concert in July 2016, which helped to raise more than \$7,000 for school music programs devastated by the 2016 flood, the WVSO will partner with WVSU and the CAMC Foundation in August 2017 to host a benefit concert for infants and children affected by the opioid epidemic. By taking music to the people, the WVSO continues to build bridges in communities across West Virginia, reaching an estimated 9,100 people in underserved areas each year.

Alzheimer's Association- WV Chapter			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
1601 2nd Ave.	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	304-343-2717

Education, Outreach and Helpline/Care Consultation Program

The Alzheimer's Association's Education, Outreach and Helpline/Care Consultation Program provides persons with Alzheimer's disease or another related dementia, their families and other caregivers, and their communities access to education, information and support services. Our education outreach include presentations to specifically targeted rural and distressed areas on topics like Know the 10 Signs, The Basics of Alzheimer's disease and Effective Communication Strategies, as well as informational booth displays at various health fairs and vendor events within these communities. Following up on the rural outreach component, the Helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to anyone who needs further information or support. Care Consultations are also available through the Helpline to provide one-on-one support to families to help them cope with the challenges of an Alzheimer's or another related dementia diagnosis.

Bob Burdette Center, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
1401 Washington Street, West	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	(304) 720-0444

Bob Burdette Center Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Programs

The Bob Burdette Center (BBC) operates afterschool programs at three locations and maintains an enrollment of 130 children. Emmanuel Baptist Church is host to the BBC's largest program which serves 65 children in kindergarten through 12th grade from Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary School, Stonewall Jackson Middle School, and Capital High School. The BBC's second program is located at North Charleston Baptist Church and serves 25 children in kindergarten through 5th grade from Grandview Elementary School. The BBC's third program is located at Edgewood Elementary School and serves 40 children in kindergarten through 5th grade from that school. The programs operate according the Kanawha County Schools calendars with sites operating on both the year-round and traditional schedules and for up to five weeks during the summer. Services are provided Monday through Friday from the time school is dismissed until 6:30 PM during the school year and from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM during the summer. Children enrolled in the program participate in a number of homework assistance, tutoring, enrichment, and recreational activities. BBC staff members provide supervision and implement programming such as the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum. Certified teachers provide one-on-one and small group skill-based tutoring in reading and math. Opportunities for dance instruction are provided by Arts in Action, one of the BBC's partners. West Virginia State University Extension Services and West Virginia University Extension Services provide periodic STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and positive youth development enrichment programs and technical assistance. During the school year, participants are provided with a snack and supper through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The Kanawha County Schools Summer Food Service Program provides participants with breakfast and lunch during the summer. All services are provided to children and their families free of charge.

West Virginia Child Advocacy Network			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
601 Morris St., Ste. 202	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	3044144455

WVCAN Medical Project

WVCAN will continue work to increase the community capacity to address the medical needs of child abuse victims in McDowell County through a community-based child advocacy center and its multidisciplinary team partners (MDT). Often times, when a child discloses abuse (physical and/or sexual), a medical exam is needed both for the forensic investigation and the child's well-being. Referral to the service is dependent upon the CAC staff and MDT partners' recommendation. Based upon low medical referral numbers, WVCAN believes that many children in McDowell County that need medical exams are falling through the cracks. Through localized MDT protocol revision, stakeholder engagement, medical provider recruitment, and connection to regional and national resources, WVCAN will work with Stop the Hurt Child Advocacy Center to be better equipped to provide high quality services that ensure safety for the children living in this community and help them begin their path to healing.

Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County, Inc			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
P.O. Box 565	Charles Town	WV	25446	Phone	304-725-1601

Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County

Our project provides a healthy nutritious noon time meal at a reasonable cost to members of the Jefferson County community who either cannot prepare meals for themselves or do not have anyone who can prepare it for them. We do more than provide food, we provide a human contact for people who may not have someone checking on them on a daily basis. Our office staff maintains a contact phone number to use if the client 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. The project is carried out through the efforts of 80 dedicated volunteers, one paid part time cook/kitchen manager, one paid part time schedulers/office administrator and one paid assistant who fills in as cook or office administrator when the regular cook or office administrator are on leave. The schedulers/office administrator's position is shared by two employees.

YMCA of Kanawha Valley			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
100 YMCA Drive	CHARLESTON	WV	25311	Phone	304-340-3527

Corporate Partnership Program

The YMCA of Kanawha Valley provides various programs for all members of the community to help them live healthy lives in spirit, mind, and body. Programs focus on improving education, health, and wellness, and on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. In order to provide equal access to resources and programs offered for all members of the local community, discounted memberships and “scholarships” are made available. This enables many members of the community, who are below the federal poverty levels, to partake in and benefit from the various programs offered. The Charleston YMCA does not turn anyone away for an inability to pay; everyone in the community is served equally.

Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
212 D Street	South Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304-342-0029

Emergency Basic Needs Assistance

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries provides Emergency Basic Needs Assistance to seniors, children, families, and individuals living in poverty. We assist and support with food, clothing, household items, furniture, diapers, formula, utility or rent assistance, holiday food baskets and toys, and resources to help overcome barriers to education and employment. Our Heart + Hand Community Service Center in South Charleston helps residents of South Charleston, St. Albans, Tornado, Alum Creek, Dunbar, and Institute. Our Heart + Hand Putnam County office in Winfield helps Putnam County residents.

Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
16 Leon Sullivan Way	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-346-9689

Addiction Support for Families

To help stem the tide of the opioid epidemic in the state of WV, Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center's project will provide substance abuse education and support to communities, family members and loved ones of those struggling with addiction. This will be accomplished by teaching skills and implementing weekly support groups based on the CRAFT (Community Reinforcement and Family Training) approach. CRAFT is an evidence-based model that uses collaboration and kindness, rather than confrontation, to support behavior change. It teaches family members behavioral and motivational strategies for interacting with their loved one, therefore increasing their communication skills to improve interactions and maximize their influence. CRAFT is designed to accomplish three goals:1. When a loved one is abusing substances and refusing to get help, CRAFT helps families move their loved one toward treatment.2. CRAFT helps reduce the loved one's alcohol and drug use, whether or not the loved one engages in formal treatment.3. CRAFT improves the lives of the concerned family and friends.A one-day CRAFT training will be planned and executed in each of the six counties (Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan and Raleigh) with a subsequent goal of implementing 20 weekly support groups throughout the targeted area. Because substance abuse can often limit a family's resources and cause financial duress, the training and support groups will be free to the attendees.So far in 2017, KPCC has trained over 150 individuals in the CRAFT model and started 10 support groups throughout West Virginia. Current support group participants are reporting more positive interactions, improved communication and better relationships with their loved ones. They are also experiencing increased optimism and greater self-care.

Kanawha Charleston Humane Society			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
1248 Greenbriar St	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-342-1576 x 124

Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association Community Outreach Expansion

Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association seeks to expand pet retention services for low-income individuals in our community by offering microchip and vaccination clinics, in addition to our counseling and food bank services. KCHA believes that offering these services, will directly decrease the amount of animals surrendered to our shelter due to economic hardship, and simultaneously limit the risk of exposure to communicable diseases between animals and humans in our community.

Laotong Yoga, Inc.			Award Amount	\$7,500.00	Kanawha
PO Box 406	Charleston	WV	25322	Phone	304-595-0742

Laotong Yoga Prison Project

Based on the success of the previous years, Laotong Yoga’s FY2018 Prison Project expanded to a two prong effort consisting of a) weekly yoga classes in three state prisons, and b) a 12-month pilot yoga teacher training at Lakin Correctional Center in Mason County. Weekly yoga classes: Laotong Yoga is moving into its fifth year of teaching yoga and meditation to adults incarcerated at Lakin Correctional Center, Mt. Olive Correctional Complex, and Charleston Correctional Center. Feedback from men and women describe the impact a yoga practice has in their lives. Participants point out that the consistency of Laotong Yoga classes increases the positive changes they feel in their bodies, their deepened sense of self respect, and their heightened awareness of others. Laotong Yoga will continue to offer yoga and meditation classes in all three facilities. Yoga Teacher Training: Laotong Yoga enrolled 10 women into the 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training program. Held over the course of twelve months, Laotong Yoga Co-Directors will teach 15 hours of course content one weekend a month for a total of 180 hours. The remaining 20 hours will be participant initiated non-contact hours of reading, studying, and observation of yoga classes. The Yoga Teacher Training program will begin in June 2017 and finish in May 2018. Those who successfully complete the yoga teacher training will be certified yoga instructors qualified to teach yoga in local studios, community centers, or prison facilities.

Charleston Ballet			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
100 Capitol Street	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	3043426541

BALLET FOR ALL

BALLET FOR ALL is a program that enables economically-distressed children and families to experience the cultural and educational benefits of attending performances of the Charleston Ballet. Qualifying families will live in low-income neighborhoods of Kanawha County and meet the eligibility guidelines within the 125% of the federal poverty line. Tickets to Charleston Ballet performances will be available without charge to the fall, spring and special student performances. In addition, a scholarship study program is offered in collaboration with PAAC 21st Century Learning after school programs and American Academy Ballet, the official school of the Charleston Ballet, where children take ballet classes. Seeing the performances helps reinforce the connection of their education with exposure to the world of dance and the participating artists. This educational experience extends into the families and community as well.

Christ's Kitchen & Food Pantry, Inc.			Award Amount	\$15,000.00	Kanawha
405 B Street	Saint Albans	WV	25177	Phone	304-722-4913

Feeding the Needy in St. Albans WV

Our Neighborhood Investment Program project will support the feeding of low-income persons living in the St. Albans WV area. Services include providing a healthy breakfast and lunch five days per week to the poor and needy, and providing supplemental groceries once per month to needy households. Recipients include the working poor; the mentally and physically challenged; those on a low income such as senior citizens; single poor parents and grandparents caring for children; and the unemployed. Meeting the growing needs for these services is increasingly more difficult given the fragile economy. In the first five months of 2017 plates served to the needy by Christ's Kitchen have increased by 7% over last year, while the number of households served by the Food Pantry has increased by 5% over the 2016 level. In addition to our core mission of feeding the needy, periodically other needs of those served are addressed including wellness checks, eye care needs, and other critical needs.

Children's Therapy Clinic, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
113 Lakeview Drive	Charleston	WV	25313	Phone	304-342-9515

Comprehensive Therapeutic Services

Children's Therapy Clinic will provide physical, speech, occupational, and music therapies and an autism socialization program to children with disabilities who come from low-income families and/or have insufficient insurance coverage. The clients 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. At the initial appointment, a therapist will evaluate the child to determine their current level of skills and develop an individual treatment plan. Therapy services are provided to children as outlined on their individual treatment plans with the goal of each child performing to his/her own potential. Each therapy focuses on different skills. The goal of the physical therapy program is to evaluate children with gross motor deficits and to provide treatment to maximize motor function. This includes skills such as sitting, rolling over, walking, etc. Occupational therapy can address sensory deficits and help enable each child to perform his or her daily living skills independently. Activities of daily living include self-care skills, work/school skills, and leisure/play skills. The goal of the speech therapy program is to identify and evaluate children with suspected or known speech/language disorders and to provide treatment to enhance their communication skills either verbally or through alternate means of communication. Music therapy uses music to increase social, motor, communication, cognitive and behavioral skills. The autism socialization program works with children who are on the autism spectrum. Using a structured play session, fun activities are presented while providing opportunities for communication. Social skills groups allow children to engage their new skills within a group situation as well as to provide an opportunity for social interactions.

Believe in West Virginia			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
P.O. Box 8622	So. Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304-552-7601

Storehouse West Virginia

Storehouse WV works as a catalyst to help churches and non-profit organizations (NPO) to meet the needs of the less fortunate in their communities by providing building materials (BM) and other consumer items thus enabling more effective outreach. Our program is a gifts-in-kind warehouse which receives items from manufacturers and retailers and distributes them to NPO's and those they serve. Our project type is Neighborhood Assistance. The Storehouse works to build relationships with retailers, manufacturers, and other non-profits who are willing to provide excess consumer products and building materials. We then reach out to area NPO and churches to let them know what products we have found and brought in to the Storehouse. The goal of all the products we bring in are to help the elderly, the needy, and children. Sometimes we can save funds for the NPO by providing them with items they need to repair or upgrade their facilities, which saves them funds they can spend to help the clients they serve. Other times we are able to bring in items that can be given directly to NPO clients to meet their needs.

Beyond our goal to distribute product, we assist organizations in the development and improvement of their outreach programs. We also work to foster cooperation between diverse groups who may be working with the same communities.

Tyler Mountain/Cross Lanes Community Services			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
5320 Frontier Drive	Cross Lanes	WV	25313	Phone	304-776-5813

Cross Lanes area Emergency basic needs assistance

Tyler Mountain/Cross Lanes Community Services is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) social services agency that assists with emergency basic needs (food and utility assistance). TMCLCS has been helping local residents in the community since 1980. TMCLCS operates a food pantry (2 days a week), Christmas food basket program as well as cash assistance for supplemental grocery store vouchers, utility, transportation and some prescription drug assistance for our clients. TMCLCS participates in the Heavenly Snacks for Backpacks program which distributes healthy weekend snacks for over 200 children each week during the school year. TMCLCS also has a Community garden that provides fresh produce for our weekly food pantry. Most recently we have become a distribution point for the new USDA Senior Citizen Supplemental commodity food program.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
PO Box 507	Charleston	WV	25322	Phone	304-345-7722

Financial Assistance for the Recruitment of Girl Scouts and Volunteers in Low Income Areas

Financial Assistance to Recruit Girl Scouts and Adult Volunteers from Economically Depressed Areas. Our research and experience have found that for rural and economically depressed areas in WV, the best way to recruit Girls and Volunteers is to hold events in their communities, where they can easily come, participate in an activity, meet the staff and troop leaders, and have all the information available to register. While many girls utilize the Internet for registration, etc., in rural areas, we have much better success with the local events, where registration and information is all done via hard copies, etc. and can be kept and seen in the girls' homes.

Appalachian Children's Chorus			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
PO Box 11342	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304.343.1111

ACC Tuition Assistance Program

This project funds financial aid scholarships. These scholarships are for children who could not otherwise participate in an after-school music education program such as one provided by the Appalachian Children's Chorus(ACC). ACC has a record of outstanding excellence that provides extraordinary opportunities, life skills and artistic excellence for all of West Virginia's youth. In the last four years, requests for aid have increased as enrollment of families from underserved communities and those economically disadvantaged had increased.

Religious Coalition for Community Renewal			Award Amount	\$7,000.00	Kanawha
1516 Washington Street East	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-346-6398

Samaritan Inn

Samaritan Inn is transitional residential living with supportive services for 9 men at a time who are in recovery from addiction and coming from homelessness. Men may stay for up to 24 months with the average stay being 14 months. Samaritan Inn Counselors help the men relearn valuable life skills, learn to share household responsibilities, find jobs preferably with benefits, handle financial responsibilities, reconnect with family, serve their community, and to remain in active recovery from addiction. Samaritan Inn has helped over 675 men to transition from homelessness to independent living. Graduates come back to mentor and support current residents as a part of their ongoing community service. Samaritan Inn has experienced a 66% success rate over the years, which is twice the national average for transitional housing programs.

The Appalachian Reading Center, Inc.			Award Amount	\$8,500.00	Kanawha
429 Third Ave.	S. Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304-744-8188

Scholarships for Low-Income, Dyslexic Youth

The goal of the project is to provide individualized, specialized tutoring for dyslexic youth from low-income families. We plan to provide 17 partial scholarships to struggling students during the project period. These students will receive financial assistance to enable them to participate in specialized tutoring sessions to improve their reading skills.

East End Family Resource Center			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
502 Ruffner Ave	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-346-8157

Building Bridges

CFRC will put a special emphasis on raising academic achievement levels for students and raising the education or skill level of adults by providing quality practices in intentional learning to provide educational and related activities that will complement and enhance academic performance and achievement for postsecondary education and workforce preparation as well as positive youth development. Homework help and Innovative STREAM programming will be executed to increase program participants academic achievement. During homework, certified teachers and classroom aides will target students' academic needs by providing education instruction and activities for students according to their grade level, in accordance with Common Core standards, and by the academic needs as assigned by their school. The teachers implement our daily homework help program called Power Hour, an incentive based program. Each day the students will receive 5 points for homework completion and 5 point for completion of their HYL A STREAM activity. At the end of the month students can cash in their Homework Power Hour points for student incentives such as toys, provide school supplies, games, clothing, jackets, and sporting gear. The CFRC teachers will also communicate with the students school day teachers regarding assignments by e-mails, calls, and other communication tools such as Class Dojo & Remind.com to ensure students' academic needs align with instruction given at the centers. Through the completion of homework via Power Hour and HYL A programming, project goals and objectives will be achieved by utilizing qualified staffing in a safe learning environment. The idea is to connect in school programming with out of school time programs. Nearly 78% of the students we served were completing homework but the homework never made it to the classroom the next day. As a result of the "building bridges" program - a critical need, nearly 89% of those aforementioned improved in homework completion.

Good News Mountaineer Garage			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Kanawha
1637 4th Avenue	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	3043448445

Good News Mountaineer Garage

Good News Mountaineer Garage (GNMG) accepts donated vehicles, makes necessary repairs to them and provides them to West Virginia families with low incomes so they can get to work or job training in order to become self-sufficient.

The Education Alliance			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
803 Quarrier St., Suite 500	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	(304) 342-7850

AmeriCorps on the Frontline

The Education Alliance's AmeriCorps on the Frontline program is a mentor-based dropout prevention initiative that addresses student attendance, behavior, and course performance, three measures shown to predict graduation likelihood. Through this program, 35 AmeriCorps mentors will provide mentoring sessions to 25 at-risk students each, across 31 public schools in 11 West Virginia counties. The Alliance has been operating this program for five years and it has consistently shown to positively impact the graduation rates of participating schools by significantly improving attendance, behavior, and course performance for nearly 65% of those who participate. During the 2017-18 school year, participating students will attend 20 or more mentoring sessions with an AmeriCorps mentor. During these sessions, mentors will address students' emotional and academic needs, helping them develop positive attitudes towards learning and problem solving, enhance social skills, and encourage skills such as time management and note taking. In collaboration with expert counselors, social workers, educators, and judicial system personnel, mentors will develop mentoring plans that contain strategies to support each individual student's success. In order to prepare for mentoring, mentors will attend four days of training and professional development designed to enhance their capacity to support at-risk students. This training will be provided by the Alliance. To supplement the service provided by mentors, Boards of Education in participating counties may choose to augment existing strategies and programs that encourage successful school behaviors, making this program a true collaborating between the Alliance, AmeriCorps, and local education officials. The Education Alliance has received a \$225,761 grant to administer the program. This grant stipulates the Alliance raise \$137,252 in matching funds. The Alliance is requesting \$15,000 in NIP credits to assist in this fundraising effort.

United Way of Central WV			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Kanawha
One United Way Square	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304.340.3503

Give a Helping Hand

United Way of Central WV Information and Referral (I&R) program will: 1) Partner with WV 2-1-1, the statewide Information and Referral service, collect, update & maintain a database of over 290 social service agencies that provide services in Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan and Putnam counties. 2) Coordinate the Christmas Bureau, which serves as a clearinghouse for the Christmas assistance programs in Boone, Kanawha, and Putnam counties. I&R will work closely with approximately 30 Christmas Bureau partners to provide Christmas toys and food to individuals and to reduce any duplication of services by using the Christmas Bureau database to record applications from the various providers. 3) Coordinate the newly formed Senior Christmas Bureau which will serve seniors citizens in Kanawha County that are alone and have no family to celebrate Christmas with. The Senior Christmas Bureau will work closely with 5-10 social service agencies to coordinate the project of 75 applicants. 4) Distribute the WV Gazette-Mail Neediest Cases funds if the charity is continued in 2017. These funds provide assistance to those whose needs include medical needs, dentures, home repair, household furnishings and other needs. 5) When disasters strike I&R will provide timely updates on shelter status, food and water distribution, available long term recovery assistance, etc. by partnering with WV VOAD, WV 2-1-1 and the Emergency Managers in our five county area. Vital information and updates will be posted on the United Way Facebook page, emailed to our funded agencies, shared with individuals who call our office and those who call WV 2-1-1.

Special Olympics West Virginia			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Kanawha
1206 Virginia Street East, Suite 100	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-345-9310

Inspiring Greatness in Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

To provide individuals with intellectual disabilities (some of whom also have physical disabilities) with ongoing opportunities to receive sports training and competition that otherwise would not be available to most. The focus is on three southern counties that are facing challenging economic times. Special Olympics West Virginia wants to ensure that such conditions do not prevent individuals with intellectual disabilities from receiving the support and resources necessary to enhance the quality of their lives. Specifically, individuals will have the opportunity to participate at no cost whatsoever in six state and regional level competitions. Through their participation, individuals with intellectual disabilities have a stronger devotion to maintaining healthier lifestyles, build positive self-images, discover a purpose in their lives, develop stronger friendships and family relationships, and reduce their isolation in their respective communities. The competitions are scheduled to provide almost year-round participation so individuals are constantly supported and actively engaged. The six competitions, each of which requires a prior six week training period with volunteer coaches, include: Fall Sports Festival in October; State Bowling Championship in December; Winter Sports Classic in January; State Basketball Tournament and regional events in March; and Summer Games in June. Individuals with intellectual disabilities, who simply want the chance to play sports to demonstrate their courage and showcase their abilities rather than focus on their disabilities, will have opportunities to participate in the following: volleyball, football, bowling, skiing, snowshoeing, basketball, cheerleading, track and field, swimming, golf, tennis, bocce, and softball. The participating individuals will be provided all the necessary resources (use of facilities, sports equipment, insurance, food, housing, awards, etc) and be supported by a network of community volunteers.

Read Aloud WV, Inc.			Award Amount	\$15,000.00	Kanawha
PO Box 1784	Charleston	WV	25326	Phone	304-345-5212

Readers and Books Building Student Proficiency by Connecting Reading to Pleasure

Read Aloud West Virginia will place volunteers in classrooms to offer live “commercials” for reading and provide books and magazines to children with poor access to print. Workshops with low-income families will stress the important role reading plays in a child’s brain development and overall education. Reading is the foundational skill upon which all knowledge is built and gaining that skill is a basic requirement in modern society. Children who struggle to read cannot thrive academically and are more likely to struggle with basic life skills. They are more likely to drop out of school and less likely to be employed as adults. Poor readers are also more likely to engage in substance abuse and require social services. Sixty to 80 percent of prison inmates are estimated to have below basic reading skills, and up to 85 percent of juvenile delinquents are functionally illiterate (World Literacy Foundation). Alternatively, research has repeatedly shown that reading aloud to children builds vocabulary and increases test scores. Reading is proven to increase empathy and enhance socialization. The U.S. Department of Education called reading aloud to children “the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading” (NIE). While Read Aloud works to engage all families, this project focuses on those in high-need areas. Studies have shown that children from low-income families have fewer words in their vocabulary at age four as a result of hearing fewer words through reading and conversation (Meaningful Differences). They are also the most likely to lack access to quality reading materials, which has been proven to be a major barrier to literacy development (First Book). The project will increase classroom participation, expand access to print and engage local communities and families in the education of WV’s children.

Rea of Hope, Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Kanawha
1429 Lee Street East	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-344-5363

Rea of Hope safe housing and employment support.

Rea of Hope provides the following services to women to assist them in gaining long term self sufficiency such as: Supported Employment (job readiness, instruction on completing job applications, interviewing, appropriate dress code suggestions for employment, uniforms provided, transportation provided)•Permanent Supportive Housing (safe, sober, supportive housing provided and long term housing available for Rea of Hope graduates and their children• Recovery Housing (structured, supportive alcohol and drug free home provided)

Charleston Montessori, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
319 Washington St. West	Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	304-340-9000

CMS West Side Scholarship Project

The CMS West Side Scholarship Project will provide full tuition through need-based scholarships to children of the West Side neighborhood of Charleston, WV, for a total of nine years of Montessori education (ages 3 through 12). Specific benefits students receive include instruction in the Montessori method, nonviolent communication and dispute resolution skills, low student/teacher ratio, and exemplary programming in music and arts. Part-time staff members include well/known local musicians and artists. We have been able to fund four scholarships; however, during the school year we had two children transfer to other schools due to a family move and an educational need. Our goal is to fully fund at least two more scholarships for the upcoming year, for a total of four scholarships and build toward continual growth of this program. The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will assist CMS in the process of identifying scholarship candidates. Additionally, CMS would like to continue to expand the program to provide greater benefits to our community at large. CMS is opening its after-school program to community children who are not regular students, but who are community members and whose parents need affordable after-school care and programming. CMS would like to continue hosting family education classes and workshops open to both parents and families of students as well as families living in the community. These programs focus on childhood development, nutrition, nonviolent communication and dispute resolution, and family finances.

Women's Health Center of West Virginia, Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Kanawha
PO Box 20580	Charleston	WV	25362	Phone	304-344-9838

Gynecological Care and Pregnancy Support for Low-Income Women

The Gynecological Care and Pregnancy Support Project For Low-income Women is a community service project that offers free and sliding fee preventive gynecological care to low-income, uninsured women including pap tests, cancer screening, family planning and birth control education and supplies, pregnancy tests, STD testing and treatment and heart disease, depression and intimate partner violence screening. Home-based Right From the Start pregnancy support services, featuring individualized pregnancy health and infant care education, are delivered by a licensed social worker to high-risk, Medicaid-insured women and infants in Kanawha County to promote healthy pregnancies, healthy infants and family self-sufficiency.

American Red Cross			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Kanawha
113 Lakeview Drive	Charleston	WV	25313	Phone	

Home Fire Relief

One of the primary lines of services that the American Red Cross West Virginia Region delivers is Disaster Services. Through Disaster Services, the American Red Cross West Virginia Region serves our communities by providing assistance to anyone who has experienced a verified disaster. While it is true that we respond to various different types of disasters year round, the one we most often respond to is the least spoken about. About 70% of all cases opened through Disaster Services are home fire cases. The devastation a home fire can have is just as profound as the devastation caused by flooding, tornadoes, or any other disaster- it is simply on a smaller scale and typically affects single families at a time. Home fires can leave families and individuals with nothing and feeling as though there is nowhere to turn. This specific Home Fire Relief Project aims to provide emergency assistance to those who have experienced a home fire in the counties of McDowell, Webster, Clay, Monongalia, Mingo, Fayette, Lincoln, Wayne, Cabell, Boone, and Kanawha. Through client case work as well as working with community partners, first responders, and other agencies following a home fire, we are able to provide resources and assistance to meet their immediate emergency needs such as shelter, clothing, food, water, medications, as well as other health and mental health support services. Following a home fire, through the case work process, Disaster Action Team members can determine what the client may need financially to help them move forward in the immediate future and can provide the client with a Client Assistance Card pre-loaded with a calculated amount of money on it for them to utilize for items such as clothes, medications, food, a hotel room, or transportation. Our Disaster Action Teams are trained and stand ready to deliver and assist Home Fire clients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year.

Gabriel Project of West Virginia			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Kanawha
PO Box 4663	Charleston	WV	25364	Phone	304-205-5865

Basics for Babies Community Outreach

Basics for Babies Community Outreach is a concentrated, community-based direct services effort in 27 counties to help young children in low-income families have the healthy, safe start in life as children in economically secure families. Our project area is identified by high child poverty levels, a disproportionate number of single parent households, economically distressed areas, and/or limited community resources. Through our own network of community-based sites, trained volunteers will assess each family's individual needs and provide basic baby necessities to enhance the child's health and well-being. We will provide new cribs to give babies in low-income families a safe place to sleep, thus reducing the risk of accidental suffocation, falls or other injury from unstable or adult beds. We will provide new car seats to secure and protect infants in low-income families while traveling on our roadways. We will also help babies in low-income families to grow healthy through proper nutrition. We will provide baby food and formula on an emergency basis to families who have used all of their limited monthly public nutritional assistance allocation and to working poor families who do not qualify for public assistance yet lack the financial means to adequately feed their baby. We will provide diapers, hygienic wipes, and baby/toddler clothing to low-income families to keep their young child comfortable and warm and to reduce health risks. And as families receive these items, we will increase their parenting skills by reviewing with them easy-to-follow materials on caring for a baby and on child brain development.

Friends of West Virginia Public Broadcasting			Award Amount	\$30,000.00	Kanawha
600 Capitol Street	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	(304) 556-4906

The West Virginia Public Broadcasting Family Engagement Program

"The West Virginia Public Broadcasting Family Engagement Program" provides digital media devices, PBS Playpads, with pre-loaded educational content including 30 learning apps, 25+ educational games focusing on math and literacy skill-building. PBS KIDS is the number-one trusted kids media brand. In addition to the devices, the program provides steps for parents, their children's first teachers, to follow so that they engage with their children in learning experiences that encourage creativity and foster a love of learning.

The Foundation for the Thomas Memorial and Saint Francis Hospitals			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Kanawha
4605 MacCorkle Avenue, S.W.	South Charleston	WV	25309	Phone	(304) 766-4340

Caring for Generations Cancer Center Capital Campaign

The Foundation for Thomas Health Caring for Generations Cancer Center Capital Campaign will be focused on raising funds to renovate the current Cancer Center at Thomas Health. The Thomas Health Cancer Center serves over 100 patients a day with a staff of highly skilled doctors and nurses. Our patients come to us for our promise and legacy of quality care. The Caring for Generations Capital Campaign will give our oncologists, physicians and nurses the facility they need to provide our patients an integrated program of cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and education.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern WV			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Kanawha
302 30th Street, SE	Charleston	WV	25304	Phone	3043460279

Everyday Heroes

It is a sad reality for many West Virginia families that even in the best of times, it can be a struggle to provide for all the things required to raise a family. When a child is born too soon, or unexpectedly falls ill, the demands placed on parents can often seem insurmountable. For families at 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. Ronald McDonald House is here so that Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa can continue to be the Hero that their child needs. It is why we do what we do. Our project is intended to to celebrate the Everyday Heroes of Ronald McDonald House.

Daymark, Incorporated			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Kanawha
1592 Washington Street East,	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	(304) 340-3675
Feeding Minds and Bodies					
<p>Daymark's Patchwork and Turning Point programs provide emergency assistance and long term care to youth between the ages of 12 and 21. Daymark staff encourage youth to focus on their futures by pursuing education and long term solutions. This cannot be done, however, until basic needs have been met. This project will focus on providing meals and daily counseling to youth in the Patchwork and Turning Point programs. Feeding their minds and bodies will help them focus more on meeting their individual educational goals and making good decisions.</p>					

West Virginia Humanities Council			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Kanawha
1310 Kanawha Blvd. East	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-346-8500
Distinctive History Alive Program					
<p>The West Virginia Humanities Council requests NIP tax credits for “History Alive!” presentations in ten rural, low-income West Virginia counties. The Humanities Council created “History Alive!” as a unique and creative means of exploring history. The educational resource is presented at a low or no cost to audiences throughout the Mountain State at schools, libraries, museums, historical societies, senior centers and other community venues to actively engage audiences in dialogue with the historical characters that are being portrayed. Nearly 25% of West Virginia children live below the federal poverty line, the 8th highest poverty rate in the nation. A look at national figures indicates that low test scores are associated with higher child poverty. In the ten counties we seek to serve through our “History Alive!” program, K-12 education likely has much to do with the economic and social conditions of the students’ parents. Exposure to high-quality programs such as “History Alive!” raises academic interest and performance, and inspires children of all ages to contribute to society. Our “History Alive!” program is in keeping with the Humanities Council’s mission to serve West Virginians through grants and programs in the humanities. It provides a unique passport to the past, bringing historical characters to life through portrayals by presenters whose presentations are based on scholarship and analysis rather than a script. Our 2017 “History Alive!” roster includes 12 historical figures including social reformist Eleanor Roosevelt, General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, author Mark Twain, country entertainer Minnie Pearl, and Underground Railroad leader Harriet Tubman. In a state with relatively few cultural institutions and low rates of participation in the digital media, we find ready audiences for programming delivered on-site and on the ground.</p>					

Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam			Award Amount	\$27,500.00	Kanawha
815 Court Street	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	3047200141

Homebuyers Earn & Own a Home

Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam (HFHKP) devotes the NIP tax credits to its core Homeownership Program which works with families which all have incomes below 125% of the federal poverty level to earn and own a new home. Most people recognize Habitat with volunteering and families, but there is more to it than that. HFHKP process is made up of 3 major programs. The first program includes the selection of a family for the home build project. The Homeownership Director and volunteer Selection Committee qualify families by their need which varies from simple affordability, overcrowding, substandard unit, or they live in an unsafe neighborhood. The second program for the homebuyer is to complete the Family Support process. In an effort to educate and better prepare our Partner Families for success as responsible homeowners, Habitat for Humanity started a mandatory educational component as part of our "sweat equity" requirement. Recognizing that budgeting and planning are critical components for success, we are now utilizing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) to provide a more effective and well-rounded educational program. Homeowners are also required to attend the new Master Homeownership Education course which is also open to the community. The 9 weeks of homeowner education classes that are 90 minutes each evening one day per week. This curriculum focuses on home maintenance and repair, neighborhood relations, and legal issues of homeownership. Also the Homeownership Director monitors the partner families to ensure that they complete required sweat equity, which are 250 to 500 hours of working on their or other homes. The third program is the Construction Program which uses 800 volunteers to build a home. The majority of funds is used to purchase all materials, supplies, and contracted services to complete construction. There is a dynamic transformation that occurs throughout the usual nine month process for our homebuyers.

Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc.			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Kanawha
1121 Virginia Street East	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-8051

Structural, Accountable, Alcohol and Substance Addiction Recovery Leading to Permanent Housing.

The Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home provides housing, meals and a structured program for men who are serious about their recovery from alcohol and substance addiction. Our goal is to mold and build positive habits and self-discipline thru education, counseling and a wellness program. Additionally, we provide after care assistance help to aid the graduates transition back into society. Our residents are required to: (1) Attend a minimum of 5 AA/NA meetings per week; (2) One "Recovery Dynamics" textbook class weekly; (3) One house meeting each week; (4) Meet with our licensed addiction counselor for group therapy each week;(5) Meet individually with the counselor on a random basis; (6) Work a minimum of 35 hours each week (not required during the first two weeks of residency); (7) Pay a nominal weekly rent which includes meals (no fees are required for admission and rent is not charged the first two weeks of residency); (8) Observe a 10:00pm weeknight curfew (11:00pm on weekends); (9) Be present for a sit down dinner Monday thru Thursday each week; (10) Perform light "house chores" ; (11) submit to random weekly alcohol and substance testing (we are zero tolerant); (12) Residents are encouraged to participate in the community through volunteerism.

YWCA Charleston			Award Amount	\$40,000.00	Kanawha
1426 Kanawha Blvd, East	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	3043403557

Emergency Support & Long-Term Self-Sufficiency Services

YWCA Charleston works to improve the well-being of some of the most vulnerable women and families in our community 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. The significant majority of our clients live below Federal Poverty Level income limits, and are from distressed areas in Boone, Clay and Kanawha counties. They live on the edge of crisis - one catastrophic event like a flood, family member losing their job or an unexpected medical illness will cause whole families to become homeless and in need of YWCA's services. Projects requesting NIP credits are: Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women & Families - provides emergency shelter, meals, and service to homeless women, children and families. Resolve Family Abuse Program - provides emergency shelter, meals, and services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Shanklin Center for Senior Enrichment - provides permanent safe housing for poor female victims of elder abuse. Empowerment Homes - provides permanent housing for chronically homeless and disabled women. Mel Wolf Child Development Center Scholarship Fund - increases access to quality, affordable child development care for low-income families. These projects not only provide important safety nets, such as emergency shelter, court services, safety planning, and nutrition programs - they also seek to build pathways out of poverty with job readiness training, education opportunities, long-term housing solutions, and other supportive services.

Manna Meal, Inc			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Kanawha
1105 Quarrier St.	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-345-7121

Improve Access to Healthy Food in Kanawha County

Manna Meal is seeking NIP funds to improve access to healthy food, especially fruits and vegetables. By serving fresh produce daily at breakfast and lunch, we will improve the health and quality of our community's most vulnerable population. This also will help alleviate food insecurity in Kanawha County. Food insecurity refers to the US Department of Agriculture's measure of the lack of access to enough food for all members of a household to live an active and healthy life. Our nutritional meals are often the only thing preventing chronic hunger, diabetes, and other poor health issues that result from malnutrition. Charleston, West Virginia has one of the highest rates of diabetes in the country. In a recent Charleston Gazette-Mail article, Dr. Mary Ann Maurer, Charleston Area Medical Center, said that many of her patients depend on food pantries which cannot always provide fresh, healthy food. Manna Meal is the exception - we serve an average of 4-5 fruits/vegetables, including a salad, every day. A non-profit, Manna Meal relies on individual donations, grant funding and volunteers. NIP funds will assist in purchasing food (primarily meat and produce) that is not readily available from our food donations. A large portion of our donations come during the holiday season and we often must purchase food to supplement our food pantry. With new Federal leadership, it is uncertain whether entitlement programs will be changed or abolished. A soup kitchen like Manna Meal is critical to fill in the gaps and provide meals for families forced to make difficult decisions about what bills to pay with limited income. Our guests are able to allocate their limited resources to go towards rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other basic necessities while eating two healthy meals a day at our facility. Our primary goals are to feed the hungry, promote good health, and prevent homelessness. NIP funds will ensure that we continue to succeed in our mission.

West Virginia Health Right, Inc.			Award Amount	\$62,000.00	Kanawha
1520 Washington Street East	Charleston	WV	24311	Phone	304-414-5931

Dental Care for Low-Income Rural Adults

WV Health Right will provide dental care and treatment to 600 uninsured/underinsured adults whose household income is 125% or below the Federal Poverty Level in six rural counties through its mobile dental clinic. The mobile dental clinic is a new component of WV Health Right's system of care and has been implemented to address the financial and geographic barriers adults in rural counties face when seeking dental treatment. The mobile dental clinic will travel to Boone, Clay, Harrison, Logan, McDowell, and Roane counties twice a month; healthcare partners in each county will assist in the identification of eligible adults in need of preventive and restorative dental services. Access to care through the mobile dental clinic will improve residents' health status and decrease emergency room usage for treatment of dental pain and infection.

Children's Home Society			Award Amount	\$27,500.00	Kanawha
1422 Kanawha Boulevard East	Charleston	WV	25330	Phone	304-345-3894

Emergency Child Shelter Care

Children's Home Society's project is to fund and support our 10 emergency child shelters that provide direct care and support to homeless youth and children. The 10 emergency child shelters are primarily located in rural areas and communities; Logan, Nicholas, Raleigh, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Cabell, McDowell, Kanawha, Berkeley and Wood Counties. Last year we cared for 904 children providing 36,329 days of care. By June 30th this fiscal year those numbers will be closer to 950 children. The emergency child shelters provide 24 hour a day care 365 days a year. The child shelters meet all of our children's basic needs; food, clothing, shelter, medical, educational, psychological, and special needs. We have a total 106 licensed beds, however we often go over capacity do to the high numbers of children coming into care. When we have an over capacity issue the State DHHR grants us a wavier to place the children in our shelters. Although our child shelters age range is 7-19 years old, we have taken children as young as 5 years old in extreme emergency situations. Our emergency child shelters are supported by our foster care and adoption program in efforts to find permanent homes for shelter youth, additionally we utilize our mentoring program to provide one on one and group mentors, our transition into adult hood prepares youth for independence, our safe at home program works directly with youth returning to biological families, out therapy programs support the youth and the family, victim support programs, runaway homeless youth programs (prevention and assistance) and early intervention programs to ensure that a continuum of care for shelter youth and children. Funds raised utilizing the NIP credits will allow us to continue to serve and care for homeless youth and children, increase the number of children cared for, and provide opportunities for these children that they would not otherwise have. Our child shelters are homelike, a place that provides hope.

Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center			Award Amount	\$50,000.00	Kanawha
1594 Washington Street East	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-344-4511

Earn While You Learn

Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center provides a unique program called "Earn While You Learn." This program provides every client an opportunity to learn vital parenting skills and have their own personal parenting concerns addressed by a trained volunteer or staff person. The program contains over 150 modules ranging from first-trimester prenatal care, breastfeeding, SIDS prevention, baby care, sleep issues in infancy, infant bonding, and so many more. This year we have updated our curriculum to add modules on step-parenting, CPR, single parenting, and we've updated our toddler and breastfeeding modules. We are also soon launching a miscarriage ministry. Every time a module is completed, the client earns "Mommy Bucks" to be spent in our onsite baby store. Items such as car seats, strollers, pack-n-plays, medical kits, clothing, diapers, and much more can be purchased with "Mommy Bucks" earned through taking "Earn While You Learn" classes. These classes empower our clients to be better parents and they bolster their self-confidence through accomplishing their goals of providing for their children. No exchange of money takes place, and we've seen babies are safer and better cared for. This program emphasizes the importance of excellent care for our clients' children.

Covenant House, Inc.			Award Amount	\$50,000.00	Kanawha
600 Shrewsbury Street	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304.344.8053 ext. 20

Homeless Prevention

Covenant House is going to reduce homelessness, provide emergency assistance and affordable stable housing. Over 180 people a day will visit our campus. Approximately 160 of these individuals come through the Drop In Center, the only Charleston area day shelter for our city's most vulnerable and high-risk populations. Our program participants have the opportunity to take a shower, wash and dry a load of laundry, receive a voucher to our choice food pantry, diapers, and clothing, as well as utility assistance, utilizing mail and phone service. We assist participants with receiving their West Virginia Birth Certificates so they can secure stable housing. They may also access many housing programs and initiatives to connect HIV-positive individuals to health care.

Union Mission Ministries, Inc.			Award Amount	\$62,000.00	Kanawha
P.O. Box 112	Charleston	WV	25321	Phone	304.925.0366

Helping hurting people

The projects involve practical & social/spiritual assistance efforts through our eight various ministries. (1) Homeless Prevention Program: Families, who are struggling due to food insecurity & low income, are invited to participate in our food supply (which includes some budget counseling) through our Family Services area (on our 700 South Park Road campus) or through one of our volunteer outreach sites in seven counties:Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Fayette, Kanawha, McDowell, & Mingo counties.(2) Building relationships with those who are overcoming life-altering challenges (addictive lifestyles) through our four residential programs (which includes Day Care).

Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Logan
P.O. Box 1886	Logan	WV	25601	Phone	304-752-6900

Vision 2020 Campaign

The Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation's Vision 2020 Campaign raises money to provide scholarships to low-income students in Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College's service area.

United Way of Marion County			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marion
112 Adams Street, Ste. 201	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-366-4550

Student Community Impact

When it comes to getting ready for school, teachers say a pencil or a pen can make all the difference between a student eventually graduating or dropping out. Kids often disconnect because they don't have adequate school supplies they need to learn and achieve. The goal of a United Way school supply drive is to engage communities in helping at-risk youth get the tools they need to learn and succeed in school.

Connecting Link, Inc.			Award Amount	\$17,000.00	Marion
Administrative Office	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	3043634882

Emergency Financial Assistance/Homeless Prevention

Trained professional staff provide emergency financial assistance to residents through coordinating donated funds to pay for essential daily needs. Funds are primarily utilized to prevent both the eviction of families from their homes and the termination of their primary utilities. Monies are also coordinated to purchase prescription medications and to provide transportation assistance for medical appointments or employment purposes. The coordination process is comprehensive and includes procedures to safeguard the utilization of funds for their intended purposes. These parameters facilitate using monies in a manner that provides the maximum benefit to the greatest number of clients, while not enabling clients to become dependent upon assistance. To carry out the agency mission, the Emergency Assistance Program is designed to serve as a point of comprehensive intervention. Emergency Assistance Coordinators not only address immediate financial crises, but also identify factors precipitating the crisis, as well as, needs not met by the scope of our program. Upon addressing immediate needs for economic assistance through the coordination of available funds, staff then provide clients with Information and Referral Services. In this way, The Connecting Link, Inc. provides clients with a single point of entry to access all resources within the community. ****NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION**** In 2016, more than \$500,000.00 was coordinated to provide emergency assistance to over 9,500 low-income residents of WV. Thanks in part to our WV Emergency Solutions Grant we were also able to stably house or prevent evictions for 100 individuals.

Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc."			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marion
PO Box 626	Fairmont	WV	26555	Phone	(304)367-1100

"Bringing New HOPE to Those Who Need it Most!"

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, 57 victims were housed for 3,247 nights. For most victims we serve, shelter is their last option physically, emotionally, and financially. Over the past decade, the Board of Directors and staff of HOPE have worked to obtain a new facility, for the victims who need our services and support. HOPE, thru the City of Fairmont and Department of Defense, has finally secured a suitable building, a recently closed Army Reserve Center. This building had been prioritized to be used by a homeless provider and HOPE was selected to receive ownership of this property. Renovations on the building began in September 2015 and renovations of Phase 1 of the building are complete, with work on Phase 2 of the project started. In order for victims and staff to move into the new facility, HOPE will need to complete Phase 2 of the renovation project. HOPE is asking for support to complete renovations needed for Phase 2 and furnish our new facility through our "Bringing New HOPE to Those Who Need it Most" campaign. HOPE will offer tax credits to those who contribute to this renovation project that will give victims of domestic violence and sexual assault a fresh start and a chance at a life free of violence.

Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Marion
1300 Locust Avenue	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-534-8786

Fairmont State NIP Scholarship Fund

The Neighborhood Investment Program Scholarship Fund provides opportunities to economically disadvantaged students attending Fairmont State University, with priority given to first-generation collegestudents. All NIP scholarships will be awarded to students who reside in Fairmont State's 13-county primary geographic service area. The purpose of the NIP Scholarship fund is to provide college-going access and educational opportunity to an under-served population. Fairmont State University's Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid and Academic Advising will actively work with each high school in the supported 13-county area to identify students whose decision to attend college will be most impacted by this scholarship.

West Virginia Rescue Ministries, Inc.			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Marion
107 Jefferson St.	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-363-0300

Food and Housing for the Homeless

West Virginia Rescue Ministries' project is to feed the hungry and house the homeless through its local soup kitchen and housing facilities. West Virginia Rescue Ministries, project encompasses a meals program with emergency and long term shelter for disadvantaged and homeless men, women, and children.

Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marshall
1305 National Road	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-1390

Uncompensated care for disabled children

Care is provided to all clients regardless of the ability to pay. For the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, we anticipate providing about \$290,000 in free care or care at reduced rates to children. This is about 19% of the organization's total program revenue. Program revenues pay only about 55% of the organizations total budget. Easter Seals must rely on contributions, bequests, grants, and investment income for the remainder of its budget. If we were accepted into the Neighborhood Investment Program, it would facilitate our ability to raise funds through general contributions from the community.

Information Helpline			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marshall
51 Eleventh Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304.233.6300

Lace Up for Kids 2018

Lace Up for Kids serves low income children in grades K through 12 in five counties to provide new, name brand shoes to needy children grades K-12 prior to the beginning of each school year. The number of shoes donated is based on donations from the community and our partners; \$16,000 is needed to purchase out 500 pairs. Information Helpline is a proud partner in this annual program sponsored by Wendy's Restaurants, WTOV9, the Salvation Army and the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley. Local NBC affiliate WTOV9 raises money throughout the year to fund this initiative while Wendy's conducts an area-wide new shoe drive. IHL staff shop for sizes and styles needed after reviewing applications and then distributes more than 500 pairs of shoes each year.

Family Service-UOV			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marshall
51-11th Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-2350

FSUOV Facility Relocation

Our project will be focusing on improving accessibility and reducing social isolation by relocating our facility to better position our organization in a neighborhood that has transportation, medical, social and financial services within walking distance. This area is defined as low to moderate and as such our facility will be better located to serve the citizens. This facility will be all on one floor thus making it significantly more ADA complaint with parking at the door. Our kitchen that is currently located is a separate location will be moved to this new location so that all of operations will be under one roof and will provide better services to our clients.

Oglebay Institute			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marshall
1330 National Road	wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-4200

Oglebay Institute Need-Based Camp Scholarship Program

Oglebay Institute's need-based scholarship program allows low-income children to participate in and benefit from camps in art, dance, theater, history and nature education. Camps are primarily one- and two-week day camps, with the exception of the residential Junior Nature Camp that is available for one- or two-week overnight stays. Camps take place at OI's facilities (Stifel Fine Arts Center, School of Dance, Towngate Theatre, Mansion Museum and Schrader Environmental Education Center), with Junior Nature Camp taking place at nearby Camp Giscowheco in Dallas Pike, W.Va. Instructors are all professional educators who are experts in their fields. Camps are theme-based, allowing children to learn in the context of a topic that is of interest to them, be it "Superpowers and Superhero Science" (nature) to "Pokemon" (visual art) to "All American Girl Dance Camp" (dance). Without the scholarship program, many participating children would be unable to have the rich experiences that are available through OI's camps, which number 75. Scholarship applications require income level, number of persons in household, a statement regarding need, and whether or not the family has received prior OI camp scholarships.

Seeing Hand Association, Inc			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marshall
750 Main St	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	

Eye Education

The Seeing Hand Association would like to continue to provide free educational programs to the schools in the Northern Panhandle of the Upper Ohio Valley. These educational programs will consist of a discussion about proper eye care, healthy diet, and the use of goggles that show the different vision problems that individuals with these conditions see. We will also include visits to the children with our resident Guide Dog Susie. This program will be both in the school and out of the school at the Seeing Hand Association, Inc.

Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Marshall
84 Fifteenth Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-232-6105

Community-funded Transitional Housing

The Coalition will use NIP to support a housing project providing community services, Transitional Housing [TH] for people who are homeless. The Coalition owns and operates two buildings which provide this type of supportive housing for homeless adults and families in the Northern Panhandle region. Each building has four units, one for single adults or couples and the other for families with children. TH is designed to provide quality, affordable shelter for homeless people while they increase their income and develop the life skills needed to achieve stability and live independently. Coalition staff work closely with each household to learn the strategies necessary to leave homelessness permanently behind. Although helping clients achieve permanent housing and independence is the ultimate goal of all homeless shelter programs, some clients have housing barriers such as debt, poor rental history or insufficient income which require a period of transition to overcome. By offering up to 24 months of affordable housing and supportive services including job searches, budgeting and financial management, TH is able to give people the time they need to stand on their own. NIP contributions will provide gap financing for shelter operations and services no longer supported by federal or state grants. Since implementation in 2002, Transitional Housing has served 146 adults and 106 children from throughout the Northern Panhandle. In that time, 22 of those people have returned to homelessness, demonstrating a success rate of 91 percent in ending homelessness using this combination of intensive services and a structured shelter environment. With community support, Transitional Housing can continue to effectively help people end their homelessness.

Crittenton Foundation, Inc			Award Amount	\$0.00	Marshall
2606 National Road	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042427060

TIES (Trauma-Informed Elementary Schools), Ohio County

The TIES, or Trauma-Informed Elementary School, project is an intervention and resiliency-building program for children in grades pre-k through first grade. The project is designed to bring trauma-informed principles into the classroom and, for children that are referred for treatment, an integrated approach for the school and home environments. TIES therapists work within the school environment to provide training and support for teachers, families, and students. Data from the 2014 Child Trends Study indicates that West Virginia ranks nationally in the top three states for early childhood adversity, documented by trauma scoring of adverse childhood experiences (known as ACEs). Clinically, early childhood trauma is a predictor of significant developmental and health deficits. The four top ACEs for WV children: economic hardship; divorce; alcohol use; mental illness. Early trauma produces deficits in brain development, resulting in poor decision making, memory, organized thinking—all important for school. The classroom, with traditional disciplinary measures, can be ineffective or counter-productive for a hypervigilant child that is struggling to self-regulate. A child that is triggered or stressed may exhibit behavior that is a maladaptive or self-protective, which may be interpreted as “bad” or “uncooperative.” As a result, preschoolers may be expelled (not ready for preschool) or identified as ADHD (medicated), without underlying issues being addressed. TIES seeks to integrate services between school and home to support trauma-informed intervention for young students. Says one educator: “TIES...is the first time that students’ reactions have been clearly identified as a coping mechanism for the on-going trauma in their lives. TIES has...given us hope that students will gain self-regulation skills and become productive students.” Crittenton has been committed trauma-informed practice since 2010 and has participated in two national trauma studies.

Augusta Levy Learning Center			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Marshall
P.O. Box 6711	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-6722

Independence through Intervention

The Independence through Intervention program focuses on giving children with autism the life skills to live a safe, happy life of independence. The therapists at ALLC focus on various life skills such as: crossing the street, calling 9-1-1, counting money, making a grocery list, going shopping, obtaining transportation, preparing meals, taking medicine, knowing basic first aid, house keeping, making a bed, doing laundry, ironing, proper personal hygiene, phone skills, using public restrooms, private vs. public behavior, using debit/credit cards, table manners, shaving, budgeting, typing, reading street signs, following directions, changing batteries, using coupons, time management, paying bills, volunteering, listening skills, interview skills, balancing a check book, self advocacy, self regulation, internet safety, swimming safety, personal safety, developing friendships, reading social cues, visiting the doctor, and reporting health concerns. A “mock apartment” is set up so that the children can learn to complete the various skills needed to become more independent. The apartment currently has a bed, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, an ironing board, and a bathroom with plans to purchase a washer and dryer in the near future. The children also participate in community outings with their therapists to work on navigating public transportation, communication, learning how to ask for help, building social relationships, learning to read signs, and eating at a restaurant. A major focus and highlight of the program is learning vocational skills. The youth currently volunteer at Catholic Charities on Wednesdays where they are learning food service skills while providing a valuable service to the community. They work on the food service line, package meals, and stock the pantry. Therapists also work on self-advocacy, self-regulation, pursuing interests, communication, etc. while at the Center and while in the community.

Young Women's Christian Association of Wheeling, WV			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Marshall
1100 Chapline Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-232-0511

Housing for Women in Recovery

According to the CDC, West Virginia had the highest overdose drug mortality rate in the country in 2014 and 2015 and has one of the highest prescription rates of opioids in the United States and ranks in the top 10 for the highest rate of prescriptions given out per capita. The roots of the drug crisis in West Virginia coincide with a disproportionate number of jobs involving manual labor like coal mining, timbering and manufacturing and the high rates of joblessness making the residence of the Appalachian state vulnerable to the appeal of excessive drug and alcohol use. In 2012, the YWCA Wheeling began the Women Inspired in New Directions (WIND) program, non-treatment housing for women in recovery. The YWCA provides the housing, recovery support with two recovery coaches and 16 hours a day supervision. Women are accepted into the program after detox and/or 30 days clean with a self-referral. The women that we have targeted for our recovery program are leaving the justice system and are on probation or parole. In 2015, the YWCA Wheeling expanded the Transitional Housing program to include 7 rooms for the women in recovery and their children. After six months of successful recovery in the WIND program women have the option to move into transitional housing and live for an additional 18 months after reunification with their children. Now that the construction is complete and we have a beautiful facility, our greatest need is having the continued financial ability to support the daily needs of the women and children being accepted into our programs. The YWCA Wheeling offers these women and their children a hand up to afford them the opportunity to stand on their own two feet. The grants that we have to support the housing programs do not offer the assistance of personal care items, transportation to gain employment, or many of the basic necessities needed when starting over.

St. John's Home for Children			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Marshall
141 Key Avenue	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-5633

Meeting the basic needs of abused and troubled young boys.

Older than the state of West Virginia, St. John's Home for Children will raise third source income to feed, clothe, and shelter young abused and troubled boys from around the state that have been removed from their homes because of abuse and/or neglect. Fundraising efforts will engage donors in assisting us in caring for West Virginia's most vulnerable population-its children. Most of the boys that come to St. Johns Home have nothing but the clothes on their backs. St. Johns Home provides a safe home-like environment for the boys the minute they walk in the door. Staff members and the other boys take on family roles. They are given new clothes and shoes to fit in with the kids in the local schools. If a boy plays sports or is in the band, St. Johns Home ensures he has a uniform. The boys are also fed several healthy meals and snacks throughout the day. Most of the boys are shy in the beginning and can't believe they can have second helpings of food. Many of our donors, in fact, give specifically to our food program. Our food bill alone for 12 growing boys is substantial. Meeting the basic needs of our boys is where the majority of our donors prefer to see their donations go. This enables us to continue to communicate with our donors how important their donations are to the boys in our care, many of whom are with us for a year.

The House of the Carpenter			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Marshall
200 South Front Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-4640

Building Hope for Tomorrow.

Our growth over the past decade has left us in need of more space. The programs with children and youth such as Pre-work, Leadership Academy, Cooking are having a positive impact on the lives of the participants. There is a need to expand the programs, but there is a lack of space. After a neighborhood feasibility study, we have discovered a great need for and are proposing the construction of a youth center attached to our current building. The purpose of the facility is to expand the current ministries of the House of the Carpenter and to allow new programs to be developed. The programs not only include ministries to children and youth but also adults.

King's Daughters Child Care Center			Award Amount	\$3,500.00	Marshall
61 13th Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-1114

Child Nutrition Program

West Virginia is ranked 2nd in the Country for adult obesity. Over 35% of the population of WV is obese and that number is rising (<http://stateofobesity.org/states/wv/>). In order to prevent that number from continuing to rise, nutrition education is important in a young child's life. Several programs have been implemented at the Center to promote healthy eating. An outdoor garden is maintained and cared for by our Preschool and Pre-K children. The Center continues to be part of Keys 2 a Healthy Start, a program which provides tools and resources on proper nutrition for the children, staff and the families we serve. This program also teaches the staff how to implement change and encourage children to try new foods. Some of the goals set by the Center in this program have been to reduce processed foods, offer fresh fruit and fresh vegetables at meals and encourage children to drink more water to stay hydrated. Tax credits awarded for 2018 will continue these efforts, help educate children on the benefits of healthy eating habits and provide these healthy meals to the children.

The Children's Home of Wheeling Inc.			Award Amount	\$6,000.00	Marshall
1 Orchard Road	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-2367

Education Coordinator

Youth that are court ordered to The Children's Home of Wheeling have a dire need for educational assistance. By having an education coordinator on our staff, we will be able to ensure that all of their educational skills are developed and enhanced. Education Coordinator's Overall Goals: 1. Open Communication with Ohio County Schools Teachers and Administration-The Education Coordinator is the liaison with all school personnel. He serves in a parental role while a youth is in our residential treatment program, advocates so that his educational needs are met, communicates with his teachers and assigned tutors, attends special education IEP and other meetings, tracks grades, coordinates plans with teachers to eliminate any negative classroom behaviors, helps with connection to extracurricular activities and reports at agency quarterly service plan meetings. 2. Reduction In Truancy/School Suspensions/Leaving School Problems- Each child and the Education Coordinator attend agency quarterly service plan meetings and school individual education plan meetings. He submits a report regarding the number of times each child was truant, suspended, or left school property compared to school records. He will discuss any truancy issues with each child's therapist, as needed, and reports at the annual service meeting to measure improvement. 3. Grade Improvement-Education Coordinator reviews each child's report card when they are received, provides tutoring as needed and tracks changes in grades for each period and at end of year reports at quarterly meetings.

Harmony House, Inc.			Award Amount	\$7,500.00	Marshall
Harmony House	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	(304)230-2205

Addressing Child Abuse through the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Model

The community-based and crime reducing project, "Addressing Child Abuse using the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Model," continues to use the unique CAC multi-disciplinary team approach to strengthen the Ohio and Marshall counties' response to child abuse and the abuse of individuals with developmental disabilities. It ensures quality Children's Advocacy Center services are accessible to reduce the effects of child abuse and crimes against children, as well as, individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and our communities. This project facilitates the identification, intervention and prevention of abuse. It does this by providing forensic interviews, mental health interventions, medical assessment coordination, victim advocacy, multi-disciplinary team collaboration and prevention education. Services are provided at no charge to reduce any barriers for accessibility especially for those whose annual income is no more than 125% of the federal poverty level. Children, as well as adults with developmental disabilities, alleging victimization usually have limited income or no control over family income. This project will ensure they receive necessary service to facilitate self-reliance and independence from government assistance that could arise or increase due to the effects of victimization. This is an on-going project that encompasses a vast array of abuse/crimes including sexual abuse, physical abuse, drug-endangered, internet crimes, human trafficking, emotional abuse, domestic violence, and exposure to violence. This project is evaluated directly by those who use its services and make referrals to services through the Outcome Measurement System (OMS) surveys. This project is a direct needs program focusing on the entire well-being of the alleged victim to ensure personal safety and treatment needs, such as counseling and medical assessments are available

Wheeling Symphony Society, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Marshall
1025 Main Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042326191

Partnerships to Build Capacity in Self-reliance for Students and Families

Partnerships to Build Capacity for Self-reliance in Students and Families brings Wheeling Symphony staff and musicians together with local organizations with the mission of providing assistance to individuals and families in distress to nurture hope, commitment, and learning for a different life pathway. This project offers children in poverty free after-school music programs with Wheeling Symphony musicians; tuition-free Youth Orchestra; free Wheeling Symphony Young People's Concerts; and free Wheeling Symphony concert tickets for families financially unable to purchase tickets. This project serves low income children and families in Wheeling's distressed neighborhoods, specifically East and South Wheeling and Wheeling Island, using a unique approach. Partnerships with Laughlin Memorial Chapel, Youth Services System, Ohio County Schools, the Children's Home of Wheeling, Crittenton Services, and many others, offer more and better services to these students and families than could be provided by only one organization. This project will move children toward self-reliance as they develop a work discipline through instrument practice, team skills by playing in orchestra, and enrichment through hearing and studying live music.

West Virginia Northern Community College Foundation			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Marshall
1704 Market St.	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-214-8906
Job Training, Education & Assistance to Students					
<p>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 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 problem for community colleges across the state of WV and across the country.</p>					

Appalachian Outreach, Inc			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Marshall
PO Box 233	Glen Dale	WV	26038	Phone	3048452762
Bridging Gaps					
<p>The Appalachian Outreach, (AOI) project will be to deliver supplies such as building materials, appliances, home furnishings, personal care items, baby care baskets and Christmas gift bags to areas of poverty and disaster in WV. Special emphasis will be given to counties and rural areas that have been affected by multiple disasters in recent years, especially those impacted by the flood on June 2016. Many of these areas suffer from some of the highest poverty rates in the State. Many of these families also suffer from the effects of unemployment, underemployment, and various disabilities. The baby baskets are for new parents who live in the rural areas and are often an hour or more away from any immediate assistance. These contain all new materials to help the baby have a healthy, happy start to life. The Christmas bags are for elderly, disabled, homeless persons and also veterans who do not have any other means of receiving a Christmas gift. These gifts contain personal hygiene items that will help the recipient to know someone cares and also to be able to feel good about him / her self. AOI will also be searching for property and / or a new warehouse facility. Our current location may be bought out by the oil / gas industry. A new facility will enable us to enhance services to low income residents in our local area. There is no bus service in this county, so residents are unable to travel to adjoining counties. We have already opened Hidden Treasurers to offer glassware, gift items and some housewares to customers. Some of our customers can drive here or find a ride. Others walk. The only other place people might buy items is at Goodwill. We hear complaints daily that their prices are too high. Most of those who come to Hidden Treasurers are on a very limited or fixed income.</p>					

Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley			Award Amount	\$50,000.00	Marshall
1310 Market Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-3144

Critical Needs Project for the Northern Panhandle

The Northern Panhandle Critical Needs Project serves as a unique and dedicated vehicle to mobilize immediate impact. This is most notably accomplished through donor advised funds of the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley (CFOV) and its Women’s Giving Circle. Donors making gifts to this project are presented with numerous opportunities to make a meaningful and measurable difference in communities throughout the Northern Panhandle. The Northern Panhandle Critical Needs Project represents concerns ranging from homelessness, mental health wellness and counseling for those experiencing abuse, to the empowerment of at-risk, low income young women to make confident life choices. This endeavor also inspires community support and change, which is facilitated through specific donor education and exposure to current efforts. These gifts will be given by the community for the betterment of the community – strengthening connections between donors and critical causes that enhance quality of life for residents.

Catholic Charities West Virginia			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Marshall
2000 Main Street	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	(304) 905-9860 x2025

CCWVa Emergency Assistance and Case Management

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will use Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits to raise funds in support of its emergency assistance program and case management services. 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. Income eligibility is defined as households whose income falls at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Clients who receive emergency assistance are often given information on CCWVa’s case management services. Many of the clients receiving assistance transition into case management. Case management helps families address both their immediate and future well-being. The intent is for them to improve their long-term financial and personal circumstances so they become more self-sufficient and do not need to depend on social service organizations for help. Services involve a social worker or trained volunteer sitting down with a family to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Based on these, the clients set goals then regularly meet with the social worker to work on steps to achieve those goals. The service offerings are very much 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, family mentoring, financial assistance to help with employment and education, and programs to increase knowledge and skills. CCWVa also works in collaboration with other organizations to develop programming that fills the gaps in services within the community, and provides families with the resources they need so they no longer face recurring crises.

Oglebay Foundation			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Marshall
465 Lodge Drive	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-243-4160

Access to the Parks

Access to the Parks provides world-class educational and recreational programs for Ohio County, WV youth (Grade 12 and below) who do not have the financial resources to enjoy the mental, physical, and social health benefits of participating in outdoor recreation, adventure, and educational programs in Oglebay and Wheeling Parks including: swimming, skating, skiing fishing, golfing, tennis, and admission to the zoo, lakes, playgrounds, trails, gardens, and museums.

Youth Services System, Inc			Award Amount	\$42,500.00	Marshall
P.O. Box 6041	Wheeling	WV	26003-0717	Phone	304-233-9627

Serving Homeless Youth and Adults

Youth Services System will work with youth and adults facing homelessness to find shelter, direct assistance, and to gain permanent housing. Our Winter Freeze Shelter for adults (December 15-March 15) and our Transitional Living Program for older youth (17-21 years old) will help youth and adults find treatment resources to improve their health and to overcome barriers that would otherwise prevent them from finding permanent housing. This work will build relationships and trust between YSS staff and volunteers and those needing help. We will coordinate this project with others in our community who can offer support and care to these youth and adults.

Wheeling Health Right Inc			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Marshall
61-29th St	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-1135

Wheeling Health Right Hybrid Primary Care Free and Charitable Clinic

To provide quality primary health care and pharmaceuticals to the underinsured and uninsured including expanded Medicaid patients. This is an effort to meet the growing need for Medicaid providers precipitated by the ACA. Our 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, our clinic and board feels it is our goal to decrease our dependence on state funding and establish long term, sustainable funding, regardless of the availability of state funds. In 2017, the clinic 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.

Chuck Mathena Center			Award Amount	\$0.00	Mercer
2 Stafford Commons	Princeton	WV	24740	Phone	3044255128

Charles T. "Chuck" Mathena II Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

The Charles T. "Chuck" Mathena II Foundation, Inc. strives to help talented local students attain advanced education and foster an appreciation of the arts, providing a culturally diverse array of opportunities to all members of the community through the Chuck Mathena Center for the Performing Arts. Each year, the Foundation presents one member of the Princeton Senior High School graduating class with a \$10,000 scholarship, to be distributed over the course of four years. CMC writes grants and accepts donations from patrons in order to provide our educational school programming at affordable rates and donates free tickets to those events to schools in distressed areas, including the City of Princeton. By contributing to the Charles T. "Chuck" Mathena II Foundation, you are providing a means for the continuation of the Chuck Mathena Center's reduced and free tickets for school performances and the Charles T. "Chuck" Mathena II Scholarship Program.

Alliance for the Arts			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Mercer
500 Bland Street	Bluefield	WV	24701-3030	Phone	304-327-9330

Theatre Magic on Wheels

The Alliance for the Arts will host a total of four performances of professional children's theatre productions in October 2017 and April 2018. We will provide transportation from elementary and middle schools in Mercer and McDowell counties to the Summit Theatre in Bluefield, as well as a box lunch, for students who otherwise would be unable to attend a live theatre performance.

Bluefield Preservation Society, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Mercer
PO Box 4044	Bluefield	WV	24701	Phone	

Restoration of the Granada Theater

BPS is restoring the historic Granada Theater in downtown Bluefield, WV for cinema, live stage productions, concerts, and other performances to develop the downtown as an arts and culture district known as "The Depot District," celebrating our rich railway history. The Granada is the last theater standing in the City from a bygone area where there were at least 4 similar venues. Its restoration will provide all socio-economic classes of the community with cultural opportunities, an enriched social environment downtown as restaurants, retail shops and other businesses are attracted to the area, and jobs.

Concord University Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Mercer
PO Box 1405	Athens	WV	24712	Phone	3043846316

Concord University Pathways Scholarship

The Concord University Pathways Scholarship is focused on the retention and aid of students pursuing a degree; the students must be in dire need of financial assistance for covering their tuition, fees, and other education expenses. For all students receiving this scholarship, they will have difficulty completing their degree without the Pathways Scholarship. The students must be at least a sophomore, junior, or senior attending Concord University; in addition, all students must re-apply for the scholarship each spring, must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, and must be WV residents. A committee composed of University employees from the Retention, Academic Success, and Student Affairs offices selects the student awardees each spring for the following academic year. Each fiscal year, the Foundation must raise \$60,000 to receive a \$30,000 match from the Maier Foundation. With 35 students receiving \$2,000 scholarships for a total of \$70,000, the Foundation then is able to endow the remaining \$20,000 per year to sustain a similar retention program for future students. Any funds raised through NIP credits will be used to match the Maier Foundation funds with the intent of awarding the initial \$70,000 each academic year to students with financial need (**very likely at or below 125% of the federal poverty level**). This project is currently in its second year of a five year duration.

Childlaw Services, Inc.			Award Amount	\$19,000.00	Mercer
1505 Princeton Avenue	Princeton	WV	24740	Phone	3044259973

Standing Up for Children (SUFC)

ChildLaw Services is different than other law firms by being the only law firm in WV representing children only AND actively seeking ways to benefit children's welfare by bringing together others with this same mission and by implementing programs and opportunities for youth to be a part of and to guide their future decisions. We advocate exclusively for children in court hearings, home visits, multi-disciplinary meetings, school visits and as guardian ad litem. Our children are involved in child abuse/neglect, high conflict custody, victims of crime (domestic violence and sexual abuse), juvenile delinquency and truancy, adoption and guardianship cases. We administer prevention programs through Mercer County Teen Court, Kids Run the Nation and Partners in Prevention. Our teen court is one of the top teen courts in the state. Teen Court is a program where teen volunteers become a part of a process of advocating and judging their peers by walking in their shoes and weighing that with the need to have societal rules. Kids Run the Nation is a 10-week after-school program for girls and teaches skills in character building, teamwork, and leadership. In addition to these skills, the girls learn how to love and care for the community. Kids Run the Nation also teaches healthy living and trains the girls to run a 5k at the end of the program. ChildLaw Services engages in abuse prevention efforts through Body Safety Classes, Listening Projects, and Youth Development. Approximately 60% of ChildLaw Service's funding comes from fee-for-services from the WV Supreme Court and the Public Defender's Service. Supplemental funding comes from local donors as well as grants. As the need for the services multiply, donations from individuals, corporations and civic groups become increasingly critical. Funds are especially needed to pay for legal advocacy and therapeutic services for child victims of crime. Our NIP project provides the infrastructure for our legal advocacy.

Bluefield State College Foundation			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Mercer
219 Rock Street	Bluefield	WV	24701	Phone	304-327-4031
NIP Scholarship Program					
<p>Bluefield State College Foundation's project is for job training and education, which will provide NIP Scholarships and Endowments to enable West Virginia students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue higher educational opportunities. Funds will be used for scholarships and endowments meeting the following guidelines: residents of specified counties of WV, individual's or family's income is 125 percent less of federal poverty limit, and GPA and/or test scores indicate ability to succeed in college.</p>					

Westminister at Wade Inc.			Award Amount	\$27,500.00	Mercer
1400 Highland Ave.	Bluefield	WV	24701	Phone	304-323-3777
The Wade Center After-School Program					
<p>The Wade Center offers a free After-School program to students in the Bluefield area who are considered poverty stricken. This project, The Wade Center After-School Program, will help fifty children grades first through fifth grade in the Bluefield, West Virginia community by feeding our students a USDA approved snack and dinner, assisting with homework to improve grades, and by providing school supplies, clothing, and shoes. The After-School Program operates Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It begins in August after the first two weeks of school and ends in mid May before school is over. In addition to the main criteria of the program, students are enriched by taking part in Wade Kids Care Projects. In the past, students have read to the animals in our local animal shelter, visited with residents at Mercer Nursing Home and Maples Nursing Home, and made dinner at the Bluefield Union Mission. The After-School Program is a necessity to break the cycle of poverty and living on welfare. Students also participate in games, praise and worship, devotions, and extracurricular activities with local community groups.</p>					

Princeton Community Hospital Foundation			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Mercer
122 12th Street	Princeton	WV	24740	Phone	304-487-7242

Supplemental Charity Care Program

The Supplemental Charity Care Project 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 high poverty, low income area.

Mineral County Family Resource Network			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Mineral
30 Armstrong Street	Keyser	WV	26726	Phone	304 788 9099

Keyser Energizer

We will energize the lives of low-income families through education and healthy physical activity. Opportunities for enrichment activities are scarce for Keyser families, and the few programs which exist, are not affordable to about a third of the population. Our activities will be either free or a generous sliding payment scale will be used to maximize the participation among families with household income < 125% of the federal poverty line. Recreational and educational activities will be done weekly for the youth, such as reading, homework assistance, cooperative games, sports and physical fitness. Adults will benefit from mini-courses in parenting, personal finance, establishing credit, eating nutritiously, and becoming more active. Family nights will happen monthly and include nutritious food, breakout sessions for the parents and the children, and a combined group event. The underlying purpose of the different activities will be to energize the participants with hope and strategies which can help them think about a better future and transition out of poverty. To further this cause, a meeting with community stakeholders, including low-income participants will be convened to learn how other communities are using strategies to prevent poverty, alleviate suffering, and support people transitioning out of poverty. A follow-up meeting will be held to gauge both the interest and support for developing a collaborative approach to Keyser's poverty.

Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc.			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Mineral
539 New Creek Highway	Keyser	WV	26726	Phone	304-289-6010

RIGHT FROM THE START AND SARAH'S HOUSE

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 that coordinate investigative responsibilities with child protective services and/or law enforcement to increase the likelihood of a successful outcome. SARAH'S House offers forensic interviewing, mental health treatment, and medical examinations by trained professionals and victims' advocacy services; all of which are offered at no cost to the child or their family. Our Right From the Start is the part of the project that helps low income West Virginia mothers and their babies live healthier lives by offering home visitation services with a Designated Care Coordinator (registered nurse or licensed social worker). Our services are FREE and support mothers, their new babies and their families by helping create a safe, nurturing home. Our Designated Care Coordinators (DCC) discuss any questions and concerns our families may have and help find the resources they need. Our DCC will also help clients during their pregnancy to get all of the information they need such as: childbirth and labor, nutrition, body changes during pregnancy, quitting smoking, community support/resources (WIC, DHHR, etc.), arranging transportation to medical appointments, helping find a place to live, and finding baby care items. We also help them learn the skills and resources to keep their family safe, healthy and happy, such as: feeding, bathing, changing the baby, putting the baby down for sleep, safety, good nutrition for her/her baby, where to get immunizations for the baby, and create a positive and healthy family environment.

A.B.L.E. Families			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Mingo
PO Box 1249	Kermit	WV	25674	Phone	(304) 393-4987

ABLE Families Afterschool

ABLE Families offers an afterschool program which provides 35 children from the Kermit K-8 with a nutritious meal, homework assistance, physical activity and reading time. Music, art, and cooking are also part of the curriculum on a regular basis. Our goal is to assist children in being successful in school and maintaining good health. Our goal is to increase children's feelings of success, their self confidence and to motivate them to continue their education.

Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center, Inc			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Monongalia
909 Greenbag Road	Morgantown	WV	26508	Phone	(304) 598-0344

School Based Therapy

The Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center (MCCAC) collaborates with the Monongalia County School system to implement the School Based Therapy Project. The purpose of this project is to increase both the number of traumatized children receiving therapy services, and the percentage that complete therapy services, while maintaining positive treatment effects. Through this project we have eliminated two significant barriers to children receiving treatment: cost and lack of transportation. Children who select this option receive a combination of free school and clinic based therapy service (customized for each specific child) to ensure that the child completes Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). TF-CBT has been shown to significantly build resiliency in children, and reduce the symptoms of PTSD, depression and behavioral difficulties in children who have experienced trauma or loss. Thus far, the program has been extremely successful. We would like to continue to expand the School Based Therapy Project to allow even more children in our community to benefit. Continuation and expansion of this project is critical to ensure every child abuse victim, or child who is at risk in Monongalia County receives free mental health services. By continuing this project, the MCCAC will decrease costs associated with child abuse investigations and support services, and improve children’s mental health. When children are happy and healthy, a community truly flourishes.

In Touch and Concerned, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,000.00	Monongalia
1377 Chaplin Road	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	304-296-6109

Partners in Transportation

Expansion of transportation services with a 20% match to purchase a new vehicle through the WV Division of Public Transit Division to continue to expand our fleet for non-emergency medical transportation.

Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers			Award Amount	\$1,500.00	Monongalia
235 High Street, Suite 317	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	304.296.3400

The ABC's of Success: Free Adult and Family Literacy Education

Our project is Adult and Family Literacy Programming, and encompasses all the direct efforts to provide materials and program support to our free, innovative and confidential adult and family literacy educational programs. Our primary objective in this program is to provide all essential learning materials, specialized curricula and uniquely targeted direct instruction to the approximately 183 adult learners projected to participate in our direct learning programs over the next year, in addition to the approximately 150 young learners expected to participate in our afterschool literacy workshops. Over the past several years, our volunteer tutors gave over 6,000 hours of direct instruction hours to over 117 new learners who entered the program; during that time, 55 adult learners met or exceeded their learning goals while over 500 children participated in our family literacy outreach at community schools and afterschool programs.) In order to accomplish our goals, we must recruit, train and support many volunteer instructors on a continual basis, in addition to creating individual learning plans and providing all individualized learning materials related to this instruction. We must provide all necessary textbooks, workbooks and training materials to our learners, in addition to continued skills improvement to our tutors and course instructors. We also must engage in continued assessment and guidance to our adult learners during their learning process. Work of this nature requires a great deal of time, direct attention and professional guidance, which we can happily provide thanks to generous support from donors like you.

CASA for Kids of Monongalia & Preston County			Award Amount	\$10,000.00	Monongalia
500 Mylan Park Lane Suite 2	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	304-599-1087

CASA For Kids of Monongalia and Preston Counties

The CASA for Kids of Monongalia and Preston Counties organization will recruit, train and mentor (20) twenty adult residents of either county to become trained CASA's (Court Appointed Special Advocates). These advocates will work to secure permanency or reunification for abused and neglected children who have been removed from their current home. Upon completing (30) thirty hours of National CASA training, provided by the local Volunteer Coordinators, they will be assigned to a case. An oath will be administered to the volunteers and then will be sworn-in by local Judges. This will allow the CASA's to participate in all court proceedings and enable them to be a voice for abused or neglected child/children. In addition to the (30) thirty hours of training, the CASA's are required to participate in (12) twelve hours of in-service yearly. CASA's make a significant difference in determining the future of these children. They become aware of the child's current emotional, physical and overall well being and have received the training to properly manage potentially difficult situations. Establishing a relationship with the child/children gives the CASA the ability to advocate for the child's best interest in the court system.

Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, Inc.			Award Amount	\$0.00	Monongalia
PO Box 4228	Morgantown	WV	26504	Phone	304-292-5100

101 Ways You Can Help Prevent Violence: A Neighborhood Empowerment Project of RDVIC.

This project will empower local communities and neighborhoods by involving them in violence prevention programs. RDVIC provides 24 hr. crisis hotline, temporary emergency shelter and advocacy in seeking medical, social and legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and bullying. We offer community awareness prevention programs throughout Monongalia, Preston and Taylor counties.

ROFAYKI, Inc			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Monongalia
P. O. Box 104	Morgantown	WV	26507	Phone	304-216-0639

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Outreach to Fairmont's Westside Neighborhoods, Project Time Frame

Spark! Imagination and Science Center will provide free, hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) programs to the Fairmont Community Youth Development Center (FCYDC) located in the Westside neighborhoods of Fairmont, WV. Through these programs, kids will become excited about STEAM and learn fundamental science concepts. These types of programs have been shown to encourage the pursuit of science, technology and engineering careers. This is not only important because science and technology fields offer high paying jobs, but also because the Westside neighborhoods are predominantly African-American, a group that is underrepresented in science fields. A two-year community planning initiative, performed by the Westside neighborhoods in collaboration with WVU, showed that these types of programs are needed and wanted by neighborhood residents. According to the planning initiative report, "collaborative programming that can expand and improve the youth development opportunities in the Westside neighborhoods will improve the capacity of individuals, families, and neighborhoods to thrive, thereby improving the quality of life for both people and place." Spark has a proven history of providing high quality, hands-on STEAM programs to West Virginia schools and after-school programs. In 2016, of the 11,000 children and adults that Spark reached through visits, field trips, special events and other programs, over 1,200 children were reached through Spark's STEAM-based outreach program.

Christian Help			Award Amount	\$11,000.00	Monongalia
219 Walnut Street	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	304-296-0221

Career Closets Jobs for Life program

The Career Closets (CC) at Christian Help provide job-readiness services to homeless, low- and moderate-income individuals at or below the federal poverty level. Men and women, whether unemployed or underemployed, recently employed, or just struggling financially, come to the CC to find the attire they need to obtain or maintain employment. The CC offers client resume assistance, interview skills and a national job-training and mentoring program, Jobs for Life (JFL). Through this support participants develop a character and become connected to a community of support to help them obtain far more than just a job. In 2000, CH began its CC program to help residents of Monongalia County with professional clothing, resume and job-search assistance. In 2013, the JFL program was added to equip clients with core work readiness skills such as presenting their 60 second commercial, developing a vocational plan, building a resume, learning effective interviewing skills, and others. Along with training, every JFL student has a mentor who provides friendship and support both during the sixteen-week training and once the student is employed. Nationally JFL has an 80% graduate-to-work success rate. To date CH has held eight 16 week training classes and graduated 51 students who have gone on to higher education programs or work. In Monongalia County 41% of the population 16 years and over are not in the labor force. Over one-third of the population of Monongalia County are individuals between the ages of 20-45 who are transitioning from job-to-job while receiving low pay and no benefits. Within the County's borders, 47.6% of those deemed to live in poverty have been unemployed within the last 12 months, while 43.3% have earned at least a part-time or part-time year (cyclical/seasonal) work schedule. The lack of work is the greatest indicator of poverty and the lack of job skills are crucial to employment.

West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.			Award Amount	\$15,000.00	Monongalia
1 Medical Center Drive	Morgantown	WV	26506	Phone	304-598-4346

WVU Medicine Children's Injury Prevention Program

Preventable injuries are the leading cause of death of children in the United States. Education and safer environments are proven to reduce child injury deaths, but many West Virginia families do not have access to the resources to keep their child safe. WVU Medicine Children's Injury Prevention and Safety Program is a statewide initiative which provides the resources and support to families, both in the hospital and community, to prevent injuries which can cause serious harm and death. The program provides safety education to families regarding topics such as proper car seat use, suffocation and safe sleep, bike and ATV safety, and childproofing of the home to prevent issues like falls and poisoning. In addition, the program will provide age-appropriate personal safety items which are identified as a need to keep a child safe, for example, car seats, cribs, helmets and childproofing items. In 2016, families turned to WVU Children's more than 215,000 times for inpatient, outpatient, surgical, and emergency care. These children come from every county in West Virginia including the 8 counties the Appalachian Regional Commission in FY2017 ranks as distressed and an additional 23 counties that contain distressed areas. We will only assist needy families with NIP funding, requiring families to complete an application to ensure that we assist those with incomes less than 125% below federal poverty level.

Scott's Run Settlement House			Award Amount	\$22,000.00	Monongalia
PO BOX 590	PURSGLOVE	WV	26546	Phone	304-599-5020

Backpack Feeding Program

Scott's Run Settlement House's (SRSH) Backpack Feeding Program provides food for the weekend to children who rely on school meals and do not have enough food in their home. Every week SRSH delivers bags containing two breakfast items, two lunch items, two dinner items, two snacks, and one fruit to the schools who 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 839 children at nine schools. Three additional schools will be added in the 2017 - 2018 school year, allowing SRSH to provide food for nearly 1,000 hungry children each week.

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, 76% 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 \$100 per child, per school year. This reflects food costs alone and does not include transportation or staff expenses. With the additional schools added for the 2017 - 2018 school year, SRSH's food cost will be approximately \$100,000. 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 in Monongalia County.

Milan Puskar Health Right			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Monongalia
341 Spruce Street	Morgantown	WV	26507	Phone	304-292-5702

Volunteer to Peer Scholarships and Recovery Coaching

Volunteer to Peer is a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) Training offered by the Friendship Room through Milan Puskar Health Right. Individuals who have been in recovery from substance abuse and/or co-occurring mental health disorders for at least 6 months can participate in our 46-hour certified training program. PRSS Trainings are focused on the domains of Advocacy, Mentoring/Education, Recovery/Wellness Support, and Ethical Responsibilities to better support individuals in achieving recovery and resiliency. Once one completes the training, they must complete 500 hours of peer support experience and 25 hours of supervision. After the 500 hours, individuals can then take a test to become a nationally certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist through the WV Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention Professionals. This certification will qualify people for entry-level jobs related to peer support. Peer support is a way of providing help to others based on "lived experience". That is, PRSS have personally experienced substance abuse disorders and mental health concerns. PRSS are not clinical providers, but are a valuable part of people's recovery team and community. PRSS work in clinical settings, drop-in centers, shelters, etc. NIP funding will provide scholarships for individuals who cannot afford the cost of training, assistance with coordinating their 500 PRSS experience hours with local agencies, books and training materials, advertisement for this job training in local media, scholarships for their national certification fee, and other recovery program materials.

Monongalia County Society for Disabled Children & Adults			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Monongalia
400 Mylan Park Lane	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	3043220012

SteppingStones "Camp L.I.F.E" Program

SteppingStones "Camp L.I.F.E" Program-It stands for LEADERSHIP, INDEPENDENCE and FRIENDSHIP through EXPERIENCES. "Camp L.I.F.E" is a 10 week program for children and young adults with a physical and/or cognitive disability. Camp participants must be between the ages of 5-30 years old. "Camp L.I.F.E" participants will focus on what each camper can do....not what they can't. Activities will include: Socializing, Swimming, Sports, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Book Club, Dancing, Science Experiments, Parks & Recreation trips to the WVU Ropes Course, Rafting and Fishing. Campers will also work together in small groups with camp counselors to complete community service projects in our community as well as many other fun life skills projects.

Mon County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.			Award Amount	\$22,000.00	Monongalia
251 Don Knotts Blvd.	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	304-292-0914 ext 20

Mon Co Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Solutions

Over the past seven years, Mon County Habitat for Humanity has primarily focused on the creation of single-family detached home ownership units with a secondary focus on family empowerment. Through this program, Mon County Habitat for Humanity has produced 51 affordable home ownership units and provided another four families and one community partner with minor repair services. As we press forward into a new fiscal year, we are focusing on expanding our home ownership and repair programs into Marion and Preston Counties in WV. In FY18, Mon County Habitat plans to provide home ownership to 6 families in Monongalia County while seeking for property and families in Preston County, providing an additional 2 families in Preston Co with home ownership and one in Marion County. We will be entering the fiscal year with a more robust and targeted strategic plan focusing on service area expansion, allowing us to provide even more families with affordable housing solutions.

The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest, Inc.			Award Amount	\$27,500.00	Monongalia
P.O. Box 6130	Morgantown	WV	26506-6130	Phone	(304) 293-8555

West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest--legal services for the poor 2018

The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest's project is two-fold: our summer project sends current West Virginia University College of Law students into the field during the summer to serve the unmet legal needs of the poor, while our post-graduate project does the same, but with graduating students who will serve as full-time lawyers for one full year. 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 2018, our summer project will fund 16 law students; these students will work full-time for 10 weeks and will serve approximately 800 clients. Our post-graduate project will fund two full-time law graduates; each fellow will serve approximately 250 clients as part of their full-time fellowship. Since the WV Fund's inception in 1987, our fellows--each of whom has survived a rigorous and competitive selection process--have served thousands of their fellow West Virginia citizens with the free legal help that these citizens so desperately need. Specifically, the WV Fund has funded 440 summer fellows who have served over 22,000 low-income clients, primarily in civil legal aid offices. Since 2008, the WV Fund has funded 17 full-time, post-graduate fellows who have served over 4,200 low-income West Virginians with complex legal needs. Their work permits their clients to escape domestic violence, retain decent housing, protect their children, and obtain relief from fraudulent consumer and debt practices.

Monroe County Education Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Monroe
P.O. Box 90	Union	WV	24983	Phone	

Monroe County Resident Full-time Student Scholarship Program

The Monroe County Education Foundation (MCEF) was established to help Monroe County residents, of all ages, to provide financial assistance for educational opportunities for full time students. This program awards scholarships each year to Monroe County students either just entering post-secondary education or students already enrolled as they continue their dreams for brighter tomorrows. The ongoing goal of MCEF is that we can help 1 more deserving Monroe County student continue their education each year and help increase Monroe County's post-secondary education rate. By charitable giving this goal can become a reality. Each year scholarship awards are determined on the Foundation's donations and income received, with having NIP credits we are able to give back to our donors for their generosity while helping Monroe County residents continue building on their dreams and brighter futures through continued education.

Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Pocahontas
818 Third Avenue	Marlinton	WV	24954	Phone	304 799 2484

The Pocahontas County Opera House Youth Arts Engagement Program

The Pocahontas County Opera House Performance Series provides opportunities for residents of Pocahontas County and surrounding areas to experience a diverse array of performing arts and unique cultural events seventeen or more times each year and also serves as community center for all civic, social and cultural groups in Pocahontas County. The Pocahontas County Opera House Youth Arts Engagement Program will extend the reach of visiting artists and performers by giving donors a pathway to directly fund local in-school shows and student focused in-house performances and workshops at the Opera House Theater as well as give donors the opportunity to support local at-risk youth.

High Rocks Educational Corporatoin			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Pocahontas
195 Thompson Road	Hillsboro	WV	24946	Phone	304-653-4891

High Rocks Academy

High Rocks is a youth empowerment organization that has been working with young people in WV for over 20 years, teaching them how to be strong, confident leaders. The High Rocks Academy project will equip youth with the tools, resources and skills necessary to chase their dreams and achieve success. Our two Summer Camps are at the heart of our project. We offer a variety of classes, mentoring opportunities and wellness activities for teenage girls and visiting college interns. New Beginnings camp is the doorway for most girls to enter the High Rocks Academy program. Admission is open for rising 7th grade girls. It also includes leadership roles for older girls and college interns and welcomes staff from a network of professionals from around the country. Camp Steele is our camp for older girls, providing them with a choice of two academic tracts in a variety of interest areas, including art, media, social movements, construction, food culture and STEM. Volunteers teach math and financial literacy concepts. Tracts are like mini college courses, providing more in-depth learning than most girls have experienced in other scholastic settings. Admission is open to rising 8th through 12th grade girls in our service area as well as girls from other youth programs in the region. Camp is free for girls within our home service area. During the school year, we run a college access and a student leadership program. These programs include one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, college trips, service-learning overnights, enrichment events, community outreach, leadership roles and advocacy. High Rocks coordinates multiple opportunities for students to speak with their representatives in the state legislature and partners with other organizations as opportunities arise to teach relevant topics. Our participants are encouraged to expand their horizons and challenge themselves, enabling them to realize that they are smarter, stronger, braver, and can achieve more than they thought possible.

Tri County YMCA			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Putnam
200 Carl's Lane	Scott Depot	WV	25560	Phone	304-757-0016

Tri-County YMCA's Financial Assistance Program.

The Y believes that everyone deserves a chance to succeed, no matter their background or income. Each year, volunteers and staff of Tri-County YMCA raise funds to provide financial assistance for individuals and their families who otherwise would be unable to participate in our programs and services. We would like to use the NIP tax credits to leverage new donations and to increase reoccurring donations for our Financial Assistance program. The Y turns no one away for inability to pay. Money raised for our Financial Assistance program allows us to reduce membership and program fees to those in our community in need. This money allows us to give a child a place to go after school while their parents are at work; youth the opportunity to learn a sport and to discover the meaning of teamwork; adults the experience of joining one of our group exercise classes to gain a healthier lifestyle; senior citizens the chance to participate in our arthritis water therapy classes. The Y delivers long-lasting personal and social change through programs that keep kids safe and engaged, help people become and stay healthy and support neighbors who have fallen on hard times. Throughout our area, countless people know the Tri-County YMCA. From exercise to education, from volleyball to volunteerism, from preschool to preventive health, the Y doesn't just strengthen our bodies. It strengthens the community we serve. Promoting spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of individuals and fostering a sense of responsibility within the community today will lead to a stronger community tomorrow. For over 25 years, we've been proud to help area residents learn, grow, and thrive. Yet we are called to do so much more. Only through philanthropic support can we continue to provide our programs and services to all in the community regardless of any economic constraints they may have.

Arts in Action			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Putnam
2658 Main Street	Hurricane	WV	25526	Phone	304-419-4446

Urban Stage

Arts in Action's Urban Stage project is in its eleventh year providing performing arts instruction and performance opportunities to youth in Charleston's West Side neighborhood. Our 2017-18 program offerings include dance and music (percussion and choral). Dance classes will be held in space provided by Emmanuel Baptist Church starting in Fall 2017. Percussion classes are offered at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Music classes, with both percussion and voice instruction, are offered at Edgewood Elementary school and North Charleston Baptist Church. All students perform together in the Arts Celebration held each May. The program including professional instruction, music, percussion instruments, dance attire, shoes, costuming and performance opportunities, is offered without cost to participants. 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 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, can lead to successful careers and improves overall happiness.

West Virginia Professional Dance Company			Award Amount	\$0.00	Raleigh
110 ELLISON AVENUE	BECKLEY	WV	25801	Phone	

"It's Your World, Full STEAM Ahead" Educational Tour Support

WV Dance Company's proposed project would use NIP credits to raise funds for schools who would like to bring our educational tour to their students during the 2017-18 school year. WV Dance Company's educational tour for K-12 students is a curriculum-based arts integration program emphasizing multicultural connections and 21st century learning skills. Entitled "It's Your World, Full STEAM Ahead," this program will be made available to students throughout WV with special focus on school systems that are classified as distressed or at-risk. The program includes a one-hour in-school performance that takes students on an around-the-world journey through the seven continents while integrating related lessons in math, science, history, literature and culture. Interactive workshops are also included that teach grade-specific topics in science through movement activities. By teaching STEM through the arts (STEAM), we offer schools a unique, engaging and highly effective learning method for students. The program is aligned with WV Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives as well as WV College and Career Readiness Standards to support and enrich the existing K-12 curriculum. By serving the entire state and making special effort to reach underserved areas, WVDC provides arts-based learning opportunities for many students who would otherwise be unable to experience live, professional performing arts. In the last several years, WVDC's educational tour has served over 20,000 WV students and teachers each year. NIP credits will be used to reach out to corporate and individual donors who will help underwrite the program cost for schools in need that otherwise would not be able to afford the entire cost of our touring program on their own.

Hospice of Southern WV			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Raleigh
PO Box 1472	Beckley	WV	25802	Phone	304-255-6404

Camp Hope (Childrens Bereavement Camp)

In 2016, HSWV celebrated the 4th year of fulfilling the dream of providing a children's bereavement camp, Camp Hope, in June. Recognizing each child's experience is unique, the camp is designed to provide a safe environment where children who are grieving the death of a loved one can receive comfort and support throughout the healing process. The 2018 camp is scheduled to last two days and will include storytelling, music, writing, arts and crafts, exercise, journaling, group discussions and interactive group exercises. The camp will serve 25 children in a secure and nurturing atmosphere, facilitated by licensed professionals. The 2018 Camp Hope planning is currently underway and will provide to children in need of bereavement services, the opportunity to continue the journey through their own unique healing process.

Just For Kids, Inc.			Award Amount	\$4,000.00	Raleigh
129 Main St.	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-255-4834

Just For Kids Family Advocacy Project

To provide the support and follow up to the children and families who have disclosed sexual abuse and other criminal abuse through advocacy, counseling "whatever it takes". Just For Kids Family Advocates work directly with the child and their family from the time the child is interviewed in our child friendly facility, to the time the family feels comfortable getting back on their feet. This often includes developing a rapport with the family, providing resource information, information about the court process, attending court with the family when appropriate, linking the family with other services from housing to counseling to transportation and other community supports that may be necessary. The trauma of criminal child abuse affects not only the child, but the whole family, and Just For Kids is building a stronger family advocacy component each year to better serve the children who have been traumatized by abuse. Working closely with local law enforcement, the state police, child protective services, medical providers and the prosecutor's offices in the three counties we serve, our advocates are often the key figures in helping a family get back on their feet after the horror of the abuse has occurred. Last year Just For Kids interviewed over 300 children. 60% of those children disclosed CRIMINAL abuse. Each of those children and their families had access to one of our Family Advocates for support. Each family has their own unique needs, and our advocates go out of their way to meet those needs. All of the services that Just For Kids provides are free to the children families we work with. These essential services are partially funded by the State and Federal government, but over 50% of our funds come from donations, grants and the United Way of Southern West Virginia.

Beckley Area Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$62,000.00	Raleigh
129 Main Street, Suite 301	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-253-3806

Building Support for Today's and Tomorrow's Needs in Southern WV

BAF's NIP Building Support for Today's and Tomorrow's Needs in Southern WV Project will assist 30,000 individuals through grant-making. This will be accomplished by designating 1/2 of each NIP contribution to a BAF permanent endowment with the other 1/2 being "passed through" directly to an agency providing programs to the region's distressed communities. Eligible endowments and non-profit agencies, such as the Salvation Army, Women's Resource Center, Helping Hands, YMCA of Southern WV, and United Way of Southern WV are among many agencies in our region that provide support for: 1.) Health and Human Services - support the homeless, physically and mentally challenged, youth and senior citizens, personal safety, abuse and food pantries 2.) Recreation - provide support for recreational and arts activities to those at or below the federal poverty level, 3.) Education - provide financial support for enrichment programs (ie. literacy, arts, and STEM) in and out of the classroom setting and provide scholarships to students from low-income families. BAF is a link that unites municipalities, donors, private foundations, and businesses to non-profits that serve the under-served population in the counties of Raleigh, Wyoming, McDowell, Webster and Fayette County's Mount Hope area.

United Way of Southern West Virginia			Award Amount	\$42,500.00	Raleigh
110 Croft Street	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-253-2111

United Way of Southern West Virginia

The United Way of Southern West Virginia supports 44 non-profit agency programs in seven counties in southern West Virginia. The United Way collects funds for local charities, coordinates relief efforts, refers clients to partnering agencies, and offers emergency assistance grants in disaster situations. In addition, the United Way of Southern West Virginia is involved in several community impact initiatives including the Equal Footing Shoe Initiative enabling the United Way to purchase new athletic shoes for children upon referral from elementary school principals and counselors. This initiative is offered in each of the seven counties covered by the United Way. The United Way also has a reading initiative where volunteers are organized and go into the elementary schools to read to students once a month. The United Way of Southern West Virginia has been instrumental in getting other literacy programs started within the seven counties served. In addition, the United Way organizes events at the local farmers markets where we encourage families to shop at these markets. The United Way staff and volunteers work every day to ensure that every child has a quality education, every family has a stable income, and every community member enjoys good health.

New River Community and Technical College Foundation			Award Amount	\$57,500.00	Raleigh
280 University Drive	Beaver	WV	25813	Phone	304-929-1042

Neighborhood Investment Scholarship Program

New River Community and Technical College Foundation provides increased student access to educational, workforce training programs, and services. The Foundation strives to fill the gaps that exist in our 9 county service area by providing NIP scholarships to 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.

Brian's Safehouse, Inc.			Award Amount	\$62,000.00	Raleigh
PO Box 1122	Beckley	WV	25802	Phone	304-673-8012

Hope in Addiction: Restoring Women and Children through the Sparrow's Nest

The project involves expanding our women's faith-based, residential addiction treatment program in three main areas: 1.) We are expanding our program from 7 to 14 women in order to reach more women while maintaining a small-program atmosphere. The smaller group setting is most effective and the trend in successful programs similar to ours. Women in addiction have usually faced greater traumas than men, with some estimates placing 85-90% of women in US prisons/under the control of the justice system as having a history of domestic or sexual abuse and up to 80% of female prisoners suffering from substance addiction (americanprogress.org). Meeting women's needs and dealing with past traumas are critical to their recovery. A small home setting restores security and helps break down barriers to recovery.2.) We are expanding our program to accommodate two additional women who are pregnant, providing separate housing to allow them to remain in the program and keep their newborns with them. This allows for mother-child bonding, continued addiction treatment and ensures the safety of the infant. Childcare will be provided, and we will continue teaching addiction recovery skills along with the skills necessary to care for children and a home, including meal planning and preparation, budgeting, etc.3.) We are expanding our program to include transitional care for the months immediately after graduation from the program. We will also provide housing for two women and their children while they become established in the workforce and a safe community, preventing recurrent homelessness and recidivism. The DOJ Dept of Research and Statistics (2013-2014) reports that female institutional offenders have higher recidivism risk factors due to alcohol/drug problems and family/marital issues. The Sparrow's Nest transitional program will provide a stable atmosphere and extended accountability while continuing to deal with the recovery issues unique to women.

Davis & Elkins College			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Randolph
100 Campus Drive	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-637-1243

Highlands Scholars Regional Program

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, West Virginia and the rural, Appalachian region surrounding it. In keeping with that tradition, the Highlands Scholar Program debuted in 2008-2009 to make private higher education affordable to students in surrounding counties by providing scholarships to students who have a minimum 2.5 GPA. The program's original seven-county region comprises the new Highland Scholars Regional Program and ensures these low-income students, who are sometimes first-generation high school graduates and often first-generation college students, access to a private college education 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 \$20.9 million in 885 Highlands Scholar recipients. At D&E, students find small classes and a nurturing community, increasing their likelihood of academic and personal success. Zandra K., a rising Junior and an Elementary Education Major from Elkins, WV, says, "Without the Highlands Scholarship I would simply not be able to afford to attend any college. The scholarship is helping me achieve my goal of becoming an elementary school teacher." 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, Davis & Elkins College is providing deserving low-income students in the local region with an opportunity to receive a quality, private education at an affordable price. This unique program will continue to have a positive impact on our young people, ensuring the best opportunity for West Virginia to thrive in the future.

Randolph County Children's Advocacy Center			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Randolph
PO Box 627	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	3046302214
Family Advocacy Project					
<p>Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center coordinates a team approach to the investigation and treatment of child abuse. Recorded forensic interviews are conducted by training 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.</p>					

Kump Education Center			Award Amount	\$4,000.00	Randolph
PO Box 1106	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-637-7820
STREAM Academic Coaching for At-Risk Students in the STEM subjects.					
<p>The Kump Education Center STREAM program provides academic coaching for at-risk students who exhibit low academic performance, poor attendance, and/or disruptive behaviors. KEC pays two Education Alliance AmeriCorps members to mentor 52 at-risk students in grades 4-8. The mentors meet with students 30 minutes each week helping them set goals and become more successfully on their regular course work and avoid dropping behind in school. KEC mentors collaborate with Randolph County School personnel to ensure that STREAM students keep up with their course work and develop the academic and social skills they may lack. Dropout prevention mentoring helps students finish high school, find future jobs, and avoid going on welfare. Our purpose is not only to help students meet their short-term goals by passing their academic work, but also to help them prepare for well-paid jobs that may require scientific and technical skills. We have taken students to the Division of Natural Resources to learn about possible jobs in natural science and to Davis & Elkins College to let them see where they might go for higher education. We are interested in career exploration in robotics and 3-D printing, and we need to rewire our old building to support technological learning. STREAM offers a summer component for 35-40 local YMCA Summer Day Campers in June. We provide summer science opportunities for children ages 5-10 at Kump Education Center. Last summer activities included gardening, water quality monitoring, wildflowers, butterflies, NASA robotics, and chemistry laboratory experimentation. Research shows that children in poverty lose academic skills in the summer if they are not challenged while school is out. The historic Kump property offers young students opportunities for hands-on science, but we need to improve the electrical wiring to support computers and help students in poverty overcome their disadvantages in digital skill development.</p>					

Randolph County Humane Society			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Randolph
PO Box 785	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-614-4591

RCHS Compassion in Action

RCHS' 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.

Historic Beverly Preservation			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Randolph
PO Box 227	Beverly	WV	26253	Phone	304-637-7424

Community Engagement Programing for Beverly

Community Engagement Programing is the project by Historic Beverly Preservation (HBP), in partnership with Beverly ON TRAC, to serve and engage local low-income residents who have limited opportunities. Planned workshop programming includes topics such as small business skills and opportunities, home maintenance, energy efficiency, and healthy lifestyles. Technical assistance and direct service to the community include services to support small businesses, advise on new home ownership and historic preservation and home maintenance; and healthy community activities to support community gardens, walking opportunities, and children's activities such as summer bookmobile. Through Beverly ON TRAC, we will engage with the Beverly Planning Commission and Beverly Town Council to encourage citizen engagement and help implement the Beverly Comprehensive Plan, with emphasis on healthy community, quality of life, and community revitalization opportunities. HBP working with Beverly Heritage Center will engage local citizens in cultural and heritage programming to educate them about their heritage and support pride in the local community. These activities will build skills for low-income residents, raise awareness in the local community, support community development, and encourage citizen engagement.

Randolph County Community Arts Council			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Randolph
P.O. Box 3111	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-637-2355

The Arts Center's Art Education Program

With severe cut-backs in funding for arts education, and with many schools no longer even offering these services in our area, our Art Education Program will provide year-round art and music education classes to children in our immediate area (Randolph County). While we do offer adult art and music classes, our focus has always been and will remain on the children of Randolph County. These classes range from introductory basis skills in drawing, painting, to more advanced technical instruction. Similarly, our music education classes focus on both beginners and more accomplished students, in group and individual settings. Maintaining a high level of awareness of and involvement in the arts. Providing these creative, classroom-based opportunities engages students, stimulates intellectual achievement, and offers a positive experience from which children may move forward in their academic careers.

Youth Health Service, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Randolph
971 Harrison Avenue	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-636-9450

Reliable Access to Care (RAC)

Youth Health Service's Reliable Access to Care (RAC) project, made possible in part through NIP donations, allows us to continue our 39 year commitment to meet the needs of area children and families with all of the resources we have. Through our RAC project, children and families in our service area will benefit from reliable and safe transportation to receive consistent care from YHS professionals; care received by those benefiting from our services include: behavioral health services-therapy, psychological services, psychiatric services; parenting support and services; educational child care. Too often we find that with the families we work with transportation is a barrier to them receiving ongoing care for their children and their family, attendance suffers as a result and ultimately the progress and ability to fully benefit from the care YHS provides is diminished. Our RAC project will allow families that struggle with transportation needs to consistently attend much needed services without the worry of how to keep appointments, families will simply arrange their transportation needs for YHS services with our transportation department and receive the care they need.

Roane County College Scholarship Foundation Inc			Award Amount	\$5,000.00	Roane
804 Summit Street	Spencer	WV	25276	Phone	304-927-2319

Roane County 2018 Scholarships

This project will provide scholarships to 2018 graduates of Roane County High School to attend college or post-secondary vocational/technical education. A committee of professional personnel from the school will evaluate applications and compile a numerical score and rank them based on (a) economic need, (b) GPA and standardized test scores, and (c) school and community activities and leadership. Students with the highest score will receive the most desirable scholarships. Our Board of Directors will review the committees recommendations and make the scholarship awards.

Hinton Area Foundation			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Summers
PO Box 217	Hinton	WV	25951	Phone	304.466.4920

VISION 20/20: A CAMPAIGN FOR SUMMERS COUNTY

VISION 20/20: A CAMPAIGN FOR SUMMERS COUNTY, is a multi-year fundraising effort designed to improve the overall quality of people’s lives. The area, in the heart of Appalachia, once designated economically distressed, is historically one of the nation's poorest regions. The goals of the campaign are to obtain commitments of \$5 million from over 1,500 donors and thus double the capacity of the foundation to serve. The economy of Summers County has long relied on the railroad industry. The decline in the coal industry has led to the loss of many businesses and finds our community relying on the travel-tourism industry and promotion of the local community as a retirement destination. We will use pass through donations and earned income to address programs promoting improving the quality of life in our service area. Our size and flexibility, as well as our collaborative relationships with other nonprofit charitable entities and city/county government enable our community foundation to make Summers County a better place to live, work and play. FOR EXAMPLE, We will provide funds for: 1) nutritious week-end snacks and meals for students living in a food deprived environment and books for students reading below grade level at grades 3, 4, and 5; 2) Leader in Me at HAE; 3) at-risk youth with disabilities through Equine Activity; 4) Children's Home Society mentoring program, recruiting foster and adoptive homes; 5) need based scholarships for post high school education; 6) clothing and toys for at-risk youth; 7) STEAM classes for K-5 students; 8) equipment for youth football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, and high school softball; 9)Camp Summers restoration due to damages caused by 2016 flood of the Greenbrier River; 10) minigrants for teachers that encompass unusual teaching methods and focus on STEAM; 11) support of Summer Reading Program; 12) showcasing talents of students and community members in drama; 13) long term care; and 14) building an assisted living center.

Cortland Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Tucker
39 Cortland Acres Lane	Thomas	WV	26292	Phone	304-463-4181 ext 228

Cortland -- 38

This project is entitled Cortland -- 38. Since 1978 the volunteer board of directors has demonstrated its commitment to the community by providing a premier retirement community to residents of Tucker and surrounding communities through its health care and residential programs. Cortland -- 38 consists of a major renovation of all existing resident areas including resident rooms, corridors and common areas. The quality of food and the dining experience is critical to resident satisfaction and particularly for those who may be experiencing significant physical and cognitive limitations. A critical part of Cortland -- 38 is the creation of a new food servery in the main dining room. The improvements will enable restaurant style service which is scheduled to be launched in the latter part of 2017. A chef has been hired to over see this project. New kitchen equipment will installed along with cabinetry, casework and a unique dining bar. To complement the renovated dining area is the development of a new and unique food source. A high tunnel/green house has been constructed with the anticipation of providing significant amounts of fresh produce for the enjoyment of residents. All residents regardless of payor source or financial means will benefit from this enhanced food service. .

West Virginia Wesleyan College			Award Amount	\$35,000.00	Upshur
59 College Ave	Buckhannon	WV	26201	Phone	304-473-8600

The West Virginia Opportunity Scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan College

For over 125 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. However, in these challenging financial times within our state, WVWC strives to make college as economically accessible as possible for all who seek our 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			Award Amount	\$20,000.00	Wayne
999 B Street	Ceredo	WV	25507	Phone	304-453-1401

"Recreational Activities for Golden Girl Group Home"

Recreational Programs for Golden Girl Group Home Golden Girl Group Home houses 24 girls ages 12-18 that 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 the girls. Research shows that girls that have been victimized (especially sexually) show an increase in positive behaviors due to a variety of recreational activities. In order to provide recreational activities for 24 girls throughout the year is expensive and the availability of volunteers and donor designations to these activities are slim. The recreational activities include membership to the local YMCA, therapeutic Yoga that involves trauma sensitive yoga that increases self-esteem and confidence in the girls; annual camping trip which includes wildlife educational activities and cultural arts activities. 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 with over 98% of them coming from poverty stricken homes. The stipend per day that is received for the care of the girls does not cover recreation. The combination of poverty and abuse creates such a bondage within the hearts of the girls that it shows in their behaviors and all aspects of their lives. Consistency and a variety of fun, rewarding, and educational activities significantly help in the healing process and produce more positive behaviors. According to "The Journal of Abnormal Child 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 the 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.			Award Amount	\$0.00	Wetzel
141 Main Street	New Martinsville	WV	26155	Phone	304-455-2278

ArtsLink Concerts and Theatrical Activities

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 1,600 children in its activities.

YMCA of Parkersburg			Award Amount	\$2,500.00	Wood
1800 30th Street	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-485-5585

Youth Development Programs

For 150 years, the YMCA of Parkersburg has been serving the Mid-Ohio Valley focusing on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility. With focus on the 3 core values of the YMCA, expanding infant/toddler care to an offsite location to accommodate 28 more participants is key for parents looking for quality affordable child care. With both parents having to work finding quality affordable child care is key. The YMCA also gives back to the community and provide support to our neighbors through our financial assistance program. Many individuals seeking child care take advantage of the discount. With the help of our donors, we make sure that no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. Every child deserves the opportunity to discover what they can achieve. Through the YMCA, youth in our community are cultivating the values, skills, and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health, and achievement. The YMCA's objective is to give children the opportunity to be a part of all the YMCA programs and to be exposed to the impact of those programs. All children will be integrated into a welcoming, values-driven environment and the separation from the community will be diminished. The opportunity for youth to get into trouble either by themselves or as part of a group or gang in immediately reduced. YMCA programs provide a safe place for children and teach teamwork and healthy habits. Important life-long skills and age appropriate activities will be available. Increased self-esteem through YMCA activities for youth improved academic and social behavior and encourages the development of skills that will have life-long effects. Children will have a better self-image. Healthy lifestyles reduce the likelihood of life-threatening, debilitating illnesses. Participation by children reduces social isolation. An increased awareness of the YMCA's core values will permeate into non-YMCA activities for all ages.

WVU at Parkersburg Foundation, Inc.			Award Amount	\$15,000.00	Wood
300 Campus Drive	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-424-8340

WVUP Student Emergency Fund - Gifts of Kindness

"Gifts of Kindness" is a WVU at Parkersburg Foundation fund that provides emergency aid to students in need at WVU Parkersburg (WVUP). Funding helps currently enrolled students with one time costs or immediate needs that are either not available or will not be available in time for them to stay in school. It allows the Foundation to provide a "pay it forward" initiative that provides some assistance in the form of a no-interest loan that students repay within the academic school year. This past year the program helped 81 students with grants in aid or emergency loans. Participants included student veterans whose benefits were delayed, students who traveled from more remote parts of our region, and students who had lost their housing. Assistance in 2016-2017 academic year included gasoline, car repairs, Internet access, child care, utilities, career clothing for job interviews, and other support to help these students stay in school and be successful. The program includes the Riverhawk Food Pantry and the Riverhawk Career Clothing Bank. As an example, during spring semester finals week and leading into summer semester classes, a student's car needed extensive repair. The Foundation's Gift of Kindness provided a no interest loan to cover rent and utilities for one month so that the student was able pay for the automobile repairs. The assistance will be repaid to the Foundation and be used to help other students in need. Each case is individually assessed and a plan is agreed upon by the student, WVUP Student Services, and the Foundation. Use of tax credits allows the Foundation to maintain this fund and continue this valuable service to our students. When it comes to a choice between buying food or buying gasoline to come to Parkersburg or Ripley for classes, education takes a back seat. Because of this fund and its generous donors, students have another choice.

Parkersburg Art Center			Award Amount	\$24,000.00	Wood
725 Market Street	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	3044853859
"Education: Full STEAM Ahead!"					
<p>Because Wood County elementary schools do not have art teachers, children miss a component that is vital to learning and comprehension. The Parkersburg Art Center seeks to motivate and engage students in the academic subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) by using art projects to show practical applications of these crucial branches of learning. IN-SCHOOL: In cooperation with Wood County's school system, Art Center educators will prepare and present art activities to 4th grade classrooms in four Title 1 schools. These activities will complement and reinforce the STEM subjects. The four target schools are ranked in lowest ¼ of the elementary schools in the state. AFTER-SCHOOL: Students not reached by the in-school program may participate in similar programs after school. The "Schoolzout" component begun last year will continue, adding two more Title 1 schools and the Wood Co. Library for a total of five after-school venues in low-income areas. TEENS: The "CRE8" program, begun last year with the Wood Co. Day Report Center (WCDRC) for youth between 14 and 17 years of age, will continue with an important change: beginning in September, Art Center personnel will go to the Day Report Center in order to engage more of their clients. These combined programs will offer disadvantaged young people an enriching experience, leading to greater academic success.</p>					

Allihak Council- Boy Scouts of America			Award Amount	\$0.00	Wood
1340 Juliana Street	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	740-594-4072
Scoutreach					
<p>Scoutreach is funded through multiple sources with funding from NIP being approximately one third of overall funding. Through this application we propose to complement our efforts to recruit low-income youth into scouting. Scouting is an evidence based intervention for youth. Research has documented the effectiveness of scouting in youth development and shows significant impact in reducing crime, promoting community involvement and promoting education for its participants. Although scouting has always been open to youth from all income levels, there has been a particular interest in supporting low income youth in participating in scouts. We have successfully partnered with Community Action agencies in the past to identify low income youth who may be interested in scouting and expanded our efforts by working with school districts within the region to make information available to students who receive free lunches. We will also continue our efforts in working with existing units, scouts and scout leaders to recruit low income youth. This year we will be continuing two recruitment efforts that we started last year. One is partnering with organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, that particularly focus on low income youth to offer scouting as an additional opportunity. An effort is a council-wide recruiting effort for Cub Scouts. In this effort, there is a recruiting event at every school in the entire council that serves youth of cub scout age. A single night is chosen (for the purpose of advertising) and every potential scout in the council is invited to the event. The information given to each potential scout reminds them of the availability of Scoutreach to support participation by low income youth.</p>					

Women's Care Center			Award Amount	\$25,000.00	Wood
P.O. Box 4765	Parkersburg	WV	26104	Phone	304-485-7122

Shepherd's Fold

Our Shepherd's Fold Project is focused on low income single moms who need help with baby and maternity items. Our program is based on "earn while you learn" so it encourages responsibility and accountability. Moms must participate in a monthly mentoring session with a trained advocate prior to each visit to our Shepherd's Fold distribution center. Our patients receive basic supply items for free such as diapers, wipes, bottles, blankets, and clothes while earning shares for larger items like cribs, strollers, and car seats. Our moms earn shares during their monthly visits, for example, by working, going to school, attending parenting or childbirth classes, or volunteering in their community. They accumulate these shares and use them for the larger items needed in the baby's first year. Our monthly mentoring sessions at Shepherd's Fold also allow the moms to talk with someone about their challenges in life as a single mom. This program provides both emotional and practical support to our patient families. During these monthly sessions, the patient advocate discusses progress on important life goals like finishing high school/GED, getting a job, finding stable housing, and building healthy relationships.

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley			Award Amount	\$50,000.00	Wood
PO Box 462	Parkersburg	WV	26102	Phone	304-422-7907

Improving the lives of five families by assisting their moves into affordable, secure homes.

Habitat for Humanity MOV will build five houses in the Wood County area(at least four will be in Wood County, potentially all five), impacting 12 - 15 individuals below poverty level who will then have safe, secure housing which fits comfortably into their family budget. In addition, we will provide budgeting and home maintenance education for these families as well as other Habitat homeowners who may wish to be involved. Statistics show families living in stressful living situations are more likely to experience job loss, medical issues, interruption of education, and other challenges. Home ownership causes a reverse in those statistics, as stable, predictable living conditions allow focus on other areas of need. Children are more likely to graduate from high school, adults are more likely to maintain consistent employment, and become higher-functioning members of society. Habitat for Humanity is proud to contribute to improving the lives of homeowners, as well as improving the surrounding community with decent, affordable houses which often increase the value of neighborhoods where they're built.

The Salvation Army of Parkersburg			Award Amount	\$27,500.00	Wood
534 Fifth Street	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-485-4529

The Salvation Army Homeless prevention & Nutrition program

We will help prevent a minimum of 350 people from becoming homeless by assisting them with up to \$400 in rent and/or up to \$100 in utility assistance. In addition to our Social Service assistance we will serve over 40,000 meals to those in need in our community.

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates			Award Amount	\$57,500.00	Wood
1620 Park Ave.	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-428-4438

Reducing Poverty and Meeting Basic Human Needs through Community Grantmaking

PACF's project is to raise funds to make current grants that benefit direct need and emergency assistance programs and organizations meeting basic human needs, such as those that provide shelter, clothing, food, water, medical and dental support or supplies for needy citizens, and to meet personal safety, hardship or educational needs for the same. PACF will accomplish its project goals by raising funds through our Give Local MOV, Community Action, Community Sponsors and Advised Grant programs, improving its capacity to deliver these grants and programs. PACF's project also includes building its regional "Safety Net Fund," a field of interest permanent fund through which the annual grants will be used to support services, programs and organizations which aid children and other persons whose annual income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty level, and in the case of adults, which emphasize building self-reliance and independence from government aid. The "Safety Net Fund" is also intended as a resource in the event of a natural or human disaster requiring emergency aid to individuals in need. PACF's project focuses on seven of its ten West Virginia service region counties.