

NIP Directory - Fiscal Year 2025

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

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

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

Project Information	Apollo Youth Theatre Programs	Project Information
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The Apollo Youth Theatre Company Workshops expose students to all aspects of the theatre. Our programs are comprised of a Summer Workshop for 4th through 12th grade, Fall and Winter Workshops comprised of a “Junior” Program 4th through the 12th grade and “Just for Kids” Program K through the 5th grade. The process begins with an audition workshop and culminates with a live theatrical presentation open to the public. During our programs, each child learns to operate as a team in set construction, costuming, make-up, singing, dancing and oral dictation. Students participate in various workshops, depending on the show, where they learn theatre games that encourage self-confidence and artistic expression. To expose additional youth to the arts, during the school year we offer field trips at a discounted rate to area schools, free seats to the Boys and Girls Club, and other entities that reach out with need and in the summer to area community centers and Parks and Recreation Camp. This part of our program allows our youth to perform in front of their peers, which both instills confidence in our cast and also inspires their peers as well. Not only does it expose more of the area youth to theatre, some for the first time, but it also exposes them to a historic building. This year the 2024 Summer Program marks our 40th year and is being presented as a collaboration between the For the Kids, by George Children's Museum, the Martinsburg Round House, and the Apollo Civic Theatre. The NIP’s program allows us to offer more scholarships/tuition assistance for those in need and allows us to continue to provide tickets at a discount and for free to more programs like the Parks and Recreation Caps, area schools, daycares, the boys and Girls Club, scout troops and the Children’s Home Society of West Virginia, and more.

Berkeley County Congregational Cooperative Action Project, Inc., dba, "CCAP/Loaves& Fishes"	549 North Queen Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25404	Phone	304-676-7332
Project Information	"Provision of Emergency Financial Assistance for Maintaining Safe Housing"				Project Information

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

Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc.	116 East King Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-6622
Project Information	BERKELEY COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS				Project Information

Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc. (non-profit) provides hot, nutritious, low-cost, home delivered meals seven days a week for HOMEBOUND seniors and/or disabled and convalescing residents covering the entire 322 square miles of the County. This service allows seniors to remain independent in their own home. Hot meals are prepared fresh daily and delivered mid-day Monday - Friday with weekend deliveries upon request. The daily home visit serves as a LIFELINE to all recipients who live alone and are isolated. Our office maintains emergency contact information; if the client does not answer the door when the meal is delivered, our volunteer drivers call the office, and the emergency contacts are notified. This has saved lives in the past. We deliver "Peace of Mind" one meal at a time. Our Program is in its 53rd year serving the community.

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

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

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

Youth ages 6 - 18 in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties are the future of the Eastern Panhandle and the state of West Virginia. When our community members invest in them, they are investing in the future. Programs provided by the Boys & Girls Club are an important component of that investment. In 2023, 60% of youth served by the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle (BGCEP) reported coming from low -income families, so ensuring they receive the academic and social support they need to succeed in school and life is essential. This is accomplished by providing programs that address five focus areas: education and career; character and leadership; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation. Additionally, the Boys & Girls of the Eastern Panhandle provides a snack and dinner every day of the after school program and a lunch and snack during the summer program. Mentoring is the thread that runs through all of these programs, and research demonstrates that supportive, healthy relationships formed between mentors and mentees contribute to a host of benefits, including increased high school graduation rates, lower high school dropout rates, better attitudes about school, higher college enrollment rates, and enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence. Mentoring Matters Most (Triple M) is the foundation of all programming at the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle. Mentoring services are provided by professional staff and volunteers to ensure that every young person who attends the Club receives personal attention. Mentor/mentee interactions are documented in an online system on a weekly basis. These services can't be provided for free. Since Triple M is incorporated into all BGCEP programming, donations are used to cover the \$1,000 gap between fees, other funding sources, and the actual cost of delivering services, which is y \$3,200 per child per year.

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

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

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

Project Information	Kidz Power Pacs	Project Information
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The heart of Community Combined Ministries (CCM) is feeding children, souls, and empowering communities with HIS love. Our core objective is to cultivate unity across Berkeley and Jefferson counties by forging partnerships with individuals, churches, and businesses to alleviate food insecurity and address other essential needs within these communities. At the heart of our mission lies Kidz Power Pacs (KPP), our weekend food ministry operating under the CCM umbrella, alongside free community events. Through monthly gatherings, hundreds of volunteers spanning all ages come together to pack thousands of food bags, fostering a sense of solidarity and purpose while aiding those in need. CCM's objectives encompass raising awareness of the region's hunger challenges, educating on the adversities faced by children and families, dispelling the misconception that poverty is solely an issue of low income, and ensuring consistent access to nourishment for children. By fostering understanding, we aim to inspire compassion and generosity, thereby enabling CCM to continue its vital work of feeding as many children as possible. Over the past 17 years, CCM has distributed over 6 million meals to food-deprived children. Annually, we host a special Community Day in the Park, where local churches, nonprofits, and outreach agencies converge to provide essential resources and support. This event offers a day of free activities, music, and food, while also serving as an opportunity for attendees to learn about available resources and volunteer opportunities, enriching our community fabric. CCM also host an annual Christmas Party for all the children served through KPP. The children get to shop for toys, enjoy pictures with Santa, a hot meal, crafts, games and each receive a large pantry box. The most profound impact we anticipate is the restoration of hope in the hearts and souls of the children we serve and the broader community that enables our mission. Together, we are stronger.

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

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) uses West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program Tax Credits to address the needs of 31,095 people in Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson and Morgan Counties living at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (per Census.Data.Gov). In 2025 NIP tax credits will support the following projects that assist these low-income residents in our region:1. Emergency Assistance: With the expiration of Covid-era public assistance and the increase in cost of living outpacing the increase in wages, EWVCF is experiencing high levels of demand to provide resources to fund emergency shelters for the homeless, support a wide variety of programs addressing food insecurity, and assist organizations serving victims of domestic abuse.2. Community Service: Organizations that provide daycare, foster care, youth recreation, healthcare, transportation, shelter and food pantries for low-income families will also be supported with NIP donations to EWVCF.3. Job Training and Education: EWVCF will award grants to technical schools for job training programs, along with education and mini-grants to teachers in Title-1 schools, in all five counties we serve.EWVCF is the only organization in this five-county region that brings together a wide range of businesses, donors, charities and grantees to build innovative, creative and unique partnerships that fill an underserved population in our eastern region of West Virginia. In collaboration with the only two major grantmaking private foundations in our region, we have leveraged local donations with outside resources to provide funding for specific initiatives. With support from these corporate and family foundations, local philanthropists, nonprofit organization leaders and NIP Tax Credit Allocations, EWVCF awarded more than \$1 million in grants last year to support programs vital to the region.

For The Kids, By George	229 East Martin Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-264-9977
Project Information	The George Scholarship Program				Project Information

For The Kids, By George Children's Museum ("The George"), has an overall goal 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 the local elementary schools as well as offer camps throughout the summer to Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson counties. Many children in these areas are low income families are under served by extra curricula , cultural, and educational experiences. Our intent is to provide admission to our museum as well as scholarships for workshops and camps to this low income population so as to offer them the same exposure to culture and education that is enjoyed and that inspires others. We currently use private donations, ticket sales to help offset these costs. Funds from NIPS will go towards creating even more ways to offer more learning experiences to a wider range of kids.

Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle	630 W. Race Street			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-433-2663

Project Information	HFHEP Safe, Affordable Housing Program	Project Information
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The Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle Safe, Affordable Housing Program provides affordable, accessible, durable and sustainable housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties in the Eastern Panhandle of WV. Income guidelines are based on HUD's income limits at the time of application with most partner families being at or below 60% of the median family income. New homes are constructed on lots owned by Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle (HFHEP) and then sold to an eligible partner family through a zero-interest loan. The loan amount is such that a families' mortgage payment including taxes and insurance does not exceed 30% of their income. Partner families must complete sweat equity during the construction of the home as their contribution to the partnership with HFHEP. The program also provides small exterior repair services to income eligible residents of owner-occupied housing who are willing and able to partner with HFHEP, able to make any required payments, and can demonstrate the need for the repairs. The scope of work for these projects may include painting, landscaping, decking/porch repair, and other small exterior work needed to preserve the integrity and safety of the house. Funding raised through the NIP Tax Credit Award will be utilized to purchase materials, building sites, and other supplies necessary for completing project objectives. Whether it be a repair or new construction, each project taken-on under the HFHEP Safe, Affordable Housing Program aims to create a safe, healthy, energy efficient environment for the partner families to call home. Together with community volunteers and donors, we assist partner families in building strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter.

Panhandle Home Health, Inc.	208 Old Mill Road			County	Berkeley
	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Phone	304-263-5680

Project Information	Expanding Crisis Health Services for Underserved Households in the Eastern Panhandle	Project Information
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Panhandle Home Health, Inc. (PHH) leverages West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Tax Credits to meet the critical health needs of 8,926 households in Berkeley, Morgan, and Jefferson Counties, all of which fall at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (as per the 2022 ALICE Report). In 2025, these NIP tax credits will enable PHH to continue providing essential crisis health services to individuals in the Eastern Panhandle who meet Charity Care Program (CCP) requirements. PHH is a private, community-based, non-profit home healthcare agency that has been dedicated to serving patients of all ages in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties for over 48 years. Our mission is to enhance the well-being of our community by delivering high-quality medical services, including:• Registered Nurses• Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapists• Social Services• Dietitian Services• Home Health AidesOur primary goal is to ensure full recovery from medical episodes, reduce hospital readmissions, and stabilize patients' health. We provide medically necessary care that is often critical and urgent, ensuring patients receive timely and effective treatment.PHH’s Charity Care Program stands out as the only non-profit home health agency in the Eastern Panhandle offering free crisis health care services. This unique initiative embodies our mission to promote wellness and independence. By securing funding, we ensure that all patients, regardless of their financial situation, have access to comprehensive medical care. This support is vital to improving the overall health and well-being of our community.The continuation and expansion of our services through the utilization of NIP tax credits will significantly impact the health outcomes of the most vulnerable populations in the Eastern Panhandle. Your support helps us maintain this crucial resource, fostering a healthier, more resilient community.

Shenandoah Community Health Foundation		PO Box 1146			County	Berkeley
		Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304 596 2610
Project Information	Ensuring Quality Care for Pediatric and Adult Patients					Project Information
<p>Shenandoah Community Health Foundation provides support for Shenandoah Community Health, a non-profit Community Health Center which offers Primary Care, Women's Health, Oral Health, and Behavioral Health services for residents of Berkeley, Morgan, and Jefferson Counties. The Foundation's NIP funding will allow Shenandoah Community Health to increase access to quality care for more low-income pediatric and adult patients of its Primary Care department by increasing the amount of medical equipment available to providers and care teams for patient care. Use of the additional equipment will reduce delays, increase efficiency of staff, improve patient flow, and lessen patient wait times, thereby increasing availability of appointments to address the high demand for medical care for the rapidly growing population of the Eastern Panhandle.</p>						

Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Inc.		PO Box 1146			County	Berkeley
		Martinsburg	WV	25402	Phone	304-258-5600
Project Information	Starting Points Family Support Center Nutrition Initiative					Project Information
<p>Morgan County Starting Points Family Support Center, a department of Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Inc. will utilize NIP credits proceeds to alleviate food insecurities throughout Morgan County. A school backpack program, Community Kitchen, free pop-up farmers markets, and school and community nutrition programs, teach as well as feed those struggling with food resources. Our experience has been that NIP credits allow us to maximize the financial contributions from current donors and attract new donors who are drawn to Starting Points' role in addressing community needs. Starting Points facilitates the Meal Time Community Kitchen (MTCK) which provides free hot meals three evenings a week; the Morgan County Backpack Program which distributes weekly meal bags to an average of 230 children pre-k through grade 12; with produce gleaned from the local Farmers Market, free pop-up markets are offered during the summer months in Paw Paw and at the MTCK. Paw Paw, a small community in the western area of Morgan County, continues to meet the USDA criteria of a food desert. There are limited food and fresh produce resources available within 45-minute drive. Starting Points, while serving all of Morgan County, continues to pour extra resources into this community with a bi-monthly mobile pantry from Mountaineer Food Bank and a new partnership with Community Markets, Inc. that will offer quarterly food boxes to 150 Paw Paw area families. Starting Points also provides monthly food/hygiene/cleaning supply boxes to 20 area families who are at or below the 125% poverty level. Nutrition Education is also a focus, encouraging families to make healthy food choices/purchases, how to prepare the fresh produce and how to grow their own food. A monthly Cheap Eats program in Paw Paw and county wide school-based programs provide information on meal preparation, and recipe repairs with healthier ingredient substitutions and shopping on a budget.</p>						

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

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

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

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

Cornerstone Christian Academy		300 High St.			County	Brooke
		Beech Bottom	WV	26030	Phone	304-277-7578
Project Information	Cornerstone Preschool Program					Project Information
<p>Cornerstone Christian Academy provides a quality education to preschool and elementary students in the Northern Panhandle, focusing not only on academics, but also on character development and the growth of the whole child. Launched in 2019, CCA is the only private school in Brooke County and currently serves primarily low- and middle-income families. CCA's PreK program has been in operation for 3 years, averaging 9 tuition-paying students (ages 3 and 4) per year. The NIP credits will fund the Cornerstone Preschool Project (CPP), allowing CCA to operate their preschool at a reduced rate for families. This will allow CCA to reach more children with a quality preschool experience. The funds will not only help with tuition costs, but will also be used to implement important programs, such as lunch, after care, and transportation as the school grows.</p>						

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State		501 5th Avenue, suite 3			County	Cabell
		Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-522-2191
Project Information	Increasing Mentor Recruitment in West Virginia					Project Information

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

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

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

CONTACT Huntington, Inc.	P.O. Box 2963			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25728	Phone	304-523-3447
Project Information	Support for Children Healing from Sexual Abuse				Project Information

At CONTACT Rape Crisis Center, we are dedicated to providing comprehensive support to children from Cabell and Wayne counties who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse. Our mission is to offer these young survivors and their families the compassionate care and practical assistance they need to navigate the aftermath of abuse and begin their journey toward healing. Our specially trained Child Victim Advocates play a crucial role in this process. These professionals provide emotional and practical support during forensic interviews and medical exams at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Cabell Huntington Hospital. They also accompany and assist children and their non-offending caregivers as they interact with law enforcement agencies and the court system, ensuring they feel supported and understood throughout these challenging experiences. In addition to in-person support, CONTACT Rape Crisis Center offers around-the-clock assistance. Our advocates are available 24 hours a day to help with safety planning, provide counseling referrals, or simply answer questions that may arise at any time. This continuous availability ensures that children and their families always have a trusted resource to turn to, no matter when they need it. CONTACT Advocates provided support to 332 children affected by the trauma of child sexual abuse who were examined or interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center in Cabell Huntington Hospital in 2023.

Developmental Therapy Center, Inc.	803 7th Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-1164

Project Information	Empower Through Therapy: Bridging Gaps for Children with Disabilities	Project Information
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Overview:Developmental Therapy Center's Empower Through Therapy offers specialized therapeutic services to enhance the lives of children with developmental disabilities. We provide high-quality care in occupational, physical, and speech-language therapies, ensuring accessible treatment for all children.Why Our Work Matters:Our therapists address the substantial challenges faced by families with children who have developmental disabilities. We focus on economically disadvantaged families, using a sliding-fee scale to guarantee comprehensive care that helps each child reach their full potential.Our Services:Occupational Therapy: Our therapists work to improve children’s abilities to perform everyday tasks, enhancing fine motor skills, sensory perception, and cognitive abilities which are crucial for personal development and school readiness.Physical Therapy: We specialize in advancing gross motor skills, balance, and functional mobility through innovative treatments that promote active participation in home and community environments. Our approach is integral to preventing or managing physical complications and improving overall developmental outcomes.Speech-Language Pathology: We enhance articulation, language development, and non-verbal communication through engaging, child-centered therapies. Additionally, we address complex feeding and swallowing issues to improve nutritional outcomes and refine speech mechanics.Our Approach:We conduct detailed evaluations and offer tailored treatment plans that focus on enhancing various developmental skills according to each child's unique needs. Families are actively involved in the therapeutic process, ensuring skills are integrated into daily life. Conclusion:We integrate specialized pediatric care with active family involvement to foster independence and enhance developmental trajectories. Committed to accessibility, we strive to empower our patients to lead fuller, more engaged lives.

Dress for Success River Cities	541 9th Street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-522-3011 or 421-3

Project Information	Success on the Road - Providing Community-Based Resources to West Virginia Women	Project Information
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Dress for Success's mission is to help economically disadvantaged women with barriers to employment to secure and retain employment so that they can move out of poverty and into self-sufficiency, allowing them to support their children and contribute to their community. In our two brick and mortar locations in Huntington and Charleston, we have been very successful in helping women who are challenged by a range of adversities to find and keep jobs; last year helping several hundred hard-to-employ women gain employment and begin their journey emerging from poverty. Unfortunately, not all potential clients can get to our Boutique. Transportation in our region is a significant problem for anyone without a vehicle, with limited public transportation options, and for jobless and low-income women, or those without any income at all, it can be a tremendous barrier to accessing needed services. In many of our southern coalfield counties, support services are extremely limited, and programs to help women find and secure employment are simply nonexistent. We propose to address this issue by extending our current community outreach/mobile services program to serve Boone, Logan, Mingo, and McDowell counties, and eastern Kanawha County. Our mobile services accommodate clothing, program materials, and computers needed for resume creation, or completing online job applications and provide women with clothing for interviews and subsequent employment, workshop and program opportunities and a warm and welcoming person to guide them through the process of reclaiming a vision for their future. We currently partner with several programs in these counties currently to provide services for women who are in recovery, or formerly incarceration, but this project will help us expand on those services. Providing this type of support will help women overcome the barriers that keep them from employment and thus the ability to achieve success and self-sufficiency.

Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc.	1448 10th Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	13045290753

Project Information	See. Hear. Smile!	Project Information
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Vision loss, hearing loss, and oral disease all significantly impact overall health. Yet, addressing these issues is costly, and even those with health insurance often lack coverage for these important services. Few resources are available to help meet these needs, forcing many people to simply go without - and to experience declining health as a result. With a long history of providing high quality primary care to the uninsured, underinsured, and those on Medicaid, Ebenezer Medical Outreach is positioned to do something about it. Through "See. Hear. Smile!", Ebenezer will raise funds to support low-income neighbors in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Mason, and Putnam counties to receive through our free and charitable clinic in Huntington, WV: 1.) free vision exams and low cost prescription eyewear; 2.) free hearing aids for those with moderate to profound hearing loss; and, 3.) essential dentistry services. Whether managing a chronic condition or recovering from substance use disorder, it is amazing how much better your health becomes when you can freely see, hear, and smile!

Faith Health Appalachia	Attn: Rory Chapman			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-416-2098

Project Information	Community Connecting and Neighborhood Assistance	Project Information
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We primarily serve the residents of Huntington, WV, specifically the areas of Highlawn, Fairfield, and Huntington's West End (ZIP Codes: 25701-05). These neighborhoods constitute a sizeable share of Huntington's more impoverished and underserved residents. Access to critical resources and healthy lifestyle options are limited due to a variety of factors, including transportation, substance use disorder, mental health, and social isolation. Through this project we will in the next year work to: 1. To bridge the gaps that exist between healthcare providers, faith communities, community organizations, and other resources to better care for the physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs existing within our community. 2. To integrate isolated segments of our population toward the greater neighborhood around them for better care physically, emotionally, and spiritually. 3. To create a culture of wellness by improving access to resources that will elevate holistic wellness in our neighborhoods. "Real Life" examples of how FaithHealth Appalachia will address needs include:- Walking alongside churches and faith communities by establishing wellness and educational initiatives that fit within their mission as a congregation- Providing and arranging emergent and scheduled transportation to appointments in hopes of avoiding readmissions and preventable medical issues- "Following the patient home" by identifying community resources available to individuals and bridging the gap to access points through community connectors- Training and creating a network for Faith Community Nurses in local congregations- Developing "fresh food" initiatives and eliminating food insecurities by partnering with existing food pantries in the community and educating vulnerable neighbors toward healthier options

Faith in Action of the River Cities, Inc.	1900 Third Avenue	County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25703
		Phone	304-697-1274
Project Information	Increasing Visibility and Awareness of Services Offered by Faith in Action of the River Cities, Inc.		Project Information
<p>Faith in Action will continue its efforts to meet needs of the elderly and chronically disabled in Cabell County and northern Wayne County, West Virginia. Services are provided by trained volunteers without charge to care receivers. These services include door-to-door transportation to and from non-emergency medical appointments, assistance with shopping and errands, assistance with paperwork, reassurance calls and small chores. This year, the focus will be on increasing visibility and community awareness of services available using traditional media, social media, and personal contact with civic/community and faith based organizations. The goals of the campaign will be to to increase community awareness of Faith in Action, increase donations from civic/community and faith based organizations, increase the number of volunteers, and increase the number of care receivers.</p>			

Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Inc.	P.O. Box 7932	County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25779
		Phone	304-942-0046
Project Information	Building sustainable funding sources for support of at-risk individuals and their neighborhoods		Project Information
<p>FTSC's project expands WVNIP's reach by granting money generated from its endowments and other sources to projects and organizations that serve individuals at risk and their neighborhoods in Cabell, Wayne and Mingo Counties. Donor-advised and restricted funds provide on-going support for organizations such as Goodwill Industries, United Way, A.D. Lewis Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Hoops Children's Hospital, Huntington City Mission, Team for WV Children, Ronald McDonald House, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Heritage Farm, Cabwaylingo Presbyterian Chapel Community Outreach, Larry Joe Harless Center, Christian Help, Children's Home Society, and Childhood Language Center. Field of interest funds have the flexibility to support projects with a specific focus, such as health and wellness, education, children and neighborhood revitalization. Discretionary funds provide early funding for new organizations; seed money for new projects; special equipment and technology needs; specialized training for staff and required matches for grants. FTSC often provides grants to small organizations that do not have the donor base to support their own applications for WVNIP credits. FTSC collaborates with other non-profits to support place-based projects, including the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, James H. Harless Foundation(Mingo County), Coalfield Development Corporation and Heritage Farm Museum (Wayne County). FTSC collaborates with the City of Huntington to implement HIP (Huntington Innovation Project), which targets three blighted neighborhoods for revitalization, leading to job creation and improved quality of life for the residents. FTSC works with community leaders, neighborhood associations, local nonprofits, foundations and key institutions, including City of Huntington, Mountain Health and Marshall University, to maximize the transformative impact of its grants.</p>			

Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, Inc.	PO Box 7365			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25776-7365	Phone	304-525-7034

Project Information	Goodwill KYOWVA's Community Prosperity Services	Project Information
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Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area Inc.'s Community Prosperity Services is an ongoing project that provides Job Training & Employability supports, strategically designed to offer vulnerable populations much-needed vocational skills to obtain employment and financial stability. Our holistic programming addresses varied employment barriers by providing services in high-demand employment sectors directly responsive to area business needs. Our Community Prosperity Services project offers various vocational skills classes and Industrial Certification tracks, providing résumé writing, job search strategies, interviewing skills & internships. These include: 1. Fundamental Computer Courses (teaching Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook). 2. Forklift Certifications (teaching proper standards for forklift operations and providing the required certification). 3. Food Handler's Certification (required for all Cabell County employees who handle food and/or wash dishes). 4. Job Skills Training & Emergency Assistance Supports (via conducting BenefitsCheckUp® assessments). 5. GCF Learn Free (offers a variety of topics including Microsoft Office, reading, and math). 6. On-Site Training/Independent Living Skills Training. 7. Financial Education Certifications (including bill management, saving money, and couponing). Goodwill KYOWVA cultivates collaborative communication practices that allow us to better serve our underserved communities. Our Counseling and Therapy Division provides in-person, virtual, or Telecommunication counseling sessions that afford stabilizing behavioral health supports, which empower individuals to gain & retain high-quality employment. Participants also receive essential employability skills and appropriate interview attire.

Hospice of Huntington, Inc.	1101 Sixth Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington, WV	WV	25701	Phone	304-633-2169

Project Information	Peace of Mind Hospice Care	Project Information
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The Neighborhood Investment Program will cover cost of services to patients of Hospice of Huntington, Inc. who are unable to pay.

Huntington Children's Museum INC		PO Box 282			County	Cabell
		Barboursville	WV	25504	Phone	7406456619
Project Information	Museums for All					Project Information

Museum admission costs can be a barrier for many struggling families. Our Museums for All program will allow our museum to be more accessible to our most at-risk youth by reducing admission costs from \$10 to \$2 for families receiving SNAP or WIC benefits during our regular business hours.

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

The Huntington City Mission (HCM) has been meeting the needs of those experiencing homelessness and food insecurities since 1939 in the Tri-State area. This project is the only congregating food/meal program in West Virginia within a 50-mile radius of Huntington that also offers a full-service shelter where families are offered a place to stay together. Currently, we are serving more than 200 adults each day, along with an average of 25-30 children. No other agency in the area competes at or even near the same level as the HCM Feeding Program. We are located downtown on the public transit line and easily accessible, within walking distance of Harmony House, a day shelter offering a variety of resources to the unsheltered. In addition to meals served, our parking lot is utilized by many local community efforts passing out food, providing essential items, mobile health clinics, and connecting clients to all available resources.

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

Project Information	John W. Hereford Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington	Project Information
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The John W. Hereford Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington have provided shelter, a safe haven, as well as a nurturing environment for tens of thousands of children in the Huntington area since 1959. The club as a whole is our Project. We provide shelter, a safe place, and food for our members that otherwise would be home alone or alone on the streets of Huntington. 100% of our members fall below the poverty line and/or are food insecure. We have seen an increase in the number of foster children that we are serving. The number of members who aren't living with either parent has doubled in the last year. The meals we provide are the only food some of our members will get for the day. We served over 31,000 meals to our members in 2023. We are an after school program during the school year but we are an all day summer program each summer. We provide breakfast, a hot lunch and snacks for our members daily. In addition our programs and services are designed with the whole child in mind. Each year, approximately 500 children between the ages of 6 and 18 participate in our Power Hour Program., which is designed to include homework assistance, tutoring enrichment, educational computer programs and field trips. We design our program with field trips and experiences for our members to help them build as many connections as possible to the real world. Both club locations, B.C. McGinnis in Guyandotte and Henrietta Payne in West Huntington, are in neighborhoods with higher rates of poverty and crime, which shows the value of the clubs' purpose as shelter and a safe haven, both after school and during the summer. Caring for our members we provide support for the family when one or more parents or guardians maybe working or seeking employment. Focusing our efforts on providing shelter, food, safety, well-being, and educational advancement of our members, we hope has led and will continue to lead them to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Lily's Place	1320 7th Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304.523.5459

Project Information	Lily's Place Residential Treatment	Project Information
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There are several barriers to the mothers with substance use in our community, including: mothers who were not doing poorly enough in their recovery to qualify for another residential treatment facility but were not doing well enough for CPS to release their children with them; mothers who were separated from staying with their babies during their own treatment while the baby was being treated for NAS; and mothers who were qualified to be at another residential treatment facility but were on a waitlist for entering the program. The Lily's Place Residential Treatment program will be an answer for each of those situations. Lily's Place cares for children and parents affected by behavioral health risks that either contributed to or resulted from substance use issues in the family. Expanding services that focus on the whole family surrounding the pregnant and parenting women population engaged in residential services is part of the comprehensive approach needed to promote healthy families in Huntington, WV. The Lily's Place Residential Treatment program will serve pregnant and parenting women with substance use history and their children. The apartment building will be staffed around the clock. These families will have their individual apartments and the women will receive services including therapy, groups, education classes, peer support, case management and psychiatric medical care. Children ages 3 and up who are staying with the mother will have access Counseling, groups, case management, prevention services and mentoring. Children under age 3 will have access to WV Birth to Three services. We also have a partnership with Recovery Point to offer services to the fathers who are wanting services. The families will stay in the residential program for 3-6 months.

PROACT, Inc.	800 20th Street			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25703	Phone	304-696-8700

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

Recovery Point of Huntington, Inc.	1040 Adams Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25704	Phone	304-963-4091

Project Information	Recovery Point Huntington Kitchen Upgrade	Project Information
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Recovery Point of Huntington is proposing a specific NIP project to enhance the services provided at our long-term, residential facility in Huntington, WV, by upgrading essential kitchen equipment, including a new stove, walk-in refrigerator, and dish tank. Our project aims to complement the existing efforts of our organization by improving the quality and efficiency of our meal services, which play a critical role in supporting the recovery journey of our residents. Currently, our kitchen facilities are significantly outdated and inefficient. The existing refrigerator is in constant need of repairs, compromising our ability to store fresh produce and other perishable items safely. This issue not only affects the quality of our meals but also increases our operational costs due to frequent maintenance needs. The stove we currently use has only two working burners, severely limiting our capacity to prepare meals efficiently and meet the dietary needs of our residents. Additionally, we are currently without a dish tank, making it challenging to maintain a hygienic environment for meal preparation and serving. This project focuses on creating a well-equipped kitchen environment that fosters health, wellness, and a sense of community among our residents. The upgraded kitchen equipment will enable us to provide nutritious meals more effectively and efficiently, ensuring that residents have the sustenance they need to support their recovery process. Through this project, Recovery Point of Huntington aims to provide a supportive environment where residents can thrive physically and emotionally. By addressing their nutritional needs and enhancing their living conditions, we strive to create a nurturing environment that promotes self-sufficiency and sustainable recovery.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Huntington, Inc.	1500 17th Street	County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701
		Phone	304-529-1122
Project Information	Providing Access to Lifesaving Medical Care to West Virginia Children		Project Information
<p>RMHC of Huntington provides a compassionate haven for families with critically ill or injured children in Huntington, WV. Our mission is to alleviate the burdens families face during their child's medical crisis by offering safe, comfortable lodging near medical facilities. We provide free lodging, meals, toiletries, clothing, and support services. Our facilities include an outdoor playground, indoor playroom, kitchens, and laundry, all supported by a dedicated staff. We regularly serve families from WV's poorest counties, such as Calhoun, Clay, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, and McDowell, with some traveling over 82 miles to reach us. These families confront significant challenges like medical bills, lost wages, childcare, and transportation costs. By providing daily meals, toiletries, and connections to additional resources, we strive to meet their essential needs and ease their financial and emotional strains, enabling them to focus on their child's well-being at no cost. Our mission revolves around enhancing children's health and well-being by creating a supportive environment that facilitates access to specialized medical treatments. We believe in family-centered care, fostering an atmosphere where families can actively participate in their child's treatment plan. Over the years, we have adapted to meet the evolving needs of the families we serve, ensuring they have the support and connections to crucial resources necessary during their stay. This project aims to support all families staying at the Ronald McDonald House during their child's medical treatment in Huntington. It addresses financial hardships from long-term displacement, provides essential nourishment, eases mental health concerns through supportive connections with other families, and ensures regular check-ins with the Family Services Manager. Our goal is to meet their immediate needs and connect them with external resources to prepare them for their child's discharge from the hospital.</p>			

St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation	2900 1st Ave	County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25702
		Phone	3045262658
Project Information	Serving Uninsured and Underinsured Women with Pelvic and Breast Exams		Project Information
<p>In a single-day, culturally appropriate program, women receive a pelvic and clinical breast exam, a Pap test with same-day results, a screening mammogram with same-day or prompt results, connection to follow-up care, interpretive services, impactful health education, and translated educational materials to take home. The See, Test & Treat program is a new and yearly event, held on a Saturday in March. The program will reach more than 60 women and their families, making it large enough to deliver real impact and efficiency, yet small enough to ensure a high-quality, dignified experience. The one-day approach effectively addresses barriers encountered by medically underserved women facing health disparities—those who have little to no access to preventative care—and also connects women with a medical home for the future.</p>			

TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc.		P.O. Box 1653			County	Cabell
		Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-9587 ext 308
Project Information	Western Regional CASA					Project Information
<p>Provides advocacy for 950 child abuse victims in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Putnam, Kanawha, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, and Mason 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 500 children until they are in safe, loving and permanent homes with trained CASA staff advocating for another 450 children while awaiting volunteer appointment.</p>						

Tri-State Huntington Homeless Shelter Mission, Inc.		624 10th Street			County	Cabell
		Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-523-0293
Project Information	Farmers for the Hungry					Project Information
<p>Tri-State Huntington Homeless Shelter Mission, Inc. developed a new initiative in 2021 "The Farmers for the Hungry." This program is based on the concept that the freshest food provides the best nutritional value and the finest people to raise such food are West Virginia farmers. This unique program was designed to provide fresh healthy grass-fed beef and produce to residents of Cabell and Wayne County experiencing food insecurity while reimbursing WV farmers using tax law and, in some instances, a micro-grant to pay the farmers 100% of what they would receive after tax for their product, selling their livestock or produce at the market. The program simply seeks to reimburse a farmer 100% of what the farmer keeps "net" money after paying tax on the beef he/she sells. After selling the farm product, like all taxpayers, a farmer is taxed with federal and state income tax. Tri-State refers to this as our "break-even point" that the program pays "net" to the farmer. Tri-State intends to use funds offered from the WV Nip Program to provide micro-grants to the farmer, as an incentive to donate their livestock to our feeding program. The availability of this program will reduce the food cost budget associated with feeding the homeless of Huntington area. Since September 2023, 21 cows have been donated to this program, and have made available 6,938 pounds of meat to those people experiencing food insecurity in our area. In 2023, our community feeding program served over 230,000 meals to people in the Huntington area experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Current numbers, suggest that by the end of 2024 we will have serve very close to 250,000 meals. Farmers for the Hungry helps reduce the cost of food so we can continue to serve these populations.</p>						

United Way of the River Cities	820 Madison Avenue			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25704	Phone	304.523.8929 x 109

Project Information	Building Stronger More Resilient Communities	Project Information
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United Way of the River Cities (UWRC) focuses on for impact areas: Healthy Communities, Youth Opportunities, Financial Stability, and Community Resiliency. We make a difference through funded partners, internal initiatives, convening coalitions, and measuring results by mobilizing resources. We unite corporate sponsors, donors, volunteers, advocates, community organizations and grant makers to achieve our vision that all in our community have the tools and opportunities need to thrive.

Young Men's Christian Association of Huntington West Virginia	935 10th Ave			County	Cabell
	Huntington	WV	25701	Phone	304-525-8127

Project Information	YMCA of Huntington Youth PROPEL Program	Project Information
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The YMCA of Huntington's Youth PROPEL program helps at-risk youth learn the skills they need to escape generational poverty. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, data.census.gov, the poverty rate in the area served for this project is 52.9%, the highest in Cabell County and nearly triple the average poverty rate in West Virginia. Program participants learn about the importance of self-respect, financial literacy, a strong work ethic, social well-being, teamwork, networking, volunteering, standing up for others, nutrition, daily exercise, the arts, self-control and setting goals. The program is led by experienced staff mentors and volunteers who also help kids aged 11-14 remove the stigma from mental health issues associated with being a young person struggling to fit in and be accepted in today's society. The program also connects these youth with multiple other YMCA resources that promote exercise and healthy living in a safe space during after-school and summer hours. PROPEL is an acronym for Preparation, Respect, Opportunity, Pride, Excellence and Leadership.

Southern Appalachian Labor School		P. O. Box 127		County	Fayette	
		Kincaid	WV	25119	Phone	
					Phone	304-250-7627
Project Information	Southern Appalachian Labor School				Project Information	
<p>The project will prepare or provide building materials for 10 coal camp homes occupied by low-income families in Fayette County. Labor will consist of transitioning adults learning construction skills and working on their GED's along with volunteers. The project has a community center for 10 coal camp communities that provides after school and summer education, enrichment, and a healthy food program to the youth and community residents. The project operates two food pantries.</p>						

Carnegie Hall		611 Church Street		County	Greenbrier	
		Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	
					Phone	304-645-7917
Project Information	Arts in Education - Southern West Virginia				Project Information	
<p>Carnegie Hall's Arts in Education programs bring exploratory, creative, STEAM-based learning to the students of the Greenbrier Valley. Funding through the Neighborhood Investment Program helps to eliminate barriers to participation in Carnegie Classrooms, Link Up, and Creative Youth for many financially-limited and impoverished youths of southern West Virginia. Carnegie Classrooms are classroom-based, curriculum-connected, and arts-integrated STEAM residencies taught by Carnegie Hall teaching artists. Students engage in a creative process that connects an art form with another subject area to meet evolving learning objectives in both disciplines. Carnegie Hall works in partnership with The Weill Music Institute of Carnegie Hall in New York to present Link Up, a comprehensive program for 5th graders that includes a recorder-based music curriculum, teacher workshops, and a culminating live interactive orchestra concert(s) at Carnegie Hall. The annual juried art exhibit Creative Youth is for all Greenbrier County students attending public, private, parochial, and home schools in grades 4-12.</p>						

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County	PO Box 1188			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-661-1018

Project Information	Student Supports Program	Project Information
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Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, serving Greenbrier County since 2004. CISGC currently provides student support specialists in all public schools in Greenbrier County. CISGC offers one-on-one mentoring, tutoring and case-management services for students referred to our program due to behavioral, academic or social/emotional challenges. Our mentor programs pair students in need with a caring adult who focuses on and commits to their achievements in and out of the classroom. CISGC brings the community’s talents and resources into our schools to develop group and schoolwide educational programming and to provide a host of physical resources for students and their families. Our organization is an accredited affiliate of the nation’s leading drop-out prevention organization, Communities In Schools (CIS). CIS operates as a top-down model where CISGC is accredited through and receives benefits (such as operational and managerial support) from the national office. However, 100% of CISGC’s funding and resources stay within Greenbrier County, West Virginia. At no time does CISGC send any funding received through grant awards, fundraisers, individual or corporate donations to the national Communities In Schools organization. This year, 471 students received one-on-one guidance and case management services, while more than 4,500 received educational programming or other services from our organization, including meal distributions, school supplies, books and holiday gifts to students and their siblings throughout Greenbrier County. Our services have become more even more intensive, focusing more on social, emotional and physical well-being rather than attendance and academics. We have adapted our program to meet the growing needs of our students through home visits, phone calls, letters home and video chats, and look to continue to adapt our program to ensure our students are safe and well.

Davis-Stuart, Inc.	163 Cottage Drive			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	(304) 647-5577 ext. 31

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

Family Refuge Center		P.O. Box 249			County	Greenbrier	
		Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	3046456324	
Project Information	Family Refuge Center					Project Information	
<p>Family Refuge Center is a community-based dual domestic violence and sexual assault facility serving 4 southern West Virginia counties, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, and Pocahontas. We are committed to ending abuse in families while encouraging and promoting healthy family life based on mutual respect and support of all family members. Services include but are not limited to advocacy, emergency shelter, case management, counseling, prevention education, court, and hospital accompaniment as well as supervised family visitations.</p>							

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

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

Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center		896 Maplewood Ave			County	Greenbrier
		Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	681-484-7037
Project Information	2024 Community Partners Collaboration					Project Information
<p>The 2024 Community Partners Collaboration program is committed to creating a safe, compassionate, and inclusive environment for at-risk individuals in the Greenbrier Valley through strategic partnerships with other non-profits focused on addressing fundamental needs, ensuring extended access to exercise, recreation, and relaxation.</p>						

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

Shepherd’s Center of Greenbrier Valley (SCGV) is an interfaith ministry to sustain mature adults to live independently by providing opportunities for lifelong learning, community service, caring relationships, and spiritual growth. A primary objective of SCGV is to help older adults throughout the Greenbrier Valley remain independent and in their homes for as long as is safely possible. We work to empower older adults to age gracefully in our communities by providing various supportive programs and services, including:Gwen’s Meals - Fresh meals are prepared by area congregations and community groups and then delivered by volunteers weekly to recipients who are not able to shop or cook for themselves as readily as they once were. Gwen’s Meals has been active for over 20 years now and has grown exponentially. We deliver 60 meals/week in easter Greenbrier County, 55 meals/week in the Meadow River Valley, up to 37 meals/week in Alderson, and 12 meals/week in Clintonville, totaling over 8,000 meals a year. Gwen’s Meals program helps combat food insecurity, loneliness, and isolation in our communities.Adventures In Learning (AIL) – Over the course of six weeks in the spring and 6 weeks in the fall SCGV hosts a variety of classes, each focused on helping older adults continue to learn, discover, and grow. Sessions are led by class instructors who themselves are mostly retired older adults or community experts who bring their special interests and backgrounds to enrich lives and keep minds strong and vibrant.Lunch & Learn – SCGV coordinates Lunch & Learn events throughout the year covering various topics, including the occasional field trip.Handy Helper – Volunteers perform repairs and minor home projects for older adults at no cost to the recipient.Exercise Classes – Yoga, line dancing, Tai Chi, and water aerobics are examples of classes adapted for older adults to remain active and live healthy lifestyles.

The Marvel Center, Inc.	PO Box 634			County	Greenbrier
	Rupert	WV	25984	Phone	681-262-2016

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

United Way of the Greenbrier Valley	809 Jefferson Street, South			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304-667-9785

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

Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc.	524 Nicholas Street			County	Greenbrier
	Rupert	WV	25984	Phone	304-392-2095

Project Information	Wellspring's Day Haven Resource Center	Project Information
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Wellspring serves low-income West Virginians with basic needs and a safe space in which they can access hope through various programs and events. Our Day Haven, located in Rupert, WV, is an established respite for our community. This year's NIP funds will keep our Day Haven center operational. At the center, we distribute hundreds of weekly meals, groceries, hygiene products, hot coffee, hot showers, laundry services, WIFI and TV, and ways to apply for our many programs, all at no cost to our low-income neighbors. In addition to helping meet these basic needs, our Day Haven connects individuals with various services such as mental health counseling, job coaching, and nutrition education. In 2025, Wellspring plans to begin our health advocacy program to meet primary health needs and education for the underprivileged population we serve. Inspired by the egregious health inequity observed this past year within our center, this program will primarily function within our Day Haven, breaking down the many barriers to healthcare our low-income neighbors face. At Wellspring, we aim to instill hope into a region grappling with addiction and poverty. During the off hours, we host addiction support meetings, educational and nutritional classes, and artistic events to breathe hope, love, and art into a community often overlooked. However, the cost of keeping the center open with all the above resources is a significant portion of our organization's budget. In the past, the NIP funds allocated have been a lifeline, significantly impacting our income and connecting Wellspring with many other individuals and businesses within our state.

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Foundation, Inc.	400 Lee St., N.			County	Greenbrier
	Lewisburg	WV	24901	Phone	304/793-6852

Project Information	Physicians for West Virginia Student Scholarships	Project Information
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The WVSOM Foundation will provide up to 10 scholarships of \$1,000-\$10,000 for low-income medical students from 54 high-priority counties in West Virginia who indicate they will practice medicine in the state. Priority counties include all WV counties except for Berkeley. Priority counties have a poverty level of 17.2 percent or above (average of 21.77%), median household income of \$46,683 or less (average of \$41,086), primary care provider shortage in part or all of the county and/or are designated medically underserved by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Our project helps get physicians into rural and underserved areas by prioritizing financial assistance for students from counties with high poverty, low income, and tremendous need for medical providers. It targets students with income at or below 125% of federal poverty level or less willing to practice in West Virginia. Currently, 78% of WVSOM students are living at or below 125% of poverty level, according to FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms. Almost 90% of WVSOM students must borrow money (an average of \$238,000) for medical school tuition and living expenses. Accumulating that kind of debt means they are tempted to work in higher-paying medical specialties and higher-paying urban areas. By reducing their debt load, WVSOM Foundation provides financial incentives for students to practice in rural, underserved areas. We will give preference to students from the 54 high-priority counties, but scholarships may be awarded to students from West Virginia if not enough competitive applications are received from the priority group. WVSOM will give NIP credits to donors who give scholarship funds for immediate use or permanent endowments designated for scholarships.

The River House Inc.		24 Rickie Davy Lane			County	Hampshire
		Capon Bridge	WV	26711	Phone	540.974.5399
Project Information	School-age Student Arts Exposure and Education					Project Information
<p>The River House collaborates with Hampshire County Schools to enhance Arts and Music education in rural communities. Professional artists and performers lead interdisciplinary and educational programs within schools and through outreach initiatives. These programs promote multifaceted exploration of written, visual, and performing arts, aligning with age-appropriate learning standards and fostering community participation in the arts. In Fall 2024 through Spring 2025, The River House will offer a diverse array of in-school and outreach programs for youth. Onsite Arts and Music clubs will be taught by educators from Traditions and Technologies, a nonprofit organization, and The River House Arts Director Kayla Fehr includes a showcase of students' work and compositions during our annual "Color Our World" youth art show. Music-focused students will learn electronic and analog sampling techniques under the guidance of sound engineer Ben Townsend. Hands-on workshops will be held and involve "collecting sounds" using instruments and game controllers. Students participating in Art lessons and workshops will be introduced to art history education and hands-on projects inspired by artists such as Kara Walker, Jackson Pollock, and Pacita Abad along with exploration of art techniques ranging in fiber arts, painting, and mixed media. To promote writers and illustrators The River House will partner with WordPlay Connects, a literacy nonprofit based in Hardy County, WV Meet to hold Author assemblies in schools where students have the opportunity to meet authors and receive free books throughout the school year. Another notable initiative is the Art-for-All weekend programming, which takes place in-house and in the community throughout the year. This program encourages families to explore craft materials and artistic processes influenced by nature, upcycling, and fine arts while connecting with travelers and community members of all ages.</p>						

Central WV Community Action Association, Inc.		106 Frederick Street			County	Harrison
		Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-8495 #145
Project Information	Pathways to Independence					Project Information
<p>Central WV Community Action's Pathways to Independence initiative provides emergency services to low-income Lewis County and Harrison County residents. NIP donations support customers who are experiencing financial difficulties with emergency rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, food assistance, transportation services to maintain employment, and other basic needs to avert deeper crises. Many of the agency's customers include the working poor, who live daily on the edge of being able to meet their basic needs. When income is lost due to lack of transportation, lack of available childcare, or health-related incidents, families can transition from vulnerable to in-crisis overnight. Similarly, sudden pop-up expenses, such as car repairs, the need to obtain new housing, unexpected babysitting costs, or medical/pharmacy expenses can mean the difference in paying or not paying a water bill, for example. It is the agency's goal to provide transitional financial support to ensure that families can meet their basic needs and can thrive. While NIP-related donations provide for the cost of customer supports, the agency takes a holistic approach to assess and meet each customer's needs related to their overall self-sufficiency. Customers are screened by a case manager while applying for assistance, and each customer is encouraged to deepen their financial management knowledge through individualized budgeting activities. Within the agency, customers can receive long-term case management assistance, Head Start, housing services, and employment transition support. Outside referrals are made for a host of additional services as well. The target populations for the Pathways to Independence initiative will be Harrison and Lewis County families living at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.</p>						

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

Project Information	Clothing Closet	Project Information
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Genesis Youth Crisis Center currently operates 3 emergency crisis shelters, all located in Clarksburg, WV. These shelters serve children ages 6-17, from all 55 WV counties. The youth we serve have all suffered some form of traumatic experience. These youth also often come to us devoid of their basic needs, sometimes with just the clothes on their backs, belongings, if any, in trash bags and no hygiene supplies. The monies raised from our NIP credit donors go directly towards maintaining what we call our "Clothing Closet". This is a dedicated room at each location where we keep needed goods, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene supplies, sweat pants, t-shirts, coats, sweatshirts, pajamas, flip flops, shoes, sports bras and seasonal items such as bathing suits and duffel bags. This space is set up to be "shopped" so our residents can select their own scents, colors and fabrics of their would-be items. Doing so allows them to make choices for themselves, in a time that little choice is theirs and at a time that is otherwise chaotic.

Harrison County Child Abuse Task Force, Inc. d/b/a Hero's Haven Child Advocacy Center	229 West Main Street, Ste. 500			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-0375

Project Information	Child Forensic Interview and Family Advocacy Program	Project Information
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Hero's Haven Child Advocacy Center facilitates a multidisciplinary investigative team (MDIT) response to the investigation of allegations of crimes against children in Harrison, Barbour, Taylor, and Doddridge counties. Alleged crimes include, but are not limited to, sexual abuse, sexual assault, severe physical abuse and neglect, drug endangerment, depiction in pornography, child trafficking, and witness to violence (including homicide). The agency provides a physically and psychologically safe, child-friendly environment for the investigation of these allegations utilizing industry standard protocols. Certified Child Forensic Interviewers facilitate an investigative interview while law enforcement officers and other child safety professionals from various disciplines are present to view the interview in real time, working collaboratively so that the child only needs to disclose the details of the abuse once, minimizing further trauma caused by repeated questioning. Family advocates provide timely referrals for trauma-informed mental health services as well as specialized medical exams and are available to the child and their protecting caregivers for ongoing support and court accompaniment throughout any judicial response. Family Advocates on staff also assist caregivers in applying for financial support through the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund to reduce any financial burden associated with follow-up treatments. The agency facilitates monthly MDIT meetings in each of the four counties served for purposes of case review, ensuring that no case, or child, falls through cracks in the system. This quick, multidisciplinary investigative team approach provides non-duplication of many services crucial to the future health and well-being of child victims of abuse.

Health Access, Inc.	489 Washington Avenue			County	Harrison
	Clarksburg	WV	26301	Phone	304-622-2708

Project Information	Emergency Healthcare Assistance for Rural West Virginians	Project Information
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The Emergency Healthcare Assistance for Rural West Virginians Project aims to significantly enhance healthcare access in Doddridge and Ritchie Counties, two of West Virginia's most rural and medically underserved areas, by eliminating barriers and bringing free clinic resources closer to these communities. Community health workers (CHWs) and Local Liaisons will act as intermediaries, helping rural residents overcome personal barriers to healthcare through cultural mediation, care coordination, coaching, advocacy, and outreach. A satellite clinic will be maintained at the Doddridge County Health Department, reducing travel distances and increasing capacity in this healthcare provider shortage area (HPSA). Additional outreach efforts, like a One Day Free Clinic and Vision Outreach at Doddridge County Park, will further enhance healthcare accessibility, all at no cost to residents. In addition to connecting rural residents to primary medical care, The Emergency Healthcare Assistance for Rural West Virginians project will integrate primary medical care with oral and dental healthcare. This comprehensive approach ensures that all aspects of healthcare are covered, including offering dental evaluations within the primary care context and emergent, definitive dental care, including extractions and restorations for those who need them. For patients left edentulous or without teeth, prosthetic solutions will be provided to promote an enhanced sense of well-being and restore confidence in their smile. By enhancing access to primary medical care, prescription medications, oral and dental healthcare, and primary eye care, this project will help rural residents lead healthier, more productive lives and strengthen their local economies.

Community Foundation of Jackson County- JCCF, Inc.	108 North Church Street			County	Jackson
	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	304-372-4500

Project Information	Focus on the Family	Project Information
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The WV NIP's program helps expand JCCF's reach by granting money generated from our endowments and other sources to projects and organizations that serve individuals and families within Jackson County, WV. Our Donor-Advised and Field-of-Interest funds help provide important ongoing support for organizations throughout Jackson County that provide services to low to moderately low-income individuals and families such as Shop w/a Cop which serves low-income children with coats, shoes, gloves, food items, and a hot meal. Guardians of the Children provides bikes and helmets to low-income children each summer; the PVBC Snak Pak program provides backpack snacks each week to low-income children; the Child Literacy/Read A Loud program for Jackson County provides books to 1st and 5th-grade students; Adopt A Family program provides much-needed food, clothing, household items, and toys for low-income families in Jackson County. Vets 4 Vets provides low-income veterans assistance with medical equipment and Brothers Keepers provides a week-long mission camp for youth 6-12 grades and will complete service projects for low-income residents in need in Jackson County. JCCF helps support each of these non-profits with credits provided by the WV NIPS program and by our Make an Impact Charity Challenge. JCCF will provide dollar-for-dollar matching assistance, up to \$1,000 each for each participating non-profit to assist each organization in furthering its individual programs. Our Celebration of Decorations event provides a platform for each of our participating non-profit fundholders in order to raise donations to further their individual missions, and our Annual Benefit Dinner raises awareness and funds for JCCS's project each year.

Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	P.O. Box 1882			County	Jefferson
	Shepherdstown	WV	25443	Phone	304-876-3325
Project Information	Serving Seniors				Project Information
<p>Good Shepherd provides services at no charge to seniors and those living with disabilities, through the use of volunteers, that help them remain living independently in their homes within the community. Services provided include transportation to local appointments including errands, medical equipment lending, friendly phone calls, and other request where a volunteer is willing and available to serve.</p>					

Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County, Inc	P.O. Box 565			County	Jefferson
	Charles Town	WV	25446	Phone	304-535-8533
Project Information	Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County				Project Information
<p>Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County has the ongoing project of delivering a hot, nutritious meal at a reasonable cost to members of the Jefferson County community who either cannot make meals for themselves and/or do not have anyone (family, etc.) who can make meals for them. Our project also includes checking on our clients when we deliver and providing them with human contact each day we serve. Our staff maintains a list of emergency contacts for our clients and if we think there is a problem when we deliver the meal, we have a wellness check performed to be sure they are safe. Many of our drivers perform small tasks to help clients like getting their mail or taking out their trash. It is a true community effort to help these people stay in their homes as long as they are able.</p>					

Shepherdstown Day Care, Inc.	PO Box 388			County	Jefferson
	Shepherdstown	WV	25443	Phone	304-876-1055

Project Information	Education and care for children of the working poor in the Eastern Panhandle.	Project Information
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Since its founding, Shepherdstown Day Care's (SDC) mission has been to serve working families of the Eastern Panhandle. West Virginia social services assistance program, know as Mountain Heart, provides a subsidy to working families (families below the 125% of the federal poverty level) whose children are enrolled in our program. This gives the parents the ability to seek employment, further their education, and otherwise aid in their endeavors to further their careers. However, the subsidy does not cover the actual cost of the program. This shortfall is \$2,132 per student per year. The gap/disparity between the subsidized tuition payments and funding needed for operations grows each year. Bridging the gap and balancing SDC's budget is an on-going and ever-present challenge. Funds realized for this project will enable SDC to enroll the working poor in our educational programs, thus keeping SDC operational and our educational program strong.

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

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

Appalachian Children's Chorus	210 Brooks Street, Suite 309			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-532-2269

Project Information	Financial Aid	Project Information
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The Appalachian Children's Chorus (ACC) has a history of 34 years of serving children and youth in West Virginia through its choral program which strives to provide excellence in music education. The organization was established with the understanding that the program would be made available to all children despite socioeconomic situations. For over three decades, due to donor support, the chorus has been able to accept all children desiring to join the chorus. We are again asking for \$5,000 in NIP credits so that we may continue to offer children of insufficient means the ability to participate in an organization that will have a lasting impact on their lives. ACC's program fosters the personal and social growth of choristers by promoting their sense of self-esteem, group accomplishment, and personal pride in a nurturing team-oriented environment. ACC meets all criteria detailed in the NIP program and works collaboratively with many other arts and education organizations in the area. As a member of Youth Organizations United (Y.O.U.), ACC has collaborated annually with the River City Youth Ballet Ensemble, the Children's Theatre of Charleston, and the West Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra on a performance for school children as well as the public. ACC regularly appears in the Holiday Concert of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, ACC is part of FestivALL with its Appalachian Festival of Young Voices on June 14-18, 2024. Throughout its history, the organization has touched and molded the lives of thousands of children who have now taken their place in our society as successful and active members of the community. For the 2024-2025 season, ACC will collaborate with the West Virginia Symphony in the production of the opera, Carmen.

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

Project Information	Bags of Blessings	Project Information
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Bags of Blessings is an all-volunteer organization providing presents to Kanawha County children in need. Sponsors provide gifts of toys, coats, clothes, and shoes, which are then distributed to families. Bags of Blessings volunteers also use donations from individuals and businesses to shop for children without a sponsor. Each child receives one of our signature red bags filled with presents. All children are certified as in need, and an effort is made to make sure those children are not receiving assistance from other Christmas programs.

Bob Burdette Center, Inc.	1401 Washington Street, West			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	(304) 720-0444
Project Information	Bob Burdette Center Afterschool & Summer Enrichment Project				Project Information

The Bob Burdette Center, Inc. (the Center) is a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CC). The Center offers afterschool and summer enrichment programs to children grades kindergarten through fifth (K-5) at 3 sites with an average enrollment of 100 children. In a study enacted by 21st CC in 2024, the Center is the 2nd highest performing afterschool program in the state in the areas of improved math & reading scores. Our 3 afterschool sites include Edgewood Elementary, Emmanuel Baptist Church, and Mary C. Snow Elementary. Each site serves approximately 30-35 children with the intent to expand enrollment to average 50 students served per site. All program sites operate on the Kanawha County School (KCS) academic year calendar with additional summer programming provided all day during summer recess. School year sites operate Monday through Friday, 2PM to 5:30PM. Summer session programs operate at the Emmanuel Baptist Church site, 8AM to 5:30PM, weekdays. In our program, children engage in homework assistance, academic enrichment, skill-building activities, and recreational opportunities every day. Center staff provide supervision and implement curriculum such as Positive Action for social & emotional support and the Second Step Violence Prevention program. Certified KCS teachers provide one-on-one and small group tutoring in reading and math as well as academic enrichment sessions. Opportunities for specialized activities are provided by partners such as WVSVU and WVU Extension Services who provide STEM (science, tech, engineering, math) & positive youth development activities. Throughout the whole year, children are provided free, nutritious meals each day that are certified and audited by the WVDE Office of Child Nutrition. School year we provide snack and dinner while summer programs provide breakfast, lunch, and a snack. These meals are free of charge & the Center is an "open feeding site" that also serves any hungry child in need during our meals.

Buckskin Council, BSA	2829 Kanawha Blvd. East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-340-3663
Project Information	ScoutReach: Scouting for all youth today & tomorrow!				Project Information

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Expanding our reach the Buckskin Council is amplifying our efforts through our Scoutreach programs to deliver Scouting to more youth and specifically to those whose family's socioeconomic status makes traditional Scouting either unaffordable or unavailable. We will do so by expanding a criteria for qualification; Identifying areas in which the socioeconomic conditions meet the criteria for qualification; Identifying organizations capable of hosting a Scoutreach program in those areas; Developing an appropriate program format for the conditions in each area, the baseline of which will be the Scoutreach program, with enhancements appropriate to each area that closes the gap between Scoutreach and traditional Scouting to the greatest extent possible; Coordinate the selection of leaders and host organizations; Recruit youth to the programs in the areas targeted; Support new unit standup and monitor progress of units to ensure they are operating within established guidelines and in concert with BSA policies. We will directly assist youth by facilitating their participation in evidence based programming that nearly doubles the chances of them being active, healthy, participating citizens as adults. Funds raised through the NIP program assist youth and families by financing expenses related to participating in the scouting programs. Funds are used for but not limited to items such as registration, uniforms, books, activity & camping fees, awards & advancement. Research shows that interventions that scouting offers in early childhood, middle childhood and adolescence improve social mobility by increasing their social and academic competence. Participants are more likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be career or college ready and more likely to attend college.

Capitol Market		800 Smith St.			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	3043441905
Project Information	Feeding low-income children & families and promoting local fruits and vegetables in Southern WV					Project Information
<p>Capitol Market is excited to launch a transformative project aimed at addressing food insecurity among low-income children and families while promoting the consumption of local fruits and vegetables in Southern West Virginia. Leveraging the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) tax credits, this initiative seeks to create a sustainable and healthy food system that supports both the community's nutritional needs and local agriculture. Project Goals include: addressing food insecurity by providing fresh, nutritious produce to low-income children and families through partnerships with local schools, food banks, and community centers; promoting local agriculture by implementing educational initiatives that teach children and families about the benefits of consuming locally grown fruits and vegetables, how to prepare healthy meals, and the importance of supporting local farmers; expanding the SNAP Stretch program, which enables low-income families to purchase fresh produce directly from local farmers at Capitol Market. This not only supports local agriculture but also encourages healthy eating habits. The overall project will result in improving the nutritional intake of low-income children and families by providing access to fresh, healthy foods, leading to better overall health and wellbeing; strengthening the local economy by boosting sales for local farmers and vendors at Capitol Market; and fostering a sense of community and self-sufficiency by empowering families with the knowledge and resources to make healthier food choices.</p>						

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

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

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

Since 1990, the Childhood Language Center (CLC) has helped over 2800 children with speech, language, feeding and swallowing problems. The CLC is currently assisting 75 children from 14 different WV counties and has 32 children on its waiting list. The CLC's clients are dealing with a variety of difficulties, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down Syndrome, hearing impairments, developmental delays and apraxia of speech. Research has found that there is a strong connection between a child's ability to communicate and their behavior, including behavioral, emotional and social difficulties. If a child cannot communicate with his/her outside environment, this can lead to frustration and bad behavior as the child grows. It has been calculated that it costs \$2,500 to fund a child through one year of services at the CLC, which includes 50 individual therapy sessions, the opportunity to participate in group sessions and admission to the CLC's week-long summer camp. For many families in our low-income service area the CLC is the only option for speech and language therapy because it is free to any family, unlike many programs in our service area. The Sponsor A Child program allows individuals, businesses and organizations to donate \$2,500 or more in order to ensure that all children who require communication therapy have the opportunity. The donation can be either done as a lump sum or in payments as desired. No matter how the donation is given, children who would otherwise struggle to find affordable and effective speech therapy are assisted.

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

Children's Home Society's project is to obtain the needed funds to support the work of our 8 emergency child shelters, with a total of 88 available beds, that provide: housing, basic needs (food clothing), medical, educational, psychological needs. The children placed in our 8 emergency child shelters come from counties all across the state. The child shelters operate 24 hours a day 365 days a year, they are homelike environments where children who have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma can thrive. Counties where shelters are located Logan, Nicholas, Raleigh, Greenbrier, Kanawah, Wood, Hampshire and Cabell. The shelter children/youth and their families are supported through our family strengthening programs with a goal for children to return home, have kinship care, or a higher level of treatment, dependent upon needs. Family stabilization is critical to the wellbeing of children. When children cannot return home immediately, we utilize our foster care program to provide a temporary home. Our family strengthening programs are, transitional and independent living programs for older youth, foster care, adoption, Safe at Home wraparound programs, mentoring, therapy, child advocacy center, family support centers and resource centers, early intervention programs such as Right From The Start, Birth to Three and Parent's As Teachers, afterschool programing, summer youth programs and services to grandfamilies who are parenting their grandchildren. We are a statewide organization providing care and support services to over 15,000 children and families annually in some fashion.

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

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

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

Project Information	Project Deeper Care 3.0	Project Information
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Christ's Kitchen & Food Pantry, Inc. currently provides meals to low-income and homeless people in the St. Albans and Tornado areas 5 days per week (28,175 plates in 2023), and provides monthly food every Tuesday and Thursday to families (1,532 in 2023). Our organization relies 100% on monetary and food donations. Our goal for Project Deeper Care 3.0 in FY 2025 is to continue providing eye care (exam, glasses and treatment for glaucoma and cataracts) in alliance with a local optometrist to 15 individuals, continue providing dental hygiene products (toothbrushes and toothpaste) and personal hygiene products (bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper) to 3,500 individuals within family units, continue providing feminine hygiene products to 75 homeless women, continue providing bottled water to 150 homeless individuals, and continue providing school snack bags to 600 children during the school year. We will begin providing ten (10) 1-day KRT bus passes weekly upon request from our Christ's Kitchen patrons, and make the Christ's Kitchen dining area available as a warming and cooling station during our normal operating hours during extreme weather conditions.

Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of WV		1 Clay Square			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-561-3566
Project Information	Adopt-a-School					Project Information
<p>The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences of West Virginia will continue its successful Adopt-a-School program during the 2024-2025 school year. We will “adopt” all four Title I elementary schools in Clay County, WV, inviting at-risk elementary students for a day-long fieldtrip to the Center. Students will explore our hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) exhibits in the Avampato Discovery Museum, engage with visual art showcases in the Juliet Art Museum, and view educational films in the Caperton Planetarium. To enhance visits, students will be provided with lunch during the field trip. To further eliminate access barriers, the cost of round-trip transportation will be covered by the Clay Center. Lastly, each student will be provided a FREE year-long family membership to the Center, a \$125 value per family, that provides unlimited museum gallery admission to two adults and all children under 18 in a household. Members will receive exclusive first access to new science and art exhibits and discounts on planetarium films.</p>						

Covenant House, Inc.		600 Shrewsbury Street			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304.344.8053 ext 22
Project Information	Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stabilization					Project Information
<p>Covenant House’s mission is to prevent and reduce homelessness by improving food security, providing access to emergency assistance, housing advocacy, and improving access to health care. Our Service Center provides a choice food pantry; personal hygiene products; feminine hygiene products; diapers; wipes; assistance obtaining legal documents; and other referrals and information. We provide an evidence-based Housing First Program providing permanent housing for chronically homeless people, additionally, we provide short- and medium-term rental and utility assistance to prevent evictions. Covenant House also provides nutritional supplements for those living with advanced HIV/AIDS to improve their health outcomes. Through our partnership with WV Health Right, we have a full-time on-site street medicine clinic to address basic health care, testing and immunizations, and harm reduction and recovery care.</p>						

Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center		2010 Quarrier Street		County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25311	Phone
Project Information Earn While You Learn					Project Information
<p>Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center provides a unique program entitled "Earn While You Learn." This program enables clients to learn vital parenting skills, while having their own personal parenting concerns addressed by trained volunteers and staff members. The Earn While You Learn program contains hundreds of educational modules, ranging from first-trimester prenatal care, breastfeeding, SIDS prevention, infant care, infant sleep issues, and infant bonding to teething, toddler care, illnesses, and much more. A Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer updates our curriculum on a regular basis to ensure that everything taught is medically accurate and current. Each time a module is completed, the client earns "Baby Bucks" to be spent in our onsite baby boutique. Items such as car seats, strollers, pack-n-plays, medical kits, clothing, diapers, and much more may be purchased with Baby Bucks earned through taking Earn While You Learn classes. We also offer group classes. Our breastfeeding class is taught by a Certified Lactation Consultant, and a local pediatrician leads a class which addresses pediatric emergencies and illnesses. We offer a group class taught by a local fireman that educates parents regarding proper installation and use of a car seat. We have witnessed that babies are safer and better cared for because of this free program and the excellent care it promotes. These classes empower our clients to be better parents, as well as bolster their self-confidence through helping them achieve their goals of providing material items for their children.</p>					

Daymark, Incorporated		1592 Washington Street East,		County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25311	Phone
Project Information Feeding Growing Minds and Bodies					Project Information
<p>Daymark's Patchwork and Turning Point programs provide emergency assistance and safe shelter to youth between the ages of 12 and 20. These youth come from homes that are dangerous because of abuse, neglect, violence, or drug use. Their parents are not able to willing to care for them. Daymark staff encourage youth to focus on their futures and help them to find long term solutions to their problems. They teach coping skills, life skills, and social skills while also providing food, clothing, and safe shelter. This project focuses on the provision of those basic needs and daily one-on-one counseling. When youth feel safe, fed, and empowered, they can concentrate on long term educational and career goals.</p>					

DBWV Inc. DBA Dog Bless	3100 Virginia Ave Se			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25304	Phone	304-419-4543

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

East End Resource Center	502 Ruffner Ave.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-550-2656

Project Information	Seniors on the Move!	Project Information
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The East End Resource Center Senior Program provides senior citizens living in the East End of Charleston with relief from their isolation, an opportunity for socialization, nutritious meals, enjoyable activities, exercise, mental health/wellness counseling, and referrals for services. In September of 2023, the EERC began offering van transportation for seniors who need a ride to the Roosevelt Neighborhood Center in order to attend the Wednesday and Thursday Senior Programs. On average, 11 seniors daily take advantage of this service, and its availability has helped to increase attendance on Wednesdays from approximately 20 to the current figure of 40-45 per week. We added the Thursday program earlier this year, and nearly half of the 20-25 attendees on Thursdays use the shuttle service. Community churches provide the vans, and EERC pays for the drivers, gas and mileage. Beginning June 28, 2024, EERC has added a Friday program which will include lunch, a new one-hour SilverSneakers® community exercise class, and transportation for seniors who request it. Eventually, we hope to expand the Senior Program to five days a week, offering shuttle service daily and exercise classes at least twice per week. We will use our NIP credits to raise funds to offset these transportation costs, and to help furnish an exercise room, pay the instructor, and purchase equipment and supplies for the SilverSneakers® classes.

Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley Inc.	P.O. Box 11623			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-881-7253

Project Information	Serving Seniors, Neighbor to Neighbor II	Project Information
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It is quickly becoming common knowledge that our fast-growing 60+ population face unique challenges to ensure their health and well-being. Transportation and social isolation are two of the greatest barriers to our older neighbors being able to fulfill their wish to age in place, safely and with confidence. Other barriers include a general lack of awareness of available assistance, inability to qualify for existing publicly funded agency supports, and economic considerations. The 'Serving Seniors, Neighbor to Neighbor II' program offerings aid in removing those obstacles by offering free access to medical care, food, a safe living environment, and social engagement, through the utilization of community volunteer power. Our organization strives to establish a "neighborhood" where none currently exists, by encouraging collaborative service, neighbor to neighbor. Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley recruits and trains a diverse pool of volunteers to provide these services to low income, often at-risk seniors at no cost. Our volunteers are empowered to offer practical solutions to real life, basic needs problems by providing transportation to medical appointments to address healthcare needs, and trips to the grocery store to ensure access to food. They also make friendly visits and reassurance calls to help combat the serious issues of loneliness and isolation. Our Honey Do Crews perform minor home repairs and maintenance projects to enhance both safety and quality of life. And our many outreach programs ensure that our care receivers feel connected and cared for. This project is designed to help us continue to grow our active volunteer pool through effective recruitment, training, and retention activities. Funds raised go directly toward the recruitment, training, and retention of our volunteers in service to our senior care receivers.

Festiv-ALL Charleston, West Virginia, Inc.	PO Box 11287			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25339	Phone	304-470-0489

Project Information	FestivALL Neighborhood Arts Program	Project Information
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FestivALL's Neighborhood Arts Program exists to connect our community's children and youth with education, engagement, and exhibition opportunities in the arts. Specifically, this program offers free art instruction and supplementary art supplies through partnerships with after-school programs, organizes youth and student art sales and free art projects through the Children's Art Fair, engages children with juried art exhibition: Art-for-ALL and Art-for-FALL, and manages Ticket Town which offers free community arts and performance event tickets through partnerships with local arts organizations. The program primarily targets Kanawha County, specifically the West Side of Charleston but is open to other areas and counties including Boone, Clay, Fayette, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties with a focus on areas with higher percentages of low-income.

Friends of West Virginia Public Broadcasting	600 Capitol Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	(304) 556-4906

Project Information	Daniel Tiger’s Little Learners Year 2 Expansion	Project Information
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After the success of year one, year two of our project will now expand to 12 preschools at the request of Boone County Schools. In Boone County, only 41% of students are proficient in reading on state assessments with 69.7% identified under low socioeconomic status. This project will provide curriculum, instruction, and support to children in Preschool, Day Care, and Head Start settings. The instruction is based on Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood from Fred Rogers’ landmark social-emotional learning curriculum. It will also be used to create a print rich environment to build the foundations of literacy. Children will learn a series of “strategy songs” to help manage emotions and develop key social and emotional skills while exploring, growing, and creating. Daniel Tiger’s Life’s Little Lessons uses the PBS Kids model of watch (video clip), play (playing games), explore (engaging in group activities), and share (communicating with families) to put children on the road to success for the future. These activities will help build phonological awareness through visual aids, books, and teacher modeling. The PBS model will allow children to strengthen their ability to comprehend, summarize, and make predictions. Each month children will be introduced to new topics that include new books, new games, open-ended discussion topics, and group activities designed specifically for their age group. Each new topic (each month) will naturally strengthen concepts of print, scribble writing, pretend read, listening, questioning, retelling, etc. Over time this flows naturally into concepts of letters, letter sounds and more complex literacy skills (phonological awareness, decoding, fluency). After each of the “Little Lessons” has been completed, each child will receive a Daniel Tiger badge on a bandana sash. Instructional support will be provided by the Education staff at West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

Gabriel Project of West Virginia	PO Box 4663			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25364	Phone	304-205-5865

Project Information	Basics for Babies Community Assistance	Project Information
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The Gabriel Project of WV helps babies in low-income families have a healthy, safe start in life through community-based immediate, caring assistance. Babies enter the world utterly dependent on others for their every need. For low-income families, fulfilling their baby's basic needs is a constant daily stressful struggle. Low-income families are single parent households, wed and unwed couples, teen parents without sufficient support, and in rising numbers, kinship caregivers who unexpectedly received custody of a young relative and are unprepared to meet the child’s basic needs. The Gabriel Project assists these low-income families by purchasing and directly distributing formula, diapers, clothing, cribs and car seats that are cost prohibitive for impoverished families but necessities for their young child’s health and well-being. We provide services according to each family’s assessed needs through our network of community church sites and trained volunteers in the 28 counties of our project area. Formula, diapers and clothing are the most urgently requested basic needs. We distribute formula to families who depleted their limited monthly public nutritional assistance allocation or to families who do not qualify for public assistance yet cannot afford to adequately feed their baby. We also distribute specialized formula to low-income families whose babies have allergies, digestive problems or other medical issues. We supply diapers and infant/toddler clothing to low-income families to keep their child comfortable and to lessen health risks. The new cribs we provide give babies a safe place to sleep and reduce risks of rollover falling, positional asphyxia or other trauma. In our project area there are infants sleeping in adult beds or in wobbly strollers or baby swings because their families cannot afford a proper crib. We also distribute new car seats to secure and protect young children from death or serious injury in motor vehicle crashes or sudden stopping.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council	321 Virginia Street, W.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	304-345-7722

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

Good News Mountaineer Garage	1637 4th Avenue			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	304-344-8445

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

Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries, Inc.		212 D Street			County	Kanawha	
		South Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304.342.0029	
Project Information	Basic Needs Assistance					Project Information	
<p>Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries, Inc. has assisted low-income individuals with their food, clothing, household items, furniture and utility/rent assistance needs since 1965. Our main location at 212 D Street, South Charleston, not only serves the South Charleston community, but also the nearby communities of St. Albans, Tornado, Dunbar, Institute, Alum Creek and Davis Creek. Low-income qualified individuals receive Thrift Store vouchers for free clothing, furniture and housewares. In addition, assistance is provided with our food pantry, diapers, utility/rent assistance and work boots/shoes to those who need it. Every Friday during the Kanawha County school year, fifty weekend food bags are assembled and delivered to South Charleston Middle School and distributed to students who need weekend food assistance. For the past three years, we have also provided an average of 50 new twin beds and mattress sets for children who are placed in foster care homes. Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries is also the only basic needs provider with a physical presence in Putnam County, helping with utility/rent assistance, diapers, formula, emergency food and resource information. Additionally, Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries provides utility and rent assistance to residents of the underserved Upper Kanawha Valley, also known as the Riverside High School district. All of this and more is made possible by a small staff, dedicated volunteers and community support. As a result of our mission, over 10,000 individuals benefit each year from Heart and Hand Outreach Ministry programs and assistance.</p>							

Hope for Appalachia, Inc.		PO Box 20076			County	Kanawha	
		Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	304-993-5693	
Project Information	HOPE Closet Program					Project Information	
<p>The HOPE Closet Program gives students access to toiletry items that they do not have at home or on a consistent basis. Each school that partners with us through the HOPE Closet Program is given a cabinet which is filled with toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, tampons, pads, etc) and restocked throughout the school year as needed. The goal of the HOPE Closet Program is to relieve some of the stress that students experience due to hardships or inconsistencies in their home life. It gives students access to necessities that will allow them to go to school confidently and prepared to learn. HOPE Closets also support school staff by giving them more resources to support their students. During the 2023-2024 school year we distributed 14,111 items throughout 83 schools in Kanawha, Clay, and Boone Counties. For the 2024-2025 school year we plan to expand the program to Putnam County in at least 12 more schools. Here are some stories from counselors that have a HOPE Closet in their school:"I had a student who often came, not just for herself, but for her family who was having financial problems at that time. She asked politely if she could get "extras" and I had no problem with that. To be able to supply the parents and the children with items from our closet is what it is meant for. Whatever makes the burden on the family easier, will help the student at school. It's totally a win win situation.""We have one student who is African American. Her mom struggles with finding hair products for her locally and she's a single mom from a low income home. She has appreciated the products that we've provided for her daughter. She has thanked me more than once, which I have given your group all of the credit. Thanks for all of your help this school year."</p>							

Kanawha Charleston Humane Society		1248 Greenbrier St		County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25311	Phone
		304.704.4847			Project Information
Project Information	Serving Families and Shelter Pets in Need				Project Information
<p>Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association provides services to the community through pet retention, counseling, and providing pet food to the public -- all to create a healthier, happier community for pets and people alike. Serving our region with two vet clinics, KCHA provides reduced-cost and free alterations, vaccinations, microchips, and basic preventative care for dogs and cats in Kanawha County and those surrounding.</p>					

Kanawha Hospice Care, Inc.		1606 Kanawha Blvd West		County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25387	Phone
		304 -768-8523			Project Information
Project Information	Friends of Hospice Safety Net Program and Food Pantry				Project Information
<p>HospiceCare has an internal program designated as "Friends of Hospice". Each year this program raises funds to help indigent HospiceCare patients and their families pay utility bills, buy clothing, pay for prescriptions and small medical equipment devices. Two years ago, we added to the list a food pantry to provide food for indigent HospiceCare patients and their families in Kanawha, Boone, Lincoln, Roane, Clay and Jackson counties. Our goal set for last year was to serve an estimated 200 families. With the pandemic, we felt the challenges of reaching out to the families. Because of this we are keeping our estimate for the upcoming year at the current level. We will also be continuing our "Snack Basket" program for patients and their families using our inpatient facilities at the Hubbard House, Hubbard House West at Thomas Memorial, and our newly open facility Hospice House at CAMC Memorial. This program will provide free snacks to families and friends visiting in any of our facilities to make their visits feel more like home. Funds raised in the NIP will be used to pay for the meals and snacks for these programs.</p>					

Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc.	1121 Virginia Street East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-8051

Project Information	Intensive structured sober living leading to long-term recovery!	Project Information
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The Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc. (KVFH) is an abstinence based transitional sober living facility for men. We treat men who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol with dignity and respect through our program of structure, action and accountability. Our 57-year-old program uses the 12-step recovery model that treats the whole person - spiritually, physically and mentally. The program lasts from 6 months to 3 years and is certified by the WV Alliance of Recovery Residences. Specifically, funds raised for this project will be used to offset the cost of operation in our intensive Phase I home at 1121 Virginia Street in Charleston WV. We provide meals 7 days a week, addiction counseling with a Certified Addictions Counselor, we pay all utilities and monitor our clients' progress on a daily basis. KVFH supplies a van for transportation needs to appointments and court hearings plus laundry facilities are available free of charge. We know through our own recorded statistics that the longer men, who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, stay in the Phase 1 program the better their outcomes are and their chance for long-term recovery, so we require a minimum 6-month commitment and strongly encourage our men to stay an entire year in our intensive phase I program.

KANAWHA VALLEY SENIORS SERVICES, INC.	1710 Pennsylvania Avenue			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25302	Phone	3043480707

Project Information	Kanawha Valley Senior Services Home Delivered Meals Nutrition Program	Project Information
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Project Description: Kanawha Valley Senior Services Home Delivered Meals Nutrition Program **Project Name:** Kanawha Valley Senior Services Home Delivered Meals Nutrition Program is a crucial initiative that addresses the nutritional needs of seniors in Kanawha County through a variety of services. This nutrition program as a whole offers well-balanced congregate meals at eight different sites, home-delivered meals, and nutrition education, aiming to enhance the health and quality of life for seniors. Maintaining proper nutrition is essential for seniors as it helps prevent various illnesses, diseases, and health-related issues. Adequate nutrition supports physical health, cognitive function, and overall well-being, which is critical for maintaining independence and a good quality of life. Many seniors face significant challenges that impact their nutritional intake, including; limited financial resources which can make it difficult for seniors to afford nutritious food, social isolation as many seniors live alone and may lack the social support necessary to maintain a healthy diet and food insecurity leading to malnutrition and related health problems. The senior population is rapidly increasing and according to the latest census, approximately 10,000 individuals reach the age of 65 every day. This growing population underscores the importance of programs like the KVSS Nutrition Program, which provide essential services to support the health and well-being of seniors. The KVSS Nutrition Program is a model of how community services can support the aging population. As the number of seniors continues to grow, the importance of such programs will only increase, making it essential to continue and expand these services to meet the evolving needs of the senior community.

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

Project Information	Laotong Yoga - Prison Yoga Project	Project Information
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Laotong Yoga Prison Yoga Project specifically focuses on coordinating and teaching weekly yoga classes in 2 WV state prisons, facilities run by the WV Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (WVDCR), and in West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) certified recovery residences where people are sent by the court system to serve diversionary sentences under community supervision (Probation, Parole, CPS, Drug Court, etc.). Women living in WVARR certified Level 3+ recovery housing programs are criminal justice-impacted and they are not allowed to work outside of the facilities when they are participating in yoga classes; therefore, all LY yoga participants are not working and have no income. At the recovery residences (RR) and in our yoga classes, women are learning self-reliance and life skills to help them transition from incarceration to re-entering society successfully. Laotong Yoga will teach a total of 150+ yoga classes divided among the following facilities:1) Lakin Correctional Center, Mason Co. - both Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes) & Ongoing Mixed-Level Hatha Yoga (40 classes) (total of 80 classes)2) Charleston Correctional Center, Kanawha County, RSAT, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment - Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes)3) Recovery Point Charleston, Kanawha Co - Variety Yoga, Meditation, and Mindfulness-Based Interventions (52-90 classes)4) Seed Sower Manor, Fayette County, 20 classes, 4 Self-Care 101 and beginner yoga classes

Legal Aid of West Virginia	922 Quarrier St.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-343-3013, ext. 21

Project Information	Lawyer in the School Project	Project Information
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Lawyer in the School (LIS) is a legal assistance project designed to meet clients literally where they are. Staff attorneys from Legal Aid of WV work alongside volunteer attorneys from private law firms to provide free legal clinics at elementary schools across West Virginia. Demand and positive response led us to recently expand statewide. LIS was created to identify and assist with legal need where potential clients may not realize they have a civil legal problem; examples of these include housing stability, benefits problems, food security, custody and guardianship difficulties, domestic violence and abuse, and obstacles to income. Regular legal clinics create a reliable, safe resource for families who need assistance navigating complex issues in a legal system where those who can afford an attorney have an undeniable advantage. The schools served by LIS have found that resolving civil legal issues results in greater stability in families' home lives. When issues at home are resolved, children can remain in school and focus on their education, and many of the children served have demonstrated significant academic improvement following help for them and their families.

Manna Meal, Inc	1105 Quarrier St.			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-345-7121

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

Mountain Mission Inc.	1620 7th Avenue			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25387	Phone	304-344-3407

Project Information	Mountain Mission's Family Emergency Resource Project	Project Information
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Mountain Mission's Family Emergency Resource Project serves families and individuals in the Kanawha Valley with unexpected emergency needs with financial and in-kind areas such as food, clothing, furniture, personal hygiene items, children and baby needs, help to purchase certain medications, utilities, many various rent and housing needs, transportation and meal cards in certain medical situations and many other basic needs. By carrying out this mission, we will support the hurting with relieving their immediate needs and communicate the importance of education, careers and financial management in order to help them become self-sustaining members of our communities and lessening the burden so they can focus on health, family and well-being.

Mountain State Justice, Inc.		1217 Quarrier St			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	3047200876
Project Information	Free Legal Services for Low-Income West Virginians					Project Information
<p>Mountain State Justice provides free legal services to low-income West Virginians in consumer, education, employment, civil rights, and immigration cases. Our project aims to provide brief legal advice and referrals to individuals for whom we are unable to undertake full representation. While the interests of many of our clients are best met through litigation, some individuals simply want to talk through a problem with a lawyer. This project will build our capacity to provide short consultations for legal questions in our practice areas and make referrals as appropriate. We will employ a full time intake clerk who will either provide referrals and information to a potential client, or connect the individual to an attorney for either brief advice or a full consultation.</p>						

Rea of Hope, Inc.		1429 Lee Street East			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-344-5363
Project Information	Rea of Hope Safe Housing and Employment					Project Information
<p>Rea of Hope provides the following support services to women to assist them in gaining long term self-sufficiency such as: 1. Supported Employment (job readiness, instruction on completing job applications, interviewing, appropriate dress code suggestions for employment, uniforms provided, transportation provided; instructions on how to be a reliable/dependable employee including punctuality, calling in if late or sick, and how to give a proper notice if changing employment. 2. Permanent Supportive Housing (safe, sober, supportive housing provided and long-term housing available for Rea of Hope graduates and their minor children after graduation from Phase 1 of our program. 3. Abstinence Based Recovery Housing (structured, supportive alcohol and drug free housing provided)</p>						

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

Project Information	Building Student Proficiency by Connecting Reading to Pleasure 2024-2025	Project Information
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Read Aloud West Virginia will support high-need families in building healthy reading habits. We will provide high-quality reading material to children with limited access to engaging printed literature, organize and train volunteer readers to act as "reading role models" for classes, and engage parents, grandparents, and other caregivers to help their children discover reading for pleasure. Current data shows only 40% of West Virginia students are reading proficiently, by third grade, an important developmental threshold. Read Aloud WV is starting to track a correlation between classrooms with the most consistent Read Aloud activity and rising reading scores. Children, including low income children, can learn to read proficiently. With intentional instruction at school, and opportunities to read for fun at home, most WV children can become proficient readers by third grade, setting them up for success in school and life. Read Aloud helps children and families to nurture their reading habits. Read Aloud WV places trained volunteer readers in classrooms to serve as a "commercial" for reading, a live reading role model. Read Aloud also distributes books in communities that need them and educates parents about the value of reading to children from birth. Schools and communities most deeply involved with Read Aloud WV report higher interest in books among students and more time spent reading for pleasure. Research shows these conditions contribute to better reading comprehension and growth among children. One student in Jackson County is a perfect example. After Read Aloud WV's research-informed Summer Book Binge, designed to create excitement for reading, and to prevent summer learning loss, one elementary student held up his books, smiling from ear to ear, looked to the Read Aloud volunteer, and said "I am so happy I could cry!" His school is among several in the state where most of the students maintained, or even gained, reading proficiency during the summer.

Religious Coalition for Community Renewal	1117 Quarrier Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-346-6398

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

The Appalachian Reading Center, Inc.		429 3rd Ave			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25303	Phone	304-744-8188
Project Information	Scholarships for Low-Income Dyslexic Youth					Project Information
<p>Our goal is to provide specialized tutoring for dyslexic youth from low-income families in distressed neighborhoods. We plan to provide scholarship assistance to 20 students during the project period. These students will receive financial assistance to allow them to participate in specially designed tutoring that will help them improve their reading and spelling skills.</p>						

The Education Alliance		803 Quarrier St., Suite 310			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-7850
Project Information	Education Alliance AmeriCorps					Project Information
<p>Education Alliance (EA) AmeriCorps is a student success initiative that impacts student attendance, behavior, and course performance; measures correlated with the likelihood of graduation. Through this program, 75 AmeriCorps Mentors will mentor at-risk students and 8 College Ambassadors will support college access. During the 2023-24 school year, EA will continue with a pilot focused on growing professional educators within the state through the Grow Your Own (GYO) initiative. 25 high school Juniors and Seniors enrolled in their local county GYO program will provide tutoring and other instructional support to students at local elementary and middle schools. The EA program addresses the professional growth of the enrolled EA GYO students and the academic enhancement of the underserved elementary and middle school students receiving tutoring instruction from the GYO member. During the 2023-24 school year, students from 8 West Virginia counties will attend 20 or more mentoring sessions with an AmeriCorps Mentor. Members will mentor students by addressing their academic and emotional needs, helping them develop positive attitudes towards education, enhancing social skills, and encouraging skills such as time management. Mentors will continue to support at-risk students until they enroll in post-secondary education. College Ambassadors will coach high school seniors and adults by supporting the college application process. The Education Alliance has received an \$803,754 grant from Volunteer West Virginia to administer the AmeriCorps program. In order to operate the program with efficacy, the Alliance must raise \$458,007 in matching funds. The Alliance requests \$15,000 in NIP credits to assist this fundraising effort.</p>						

the west virginia music hall of fame	1427 Lee Street			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304-342-4412
Project Information	Music As An Innovative Path to Education and Career Opportunities for WV's Coal-County Youth				Project Information

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

Union Mission Ministries, Inc.	P.O. Box 112			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25321	Phone	304-925-0366
Project Information	Tackling Food Insecurity in Low Income Senior Living Facilities				Project Information

Many senior citizens face food insecurity in West Virginia. Nationally, 1.28 million adults age 65 or older are food insecure. West Virginia is ranked number 3 in the nation of seniors facing food insecurity. While poverty is the largest contributing factor, other issues such as mobility, transportation, and health create barriers of access to food for many seniors. The financial strain on the elderly due to inflation puts many in a difficult position of choosing to buy food or to pay for medicine and other healthcare costs. For 113 years, Union Mission has sought to feed people in need in West Virginia. There are several low income, senior living facilities in the greater Kanawha Valley. These facilities offer a high concentration of individuals who need help. Union Mission's goal is to establish stocked pantries in each facility so residents do not have to travel to access food. All of this food will be provided free to the residents. Union Mission will work with building administrators to manage inventory and establish relationships with the residents to make sure all food needs are met. As additional funding becomes available, Union Mission would like to expand further throughout the region targeting concentrated residential areas of low income seniors.

United Way of Central WV		One United Way Square		County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25301	Phone
Project Information Get Connected. Get Help.					Project Information
<p>United Way of Central West Virginia's Information and Referral project connects people to the resources they need, when they need them. Information and Referral provides support and assistance to those looking for non-emergent needs such as food assistance, help with utilities, rental assistance, homeless services, locating recovery support and so much more. We provide Information and Referral to our six-county coverage area of Kanawha, Putnam, Boone, Logan, Clay and Braxton in addition to Cabel, Wayne, Lincoln and Mingo to ensure they have Information and Referral coverage. Our call specialists provide and maintain a data base of over 250 social service agencies that provide services to the counties we serve. This includes regularly updating, adding or deleting programs and resources as necessary to ensure our data base is current and accurate for callers requesting assistance. Information and Referral also works with school counselors to identify low-income children who do not have adequate shoes to be safe and healthy. Once identified we provide shoes to those children at no cost directly through the school counselor. We build long lasting relationships with school personnel, allowing them to access Information and Referral for other resources as needed for their students - such food, mattresses and beds, etc. We use Information and Referral data to track specific needs in under resourced areas. Information and Referral is zip code driven. This data can also show us areas with fewer calls, indicating additional marketing may be needed in those communities to ensure people know this valuable resource exists. Information and Referral also service as a clearing house for Christmas assistance programs in Boone, Kanawha and Putnam counties. We collaborate with approximately 30 Christmas Bureau partners to provide Christmas toys and food to families while also reducing duplication of services through this collaborative effort. I&R is our trusted resource.</p>					

West Virginia CASA Association Inc		P.O. Box 11846		County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25339	Phone
Project Information Cultivating Champions for Children					Project Information

WV CASA introduces the Cultivating Champions for Children project, a comprehensive volunteer retention initiative addressing the critical need for sustained, high-quality advocacy for abused and neglected children in WV's foster care and child welfare systems. This project aims to significantly improve volunteer retention rates, enhancing the quality and consistency of advocacy for vulnerable children and families statewide. CASA volunteers are vital to WV's child welfare system, offering a unique community perspective and serving as a cornerstone of effective child advocacy. These dedicated individuals give voice to children who have experienced abuse and neglect, ensuring their best interests are represented in court and that they receive necessary support and services. CASA volunteers provide:

- Continuity amid frequent changes in a child's life
- In-depth, individualized attention
- A community perspective on resources and solutions
- Facilitation of better outcomes for children
- Support to overburdened child welfare systems

Project Components

Support System:

- Mentorship program pairing experienced and new volunteers
- Peer support network for sharing best practices

Training & Professional Development:

- Specialized in-service training on relevant topics
- Opportunities to attend conferences and collaborate with professionals

Recognition & Appreciation:

- Structured recognition system highlighting volunteer impact
- Annual appreciation events featuring success stories

Communication & Feedback:

- Regular satisfaction surveys to identify areas for improvement

Self-Care Initiatives:

- Wellness activities at trainings

Volunteering Options:

- Accommodate unique commitment capacities

By retaining a robust network of committed CASA volunteers, this project positively impacts the lifelong trajectories of vulnerable children in WV. Moreover, it strengthens entire communities, creating a ripple effect of support, advocacy, and hope, extending far beyond the courtroom.

West Virginia Health Right, Inc.		1520 Washington Street East			County	Kanawha
		Charleston	WV	25311	Phone	304-414-5931
Project Information	Dental Care and Chronic Disease Education					Project Information
<p>WV Health Right, Inc. (WVHR) is the state's oldest and largest free and charitable clinic. Since its inception in 1982, WVHR has added a variety of options to its clinical services, including health education classes, which provides tobacco cessation assistance, nutrition classes, teaching kitchen classes, and classes to help individuals manage chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. In 2017, WVHR launched a state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic to provide free dental care to low-income adults in five rural counties in WV (Boone, Clay, Logan, McDowell, and Roane). Through this mobile dental clinic, WVHR will provide dental care and treatment to 1,800 impoverished uninsured/underinsured adults. In partnership with various local healthcare partners in each service area, WVHR has adequate space and internet access to perform these services. These healthcare agencies also assist in identifying residents of their area who are eligible for these free dental services. Access to dental care services improves citizens' overall health status and decreases emergency room usage, which decreases the number of controlled substances prescribed for chronic tooth pain. Further, increasing oral health care access also contributes to promoting employability and economic development and stability. In addition to providing free dental services throughout rural areas, health education materials will also be provided to 1,800 adults to increase awareness for effectively managing chronic diseases and reducing habits that lead to chronic health conditions. These materials will be geared toward managing cardiovascular risks, diabetes, weight, hypertension, and tobacco cessation.</p>						

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

The West Virginia Humanities Council requests tax credits for “History Alive!” presentations and traveling exhibits in eight rural, low-income counties. This year, the Council will make folklife education programs available as well. History Alive! provides audiences an interactive way to explore American history. Captivating in-person presentations bring historical figures to life with scholarly portrayals ranging from national figures like Harriet Tubman and Mark Twain to important people with West Virginia roots, such as veteran Army nurse Colonel Ruby Bradley and frontiersman Thomas Ingles. In delivering detailed, research-based presentations, the Council provides quality programming to West Virginians of all ages in the direst need of educational opportunities. Unlike History Alive!, which takes place within a compact window of time, our traveling exhibits allow more venue and visitor flexibility to reach thousands of West Virginians each year. Usually installed in local libraries, community centers, or even fast food restaurants for several weeks at a time, these exhaustively researched exhibits—such as Born of Rebellion: West Virginia Statehood and the Civil War—provide reliable historical information on popular topics to some of the most underprivileged communities in the state. The Council is also home to the West Virginia Folklife program, dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation and support of West Virginia’s cultural heritage and living traditions. This program fosters the work of traditional artists/practitioners and facilitates public education of these art forms. Accessible, hands-on experiences with everything from fiddle repair to mushroom foraging help impoverished families connect with their West Virginia roots and connect with a longstanding tradition of Appalachian resilience. Each of these mobile programs improves access to a wide variety of educational opportunities in communities where such exposure is in short supply.

West Virginia State University Foundation, Inc.	100 East Hall			County	Kanawha
	Institute	WV	25112	Phone	(304) 766-3021

Project Information	WVSU Southern Counties Scholarship Program	Project Information
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Founded in 1891, West Virginia State University is a public, land-grant, historically black university, which has evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multi-generational institution. WVSU has seen growth in admissions of students from southern W.V. The University acknowledges the extreme economic disadvantage that many students from areas such as Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln, Boone, Mercer, Raleigh, Wayne, Monroe, and Fayette Counties face when pursuing a college education. The WVSU Southern Counties Scholarship Program, coupled with existing scholarship opportunities, will help encourage a greater number of students from these areas to pursue a degree at WVSU and will continue to assist these students, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college, as they progress through their studies. With this program a minimum of 10 students per semester will receive up to \$2,000 to assist with tuition, fees, books and other needs based on the amount awarded. Southern West Virginia consistently ranks at, or near the bottom in measures of health, income and education on statewide rankings. Statewide, 24.8% of West Virginians have attained a bachelor's degree or higher. The average percentage of most southern county residents such as Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln, Boone, Mercer, Raleigh, Wayne, Monroe, and Fayette who have attained a bachelor's degree is almost half of the statewide figure at 13.5%. It is increasingly important to focus on the real importance of education as it pertains to income potential, professional opportunities and overall standard of living. It is incredibly important to provide support for students within these areas to address and overcome any obstacles that may hinder their own educational attainment and professional development.

Women's Health Center of West Virginia, Inc.	PO Box 20580			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25362	Phone	304-344-9834

Project Information	Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare & Harm Reduction for Marginalized West Virginians	Project Information
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This project helps to address the healthcare needs and wellness outcomes of our most marginalized community members including people who use drugs, are transgender, cannot access health insurance, or are paid low incomes. Project participants will receive a wealth of services including free and sliding scale, annual exams, birth control, breast and cervical cancer screening, STI testing and treatment and screenings for heart disease, depression and intimate partner violence. Additionally, this project will provide free harm reduction services including overdose prevention and supplies to reduce the transmission of HIV and HCV among people who use drugs. Finally, this project will provide accessible gender-affirming hormone therapy and care to transgender patients, as well as free, individualized support with referrals, insurance denials, and medication authorizations.

YMCA of Kanawha Valley	100 YMCA Drive			County	Kanawha
	CHARLESTON	WV	25311	Phone	304-340-3566

Project Information	ALICE Childcare Assistance	Project Information
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The YMCA of Kanawha Valley recognizes the pressing need to support families and individuals who fall below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Threshold for financial survival. These individuals often earn too much to qualify for government assistance but still struggle to afford the high costs of childcare. Understanding the critical link between access to affordable childcare and workforce development, we aim to bridge this gap. Funds donated to our Community Assistance Program will directly subsidize childcare costs for those who fall below the ALICE threshold, ensuring that more families can access the essential services they need to thrive.

YWCA Charleston	1426 Kanawha Blvd, East			County	Kanawha
	Charleston	WV	25301	Phone	304.720.0541

Project Information	Emergency shelter, transitional & permanent housing, and education for low-income families in need.	Project Information
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YWCA of Charleston, West Virginia, Inc. (YWCA Charleston) works to improve the well-being of some of the most vulnerable women and families in Kanawha, Clay, and Boone counties by providing a continuum of care and services. YWCA programs provide emergency shelter, mental health and substance abuse counseling, education, advocacy, nourishment, and safe homes primarily for women and children in poverty, although we do serve homeless men who have custody of their children.

LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP CORPORATION		1137 US HWY 19 N		County	Lewis	
		JANE LEW	WV	26378	Phone	3046610593
Project Information	Lighthouse Fellowship Transition Level Three Project				Project Information	
<p>Lighthouse Fellowship Transition Level Three Project Lighthouse Fellowship gives aid for direct needs to individuals that are transitioning from rehabilitation to clean and sober living in the form of housing, food, jobs, counseling, and other needs. The vision is to help individuals, families, and the community by providing a critical service that is needed to respond to the crisis that exists in our highly distressed rural community. The outreach has been in progress helping two groups of individuals; those with a strong support system and those with a minimal support system. The outreach is expanding to level three which will help those with no support system.</p> <p>1. Level One has been in progress for five years. It is providing transitioning individuals that have a support system with driver's jobs, counseling, and other help as needed. The majority are men.</p> <p>2. Level Two has been in progress for six months. It is providing transitioning individuals that have only minimal support systems with restaurant jobs, counseling, and housing. There are no rent deposits or first month's rent requirements and other allowances are given based on circumstances. The majority are women. Providing jobs is not just pay for work. Individuals have problems getting and keeping jobs. They are problematic employees often with criminal records that require training, counseling, and special handling.</p> <p>3. Level Three is just beginning. It is providing transitioning individuals that do not have support systems with jobs, counseling, housing, food, supplies, and other help. The rent is low and paid the week. A payment plan can be tailored to the need. Food, personal supplies and transportation are also supplied to mention the most common needs. We are developing a pipeline to let organizations know this help is available and communicating the process to place individuals quickly. Failure rate is high. Second chances are important. Donations are needed.</p>						

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

Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation has launched an "Excellence 50 Years and Beyond" campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1.5 Million by December 31, 2026, to provide scholarships, educational assistance, and emergency needs of students enrolled in Southern WV Community & Technical College. Southern also has a food pantry available to our students and staff that is equipped with frozen foods as well as non-perishable food items on each of Southern's five campuses. Southern works with several nonprofit organizations, local school boards, civic groups, and other businesses to handle the logistics of this effort. Southern is continuing our efforts to upgrade our Savas Kostas Theater, which is utilized by community theatre groups and the college and other community organizations. Southern has established a scholarship to honor the legacy of Sgt. Cory Maynard a West Virginia State Trooper that was killed in the line of duty June 2, 2023.

Connecting Link, Inc.	Administrative Office			County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-363-4882
Project Information	Emergency Financial Assistance				Project Information
<p>Connecting Link's community based Emergency Financial Assistance Program assists individuals and families by meeting the immediate financial need and empowering clients by linking other community resources such as employment, education, training, medical providers, etc. Funds are utilized to stop utility terminations, prevent evictions, and purchase prescription medicines. We also provide transportation assistance to employment and medical appointments, and assist with housing the homeless. We also offer budget counseling, free car seats (with inspections and proper fit and installation) and emergency food assistance. Our Emergency Assistance Program has the capacity to assist in alleviating homelessness, hunger, and poverty situations by empowering clients to be more self-reliant and to rely less on public assistance.</p>					

Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.	1300 Locust Avenue			County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-534-8786
Project Information	Fairmont State University NIP Scholarship Fund				Project Information

One of Fairmont State University's core values is being a great place for everyone to learn. One integral aspect of this core value is being cognizant of the obstacles students from all backgrounds face and connecting them with the tools and resources they need to graduate and thrive. Financial concerns are often one of the most significant barriers preventing first-generation students from persisting in obtaining their post-secondary education. Since finances are a main obstacle for many first-generation college students, Fairmont State University and the Fairmont State Foundation are committed to continuing the success of the NIP Scholarship Fund program for first-generation students. Since 2012, nearly 40 percent of Fairmont State's graduates have been first-generation students; currently, 43 percent of incoming, first year students are first-generation students. The Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Scholarship Fund provides opportunities to economically disadvantaged students attending Fairmont State University, with priority given to first-generation college students. All NIP scholarships will be awarded to students who reside in Fairmont State University's 13-county primary geographic service area.

Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation	88 State Park Road	County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26554
		Phone	(304)363-3030
Project Information	Pricketts Fort School Tour Incentive Program		Project Information
<p>Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation’s goal is to provide low-income schools within our service area with an opportunity to visit Pricketts Fort for a unique hands-on educational experience. The activities that students participate in during their visit will demonstrate important life skills needed to survive on the western Virginia frontier in the 18th century, with a background of the historic period of Pricketts Fort. Students are also exposed to a wide range of historic arts while being introduced to the artisans and processes. Donations will allow classes to participate in this program.</p>			

Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc."	PO Box 626	County	Marion
	Fairmont	WV	26555
		Phone	(304)367-1100
Project Information	Bringing New HOPE to those who need it most!		Project Information
<p>HOPE creates a safe environment by providing a shelter facility in Marion County. HOPE, working with the City of Fairmont, has been approved to acquire a recently closed Reserve Center as a new shelter. We will be conducting a broader, community-based capital funds campaign this year with possession of the building being a reality. Our NIP project will allow us to offer tax credits to those who contribute to the renovation of the shelter.</p>			

Tygart Valley United Way (of Marion County)		221 Washington Street			County	Marion	
		Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-366-4550	
Project Information	Community Impact Program					Project Information	
<p>Our Community Impact Program includes five initiatives aimed at fostering a stronger and healthier community across Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Barbour, and Tucker counties. These initiatives focus on financial stability, health, and education through various approaches:1. WV211- Information and Referral: This service acts as a central resource, connecting individuals with the assistance and services they need and is available 24/7/365.2. VITA/MyFreeTaxes: This program enables individuals and families to prepare their taxes for free, either independently or with the help of trained volunteers.3. VolunteerHQ: This initiative allows individuals and organizations to find and track volunteer opportunities in our community. It also helps youth track their involvement for use in the future.4. Flipside Afterschool Program: Offering a safe and welcoming environment, this program supports middle school students in Marion county with afterschool activities and guidance.5. United for Kids: This effort ensures all 50 school-based pantries are stocked with essential personal hygiene and health items, supporting students' well-being. Together, these programs help us mobilize our community so all can thrive.</p>							

Union Rescue Mission		107 Jefferson St.			County	Marion	
		Fairmont	WV	26554	Phone	304-363-0300	
Project Information	URM Community Services					Project Information	
<p>Union Rescue Mission’s ongoing project, which has three components, provides food and shelter for those suffering from food and housing insecurity. 1) Meal Program: URM offers three meals daily, 365 days a year, to anyone in need and all Union Rescue Mission Residents.2) Emergency Shelter: We provide a nightly low-barrier emergency shelter with facilities for ten women, twenty-five men, and families with children. All spaces include showers and laundry facilities.3) Genesis Recovery Program: URM's long-term recovery program is open to men, women, and single parents with children. Our faith-based approach aims to transform lives and turn the tide of addiction, despair, and life-dominating problems. By imparting essential life and social skills, we empower individuals to survive and thrive throughout recovery.</p>							

Community Foundation of Mason County/MCCF, Inc.	108 North Church Street			County	Mason
	Ripley	WV	25271	Phone	304-372-4500

Project Information	Focus on Family	Project Information
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The Mason County Community Foundation's focus for 2024-2025 is "Focus on the Family". The WVNIP's program helps expand MCCF's reach by granting money generated from our endowments and other sources to projects and organizations that serve individuals and families within Mason County. Our Donor-advised and Field-of-Interest funds help provide important ongoing support for organizations throughout our county that provide services to low to moderately low-income individuals and families such as Pleasant Valley Hospital (now Rivers Health), Mason County Schools, Southwest Community Action Group, Family Resource Network, Pretera and the Dickins Family & 'Mergency Fund for Mason County. NIPS credits will allow MCCF to continue supporting the missions of our Fundholders and other non-profit organizations in Mason County to serve low to moderately low-income individuals and families by enabling the Foundation to expand upon its granting/funding opportunities, support more local organizations, and reach individuals in need. It has always been MCCF's focus to support local youth and children. These new NIP credits will help us to continue our vision (mission).

Pleasant Valley Hospital, Inc. (DBA Rivers Health)	2520 Valley Drive			County	Mason
	Point Pleasant	WV	25550	Phone	

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

Bluefield Preservation Society, Inc.	PO Box 4044			County	Mercer
	Bluefield	WV	24701	Phone	304.716.1646

Project Information	Music Across the Years	Project Information
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BARC’s program - Music Across the Years - provides opportunities for intergenerational group singing to families in Mercer County using choral music to bring together students with parents, grandparents, and guardians. BARC delivers Music Across the Years in collaboration with Mercer County Schools, with which it has an ongoing and successful partnership in bringing exposure to the arts to students in schools across the county. Music Across the Years has reached students in Athens, Bluefield, Lashmeet, Matoaka, Oakvale, and Princeton since BARC and the school system began offering the program in 2022. The concept was designed by BARC in partnership with teachers and administrators. The catalyst spurring the creation of this program is the desire of the community to 1) increase participation by students in music programs and 2) further engage parents in the educational experiences of their children. Music chosen for the program reflects the diversity found in the Mercer County community, particularly in Bluefield where more than one-third of the city’s citizens are people of color. Mercer County was once a commercial center for the coal and rail industries, which attracted workers from around the world. That diversity is still present in the city today. A critical component of this program is the introduction of music from these various cultures and communities to students at an early age, raising their awareness of the diversity and musical heritage of their community. Rehearsals are held at individual schools at the end of the school day. Food is provided at no charge to participants at each rehearsal. Each child also receives a free Music Across the Years shirt. Public performances are held at the historic Granada Theater which BARC owns and manages.

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

Project Information	Kindness in Action	Project Information
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ChildLaw Services is a unique legal firm as the only nonprofit organization in West Virginia exclusively dedicated to representing children. Our firm handles a broad spectrum of cases, including juvenile delinquency, truancy, child abuse/neglect, high-conflict custody, and cases involving victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, as well as adoption and guardianship matters. We advocate for children's well-being through active involvement in court hearings, home and school visits, multidisciplinary team meetings, serving as guardian ad litem, and collaborating with like-minded individuals and organizations. In addition to legal representation, we lead innovative prevention programs such as Mercer County Teen Court, Kids Run the Nation, First Book, and Partners in Prevention. For instance, Teen Court engages teenage volunteers to sponsor and adjudicate their peers, fostering empathy and a better understanding of societal rules. Kids Run the Nation, a 10-week after-school program, promotes physical health through running while also cultivating character development, cooperation, self-love through healthy habits, community involvement, and leadership, culminating in a 5k run for participants. ChildLaw Services also actively participates in various abuse prevention initiatives, including Body Safety courses, Listening Projects, and Youth Development programs. While approximately 60% of our funding comes from fee-for-services provided by the WV Supreme Court and the Public Defender's Service, the increasing opioid epidemic has heightened the need for our services. Donations from individuals, corporations, and public groups are essential in enabling us to provide legal advocacy and therapeutic services to child victims of crime.

Concord University Foundation, Inc.	PO Box 1405			County	Mercer
	Athens	WV	24712	Phone	304-384-6294

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

Princeton Community Hospital Foundation	122 12th Street			County	Mercer
	Princeton	WV	24740	Phone	304-487-7242

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

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

The Wade Center's after-school program provides a safe, creative place for at-risk elementary school children to receive after-school help with their homework, reading and math skills, and computer proficiency. We serve USDA-approved snacks and meals.

Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc.	539 New Creek Highway			County	Mineral
	Keyser	WV	26726	Phone	304-788-7720
Project Information	SARAH'S House Child Advocacy Center				Project Information

SARAH'S House Child Advocacy Center is a child-friendly facility that provides a different way to investigate, treat, and respond to allegations of child abuse. These allegations can include sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, witness to violence, drug endangerment, exposure to/depiction in child pornography, and child sexual exploitation. Children ages 3-17, who have been victimized by abuse, receive services from certified professionals who coordinate investigative responsibilities with child protective services and/or law enforcement to increase the likelihood of a successful outcome. Children who receive services from our Center are then referred to a Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapist for treatment toward a healthy recovery. SARAH'S House offers services to families in need, regardless of their ability to pay. The services that are offered at the Center are not offered through any other organizations in our community. SARAH'S House strives to make our neighborhoods better by providing child abuse awareness and including prevention training opportunities for people who work among children. Along with this, staff visit the schools within our community and present prevention curricula to the students in attendance. We strive to provide not only reactive support in the face of crisis but also a proactive approach to the problem.

Community Trust Foundation	112 Baltimore St.			County	Mineral
	Cumberland	MD	21502	Phone	301-876-9172

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

Christian Help	219 Walnut Street			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	304-296-0221

Project Information	Direct & Emergency Support Services	Project Information
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The Christian Help (CH) direct & emergency support services are provided free-of-charge to facilitate financial stability for individuals & families in, and to avoid, crisis situations. This includes grants-in-aid; vocational assistance; daily & maternity clothes, outerwear, footwear; infant/children needs; household items, small appliances, linens; and food pantry orders. If clients have an unexpected shortage, the CH emergency financial assistance (EFA) program can help. Grants may be for identification documents critical to securing employment and benefits; or, to help pay a bill. CH EFA underwrites utilities, shelter, transportation, medical, and/or personal (e.g., birth certificates & IDs) needs. During CY23, we served 1,134 households with \$83,424 in monetary aid. Confirmation of need (i.e., billing statement, invoice) and legal right (e.g., account, vehicle, homeowner), as well as voucher acceptance from the involved vendor is required. Our network of vendors is extensive, and our reputation and payment record with them is stellar. The CH Food Pantry (FP) and Free Store (FS) programs provide direct aid via donated in-kind products to help meet client needs and off-set financial shortfalls. During CY23, the CH FP served 1,180 households; and, the FS served 9,556 shoppers, plus 2,959 special and vocation needs at \$23,869 direct cost. Base physical needs, such as food, undergarments, toiletries, clothing, and shoes, as well as survival blankets, hot hands and feet pads were given to our most vulnerable (i.e., homeless, low-to-moderate income) residents. CH does more than simply help with finances. Our counselor is an education resource and referral service for clients seeking aid. We listen to each unique situation and offer the most beneficial resources. Whether the resource is one of our programs or another agency's, no client leaves without the full support we can offer. Individual stability supports family stability which supports community stability.

Libera, Inc.	8 Suburban Ct.			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	304-319-0970
Project Information	Accelerat(HER) Future Program for Transition Age Foster and Justice-Impacted Youth				Project Information
<p>This project is a 12-month, intensive career and resiliency accelerator program pilot in Monongalia County with small cohorts of SUD impacted young women, 18-24, focusing on foster and justice-impacted youth. Unemployment rates for young people aging out of foster care ranges from 47% - 69% (Source: The Economic Well-Being of Youth Transitioning From Foster Care (youthtoday.org)) and 25% of young adults who were released from incarceration by age 24 reported being unemployed after the the first year of their release (Source: How To Improve Employment Outcomes for Young Adults Leaving Incarceration - Center for American Progress).The accelerator would be open to young women or LGBTQ youth who are not currently pursuing any educational, training, or post-secondary programs; are unemployed or underemployed with income meeting eligibility threshold for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in West Virginia. Participants are required to engage in a minimum of 30 hours of productive work per week and will receive a \$13/hour needs-based stipend for up to 20 hours of productive work per week. Productive work includes attending a Libera group, completing Success Planning modules, working toward high school equivalency, applying to and interviewing for jobs, working a job, attending post-secondary educational or training courses, attending Libera professional development and social events, individual and group therapy sessions, meeting with their Libera mentor, and navigating resources related to basic needs and career opportunities.Participants will receive extensive wraparound services, including mental health counseling, support accessing and receiving resources related to housing, food insecurity, transportation, insurance, financial assistance, etc, weekly time spent with their 1:1 mentor, participation in Libera’s professional development workshops with industry experts, and social events for connection.</p>					

Milan Puskar Health Right	341 Spruce Street			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26507	Phone	304-292-5702
Project Information	Primary Care				Project Information

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

Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	1825 Earl L. Core Road			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	3042920914
Project Information	Norwood Hills Affordable Housing Project				Project Information

The Norwood Hills Affordable Housing Project will construct two (2) single-family homes on Saxman Avenue, Morgantown, Monongalia County. Mon Valley Habitat is slated to begin construction on these three-bedroom, 2-bath homes in summer 2025 with completion within 12 months. The goal is to provide two (2) families from the Morgantown area with safe, affordable homes, increasing the number of homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income families. The population growth in Morgantown has far outpaced the state average, and the influx of residents has accelerated the deficit of affordable housing. Recent price escalation and interest rate increases have pushed affordable homeownership beyond the reach of many area residents. Families and individuals may apply for the Homeownership Program; participants for the program are selected based upon their housing need, ability to assume a 30-year, zero-percent interest mortgage and willingness to partner with Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity. This partnership includes 250 hours of "Sweat Equity" for everyone in the family who is 18 years-old and over; families meet this commitment by working on their home (or that of a neighbor's), completing homeownership and financial education courses and promoting the Homeownership Program to potential applicants. When construction is complete and the Partner Families have met all program requirements, they will purchase their home with a zero-percent interest mortgage and an affordable monthly payment, calculated on their ability to pay. Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity provides a hand up, not a handout, to those in need. We are building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Monongalia County Society for Disabled Children & Adults	400 Mylan Park Lane			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26501	Phone	3043220012
Project Information	SteppingStones R.I.S.E (Recreation, Inclusion, Sports and Education) Programs				Project Information

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

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

Project Information	Hazel's House of Hope Capacity Building Project	Project Information
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Morgantown Community Resources, Inc (MCRI) is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation whose goal is to own and maintain Hazel's House of Hope (HHH), which provides a centralized location to affordably house a variety of social service agencies to serve Morgantown and Monongalia County. Hazel's House of Hope is a 108,000 square foot former hotel, which has been repurposed as a facility that can support the needs of the most vulnerable populations in our area. Hazel's House of Hope and its partnering agencies aim to address three major public health issues afflicting the vulnerable populations in our community: the high and increasing population of people suffering from homelessness, an increase in the number of individuals struggling to maintain food security, and spikes in substance abuse and fatal overdoses in Monongalia County. Currently, Hazel's House of Hope is home to the following agencies: United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties, HHH Triage Center, ASPIRE, Salvation Army/Morgantown, Lauren's Wish Addition Triage Center, Wellspring-Crittenton Services, and Catholic Charities. Also, during the winter of 2023-24 the Monongalia County Warming Shelter was housed at Hazel's House of Hope and was managed by Bartlett Housing Solutions. The NIP project assists in capacity building for MCRI who will continue to assist the agencies located in Hazel's House of Hope in providing continued services to their clients. Without Hazel's House of Hope, these agencies would not be able to provide homeless veterans counseling, emergency shelter for individuals and families in need, food distribution and feeding programs for all ages, and addicts that are in need of a safe haven before a treatment center visit can be arranged, and life skills counseling for individuals and families.

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

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

Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, Inc.	PO Box 4228	County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26504
Project Information	101 Ways to bring Awareness to Help Prevent Violence: A community Empowerment project.		Project Information
<p>RDVIC is the only agency with dual roles of its kind in our three county service area. Our project is ongoing and we hope to empower our senior community as in previous years to educate, and encourage awareness of crime prevention, which comes in many forms such as phone scams, financial, mental and physical abuse, and sexual assault. We provide in person Prevention education presentations.</p>			

ROFAYKI, Inc	P. O. Box 104	County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26507
Project Information	Forensics Outreach Program		Project Information
<p>Spark will create an outreach program for grades 2-4 that teaches students fundamental science concepts through hands-on activities that explore the exciting world of forensic science. Students will learn fundamental science concepts, such as capillary action; learn how to use scientific tools, such as a microscope, and much more. The hands-on nature of the program allows students to apply the science concepts they are learning, ensuring a better understanding of these concepts, as well as makes science accessible and fun for the students. Spark will provide 6 of these programs at no charge to the school. Spark's outreach programs use hands-on activities to teach fundamental science concepts. Hands-on science programs have been shown to get kids excited about science, encouraging children to pursue science knowledge and eventually science careers. West Virginia students are behind in science knowledge, it is important to get kids interested in science and gaining science knowledge and skills at an early age to get them ready for future science careers and break the poverty cycle.</p>			

Scott's Run Settlement House	PO BOX 590			County	Monongalia
	PURSGLOVE	WV	26546	Phone	304-599-5020

Project Information	Backpack Feeding Program	Project Information
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Scott's Run Settlement House's (SRSH) Backpack Feeding Program provides food for the weekend to children who rely on school meals as their primary source of nutrition and experience food insecurity. Each week SRSH delivers bags containing two breakfast items, two lunch items, two dinner items, two snacks, and one fruit item to the schools who then distribute them to the children enrolled in the program. Beginning in 2011 with 100 children participating at one school, the program has grown to serve over 900 children at 14 schools. The benefits of this program are quite substantial. Surveys from both parents and teachers indicate a positive impact in the children's mental, emotional, and physical health in addition to improved academic performance. Specifically, 78% of parents reported an improvement in their child's overall mood and behavior while 72% of teachers reported improved attention in class. The additional nourishment the program provides allows children to develop properly and decreases the stress associated with childhood food insecurity. The cost of this program is roughly \$150 per child, per school year. This reflects food costs alone and does not include transportation or staff expenses. For the 2024 - 2025 school year, SRSH's food cost will be approximately \$135,000. Additional funding will not only allow SRSH to continue to provide for hundreds of children in need, but it will also allow healthier foods to be purchased. With your support our program will continue to evolve and expand to ensure no child goes hungry.

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

Project Information	West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest--Legal services for the poor, 2025	Project Information
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The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest's summer project sends current West Virginia University College of Law students into the field to serve the unmet legal needs of the poor. Our postgraduate project does the same, but with graduating students who will serve as full-time lawyers. These students and graduates address the legal needs of the poor by working in non-profit organizations throughout West Virginia that serve low-income clients in the areas of housing law, disability rights, family law, consumer law, and domestic violence. In 2025, our summer project will fund at least 15 law students; these students will each work full-time for 10 weeks. Our post-graduate fellowship program will fund two law graduates; each fellow will work full-time for one year. Since the WV Fund's inception in 1987, our fellows--each of whom has completed a competitive selection process--have provided thousands of their fellow West Virginia citizens with the free legal help that they so desperately need. Specifically, the WV Fund has funded over 560 summer fellows who have served low income clients, primarily in civil legal aid offices. Since 2008, the WV Fund has funded 28 full-time, postgraduate fellows who have also served low-income West Virginians with complex legal needs. Their work helps their clients escape domestic violence, retain safe housing, protect their children, and obtain relief from fraudulent consumer debt collection practices. Summer fellows and post-graduate fellows serve clients by providing them with direct legal representation, by giving them legal advice and information, by referring them to needed resources, by conducting legal research on their behalf, and by creating written informational pieces designed to educate them about their rights and options. Our student fellows work under the supervision of licensed attorneys. Our post-graduate fellows begin work once they have passed the bar exam and become licensed attorneys.

United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties	278c Spruce Street			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26505	Phone	304322-2066

Project Information	Helpful Harvest Food Program	Project Information
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The Helpful Harvest Program was implemented in May of 2020 to address the increased need in food insecurity in Monongalia and Preston counties. In addition to addressing food insecurity, the program has an impact on employee retention and job creation for people with disabilities and has assisted individuals in recovery and our veterans. The program also disrupts entrenched norms of food pantries providing unhealthy, nutritionally insufficient foods to those in need because of the food's affordability and availability. By providing healthy food options to pantries and feeding programs, we are not only addressing the immediate needs of those experiencing food insecurity, but also helping to address the long-term health issues faced by our communities. The program operates out of Preston County Workshop and at Hazel's House of Hope serving approximately 43 feeding programs and 9,000 individuals monthly. Both locations provide a food storage facility and distribution center. We purchase meat, produce and dairy from local farms, which in turn supports the local agricultural economy. Produce purchased from local farms can be processed and stored at Preston County Workshop to provide nutritious foods year-round for those experiencing food insecurity in our communities and schools.

West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.	1 Medical Center Drive			County	Monongalia
	Morgantown	WV	26506	Phone	304-598-4346

Project Information	WVU Medicine Children's Injury Prevention Program	Project Information
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The Injury Prevention and Safety Program at WVU Medicine Children's is committed to improving the health and safety of children across West Virginia. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and disability of children in the United States, and most are predictable and preventable. Education, age-appropriate safety items, and home safety modifications are proven to reduce injuries and deaths, but many West Virginia families are not able to afford these measures. Our program is a statewide initiative which provides resources and support to families, both in the hospital and community, aiming to support families with incomes less than 125% below federal poverty level. These families come from every county in our state including the 18 counties identified by the Appalachian Regional Commission as distressed or at risk in FY2024. (County Economic Status in WV FY2024; arc.gov) Services are provided to families in the hospital after a baby is born or when a child is admitted with an unintentional injury, during community events like baby fairs and car seat checks, or when a community partner requests assistance. Our program also targets childcare centers, parenting groups, foster care agencies, schools, and clinics to help improve outreach and accessibility throughout West Virginia. Education is provided on safe car seat use and installation, safe sleep, shaken baby prevention, neonatal abstinence syndrome, and home childproofing to prevent injury. Age-appropriate child safety items, such as car seats, booster seats, pack & plays, specialty car seats, medication lock boxes, and home safety kits are provided to families meeting low-income guidelines. Our Injury Prevention and Safety team is comprised of two National Child Passenger Safety Technicians and one Registered Nurse who follow best practice to help keep children safe and serve as a resource across the state.

Monroe County Education Foundation, Inc.	P.O. Box 90			County	Monroe
	Union	WV	24983	Phone	

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

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

Project Information	TOGETHER WE PROSPER	Project Information
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The NCCF project is ongoing and multi-faceted. With our mission statement to guide us, we work collaboratively with local organizations to build and improve programs and projects to better the lives of those with the most need here in Nicholas County and beyond. We provide support and enhancements to the quality of life for our community through grants and scholarships, touching on many topics from food and basic living needs, to education, emergency services, rehabilitation efforts, job training, and so much more. Our non-profit organization partners have come to depend on the strength of the NCCF as a beacon of hope, a leader through dark times, and a supportive partner in their efforts. One project that we love to showcase is the Sheltered Workshop Program. The NCCF grant supports the training and addition to the workforce of several individuals with disabilities, who may otherwise be unable to work and live independently without this program. The grant provided to the Sheltered Workshop allows their program to take on individuals needing very specialized training. Year after year, this popular program produces successful graduates who can be seen working for the Sheltered Workshop and other local businesses today! We are proud of the opportunity given to us to provide an equal chance to all!

Appalachian Outreach, Inc	PO Box 6761			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-238-4312

Project Information	Ease the Burden of Poverty	Project Information
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Appalachian Outreach, Inc. (AOI) is a nonprofit poverty and disaster relief organization focusing on Ohio, Wetzel and Marshall counties of West Virginia. Our goal is to Ease the Burden of Poverty throughout the region. We do this by accepting donations of new or gently used items, at our warehouse, and giving those items to clients that are less fortunate. Those items include, but are not limited to, clothing, furniture, hygiene items, household items, and even diapers and wipes. Not only do we give these items to our clients, but we also physically load our box truck and deliver the items directly to their door for them. This completely alleviates the added stress of having to find transportation to receive the items our clients desperately need. Most of our clients are under 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. The services that they request are ones that are stand alone, such as they need diapers or wipes, toaster, towels for their home, laundry detergent, blenders, microwaves, toilet paper, etc. items that are not provided by state EBT (formerly known as Food Stamps program). Our community project is to Ease the Burden of Poverty by purchasing hygiene items (detergent, deodorant, shampoo, etc.), Underwear, Socks, Bath Items (Towels, Washcloths, etc.) and small appliances (toasters, crock pots, microwaves, blenders, etc.) for our clients in the community. When we get these items in, they are all considered hot commodity items, and typically gone within the day because of how much they are needed. These items are considered basic standard of living items for most of the population. That is why our project to Ease the Burden of Poverty is so needed. We strive to restore the dignity that poverty has taken, and we can do this with your help.

Augusta Levy Learning Center	P.O. Box 6711			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-6722

Project Information	Expanding Autism Acceptance	Project Information
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The Expanding Autism Inclusion and Acceptance through Community Education project will focus on providing community resources to first responders, and creating partnerships with public and private schools in Ohio County to provide classroom instruction about acceptance.

Catholic Charities West Virginia		2000 Main Street			County	Ohio
		Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-905-9860 x2024
Project Information	Emergency Assistance and Food Pantry Services					Project Information
<p>Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will use Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits to raise funds in support of its emergency assistance and food pantry programs. The emergency assistance program provides financial support to income eligible clients facing eviction or utility service termination. Assistance may also include financial help to fill prescriptions; provide gas for transportation to medical appointments or job interviews; or for alternate sources of heating like firewood, kerosene oil and propane. Income eligibility is defined as households whose income falls at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. CCWVa’s food pantry programs provide participants a multiple-day supply of food on a monthly basis. Pantry patrons are offered healthy options, and select the items included in their food order. The pantries primarily serve households with incomes at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. However, no one is turned away. CCWVa will pilot the Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP) food ranking system in two locations to inform pantry patrons about nutrition and to help prevent chronic health conditions. CCWVa does anticipate utilizing this model statewide.</p>						

Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley		1226 Chapline Street			County	Ohio
		Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-3144
Project Information	Social Determinants of Health: Piloting a New Grantmaking Framework					Project Information
<p>As a grantmaking public charity, the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley (CFOV) has worked for more than 50 years to enhance the vibrancy and resiliency of communities throughout the Upper Ohio Valley and create a region where all current and future residents are thriving and reaching their full potential. To achieve this vision, the CFOV continues to adapt and evolve its responses to community needs, learn from best practices and from new research about underlying root causes of issues impacting the valley, and seek the most effective grantmaking pathways to address these issues. The CFOV’s FY25 NIP project will pilot the use of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) - a framework embraced by the World Health Organization, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and many others – to refocus a portion of its competitive grantmaking. SDOH are the social, economic, and environmental factors that strongly influence a person’s health, well-being, and quality of life, and therefore the health, well-being, and quality of life of families and communities too. In FY25, the CFOV will prioritize competitive grant requests that fall into the five SDOH domains identified by DHHS’s Healthy People 2030 initiative: economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context. This may include, but is not limited to, programs that work to overcome barriers to employment for the unhoused (e.g. transportation access), that provide life skills and job training to youth aging out of foster care or to victims of domestic violence, and that expand access to essential health care for girls and women. By prioritizing grant requests within these SDOH domains, the CFOV seeks to drive measurable change toward the improved health, well-being, and quality of life of people, families, and communities in the six West Virginia counties served by the foundation.</p>						

Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center	1305 National Road	County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003
		Phone	304-242-1390
Project Information	Pediatric Medicine, Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation, and Autism Services for Low-Income Families		Project Information
<p>Easterseals Rehabilitation Center provides medical services to children and adults with disabilities in northern and central West Virginia. Our charitable mission is to provide these services regardless of the patient's ability to pay. We offer life-changing medical care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, Autism screening and child development services. Because of our community's support, our services are financially accessible to those who otherwise could not afford it, which is about 70% of our patients. In 2023, we provided \$415,000 in charitable care.</p>			

Faith in Action Caregivers, Inc.	2350 Main Street, Suite 2	County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003
		Phone	304-243-5420
Project Information	Volunteer Match Program		Project Information
<p>Faith in Action is the only agency in the area providing no-cost transportation services. The volunteer match program provides free, caregiver services to support the independent living of low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities residing in Marshall, and Ohio Counties. Volunteer caregivers provide services, not covered by insurance and are not within the care receiver's budget. Frequently, we see our elderly and individuals with disabilities fall through the cracks; the money needed to pay bills (medical and utilities, food and medicine) overshadow the costs associated with transportation to doctor's appointments or grocery shopping and many do not have family or friends available to help. The program provides support and services that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain independent. Transportation is crucial to ensure access to essential services such as medical care and grocery shopping. The availability of adequate transportation enables older adults and individuals with disabilities live independently in their communities and helps to prevent isolation and the possible need for long-term care placement. For many it is necessary to find community resources for transportation, as this vital support service may be their only connection to the outside world. FIAC provides a network of volunteers who offer flexible transportation for shopping, doctors' appointments, recreation, and other activities. One-way, round-trip, and multi-stop rides are available. The program provides door through-door service, offering personal, hands-on assistance by helping passengers through the doors of their residences and to their destinations. The service includes levels of assistance from opening doors and providing verbal guidance, to physical support. The strength of the program lies in the residents of the community; volunteer caregivers come together from all neighborhoods to help their neighbors throughout Marshall and Ohio Counties.</p>			

Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless	84 Fifteenth Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-650-7655

Project Information	Workforce Stability Program	Project Information
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The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (Coalition) proposes a Workforce Stability program to address funding gaps for critical positions essential to the organization’s daily operations and for administrative expenses. As a primarily grant-funded organization, support for personnel carrying out administrative duties and for administrative expenses are historically subjected to funding constraints of 10% or less of total grant awards. The Coalition has historically maintained low administrative costs by developing hybrid positions that carry out both programmatic and administrative functions and by leveraging support from community volunteers; however, the organization continues to witness funding gaps to adequately support the administrative responsibilities of designated personnel. The Coalition is a dynamic 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing housing solutions and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Northern Panhandle region of West Virginia through a comprehensive system of care. Programs and services include diversion, prevention, outreach and engagement, emergency shelter for families with children, temporary placement for all populations, rental assistance programs, youth 18-24 transitional housing, and wrap-around supportive services. The administrative functions of several Coalition positions, including the Executive Director, Finance Manager, Program Development Specialist, and Administrative Services Coordinator, are vital for the long-term sustainability of the organization. Financial support for these positions ensures the Coalition can maintain efficient financial management practices, strategically improve the capacity of grant writing and program development, and effectively deliver programs and services to the target population. By investing in administrative infrastructure, the Neighborhood Investment Program will assist the Coalition in achieving the goals of its mission.

Harmony House, Inc.	P.O. Box 6502			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304 230 2205

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

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

Project Information	Child Nutrition Program	Project Information
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Since 1995, West Virginia has shown a steady incline in the cases of adult diabetes and obesity. Currently, the State is ranked #1 in the Country for adult obesity and #6 for child obesity in low-income children between 2 - 4 years old (<http://stateofobesity.org/states/wv/>). To prevent that number from rising, nutrition education is important in a young child's life. We continue to use a variety of ways to teach and promote healthy eating at the Center. Our outdoor garden provides the Center with tomatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers. The Center follows the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and continues to be part of Keys 4 Healthy Kids, a program 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 changes and encourage children to try new foods. We continue to keep processed foods to a minimum, offer fresh fruits and fresh vegetables at meals, and encourage children to drink more water to stay hydrated. Tax credits awarded will continue these efforts, educate children on the benefits of healthy eating habits, and provide healthy meals for the children.

LIFE HUB Inc.	P.O. Box 2089 (mailing address)			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-234-3610

Project Information	The LIFE HUB: Serving the homeless in Wheeling, WV.	Project Information
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The LIFE HUB nonprofit, located in Wheeling, West Virginia, compassionately serves adults who are homeless and in need of a low-barrier shelter. The LIFE HUB works with community partners and existing agencies to coordinate social services, permanent housing, employment, education, as well as mental and physical healthcare in one safe place. The Upper Ohio Valley has been blessed with several social service agencies and faith-based organizations dedicated to providing resources within their mission to assist the poor and homeless. The LIFE HUB serves with partnering agencies as the conduit to coordinate the efforts into a whole community approach. The LIFE HUB was created as a 501c3 nonprofit organization in October 2022 and purchased The First English Lutheran Church in downtown Wheeling in May of 2023 to serve as the low-barrier shelter. The organization opened its doors in 2023-2024 from December through March as a nighttime winter shelter operating with individual donations, corporate sponsorships, and private foundation grant funding. In its second year, the LIFE HUB will operate a six-month shelter from November through April with continued stakeholder support and funding from WVDHHR. In addition to the shelter services and collaborating with area social service agencies, the LIFE HUB also focuses on advocacy, prevention, and crisis care coordination. During the past year, the LIFE HUB served 360 unduplicated individuals in the low-barrier shelter and an additional 40 individuals and families in need of crisis care coordination such as rental assistance, utility assistance, hotel stays, and transportation to prevent homelessness.

Oglebay Foundation		255 Mansion Drive			County	Ohio
		Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042434166
Project Information	Access to the Parks					Project Information
<p>Access to the Parks offers each and every low-income child in Ohio County (WV), along with an accompanying parent, free admission to activities at Oglebay and Wheeling Park year around, where they can reap the physical, mental, educational and social benefits of spending time outdoors in the parks. Included are all recreational and educational options (including related equipment) such as swimming, golf and miniature golf, tennis, boating, fishing, ice skating, skiing, and visits to the zoo, museums and nature education center. Interested families register and receive passes valid for one year. Without “Access,” many low-income children would not have the chance to engage in these healthy, social and mentally stimulating activities due to their families’ inability to pay. Additionally, many live in neighborhoods that offer no natural areas for outdoor activity, or that are unsafe for play. Through Access, however, children are outside in a safe and healthy environment, exercising their bodies and minds, acquiring new skills and knowledge, and engaging with nature and with other children – all year long. These qualities, in turn, build self-reliance, foster healthy family ties, connect community members, and provide alternatives to destructive decisions – all of which help to break the poverty cycle.</p>						

Oglebay Institute		1330 National Road			County	Ohio
		Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-242-4200
Project Information	Total Access: Engaging Students in the Arts, Nature & History					Project Information
<p>Oglebay Institute's NIP project focuses on mitigating financial and geographical barriers to access to arts, culture, and nature experiences for local children and youth. Scholarships, subsidized school participation fees, and direct delivery programs ensure broad access to potentially life-changing experiences. Through camps, classes, workshops, field trips, after-school activities, and curriculum enrichment programs, OI will enhance students' learning opportunities, both at OI venues and at locations throughout the community. Local OI venues include Stifel Fine Arts Center, School of Dance, Towngate Theatre, Mansion & Glass Museums, and Schrader Environmental Education Center. OI's professional educators partner with classroom teachers to deliver hands-on, standards-based learning opportunities directly to classrooms. Relationships with community-based organizations enable OI to engage local youth in their own neighborhoods and in places where they already feel comfortable and safe. OI's scholarship program focuses on reducing financial barriers for individual students and families, ensuring that the cost of camp does not prevent a child from gaining the social and educational benefits of participation. Each year, OI awards more than \$25,000 in program scholarships based on family size and income, need, and past OI scholarship awards. The GEMS (Giving to Education Means Success) Fund is an avenue for schools to seek program support to provide their students with unique learning experiences through OI. Through these efforts, OI strives to broaden access to education-enhancing opportunities for students, helping them to develop essential skills for success, including creativity, collaboration, and communication.</p>						

Seeing Hand Association, Inc	750 Main St			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	

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

St. John's Home for Children	141 Key Avenue			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304.242.5633

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

The Children's Home of Wheeling Inc.		14 Orchard Road			County	Ohio	
		Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-2367	
Project Information	Substance Abuse Counseling and Prevention Education					Project Information	
<p>Drug and alcohol use/abuse in youth is rising rapidly in the state of West Virginia and nationwide. The Children's Home of Wheeling has found the need for timely and critical education and intervention. The Children's Home of Wheeling serves male youth ages 12-18. The average age of first experimentation according to statistics is 12. Alcohol and drugs are used to escape problems, peer pressure, particularly from older peers and bullies and curiosity. The youth in our care come from extremely dysfunctional family environments. They often have witnessed substance abuse in their family/community life and have had little or no education to deter them from experimenting. They typically lack self-esteem, making them easy targets for peer pressure. With this in mind, our substance abuse counselor meets with both our non-users and current/past users weekly as a group to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with peer pressure • Identifying negative peer relationships • Identification of self-defeating behaviors • Building self-esteem • Establishing a positive peer group • Learning to have fun without drugs • Repair of trust • Relapse prevention • Understanding of addiction and possible long term outcomes <p>Past or current users are provided individual therapy, tools to manage their use/addiction and if needed, linkage to on-going community services.</p>							

The House of the Carpenter		200 South Front Street			County	Ohio	
		Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	304-233-4640	
Project Information	Empowering Lives and Creating Hope through House of the Carpenter Programs.					Project Information	
<p>The House of the Carpenter in Wheeling, WV, has experienced remarkable growth over the past decade. Established 60 years ago, it now serves more than 1,500 to 2,000 individuals each month through programs designed to meet basic needs, such as a food pantry, thrift shop, and utility assistance. The House of the Carpenter engages disadvantaged neighbors in transformative programs for both adults and children. Programs for children and youth, such as Pathways to Success, a career program for middle school students, along with after-school programming, music lessons, art classes, cooking classes, and athletic programs and camps, have made a positive impact on their lives. To address the growing needs of the community, the Toni and Nancy Bedway Center for Youth was completed in 2020. This new Youth Center has become a conduit for change, allowing the House of the Carpenter to expand and enhance its programs and ministries. These ministries adopt a holistic approach to serve clients' minds, bodies, and spirits, helping individuals meet basic needs and make changes in their lives to become productive members of their communities. NIP tax credits will be used to support donations for basic needs, including all of the House of the Carpenter's food programs, as well as educational and recreational programs such as STEM Camps, Literacy Camps, Sports Camps, and after-school programming.</p>							

West Virginia Northern Community College Foundation	1704 Market St.	County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003
		Phone	304-214-8906
Project Information	Job Training, Education & Emergency Assistance to Students		Project Information
<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 program completion. The scholarship funds assist students who receive little to no federal assistance. Awarding scholarships decreases the amount of loans taken out by students and, therefore, also decreases the loan default rate, which is a challenge for community colleges across the state of WV and across the country.</p>			

Wheeling Health Right Inc	61-29th St	County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003
		Phone	304-233-1135
Project Information	Wheeling Health Right Free and Charitable Primary Medical and Dental Care		Project Information
<p>The overall mission of Wheeling Health Right (WHR) is to provide quality primary health care and pharmaceuticals to the uninsured and underinsured including expanded Medicaid patients. This is an effort to meet the growing need for Medicaid providers precipitated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Wheeling Health Right's goal is to ensure that quality health care and medications, as well as health education and preventive services, are provided to those most in need - the uninsured, Medicaid recipients, underinsured, as well as those who can't afford the high deductibles of their Marketplace plans. With increased responsibility at the state level on covering the increasing percentage of costs of Medicaid, the Wheeling Health Right Clinic and board are committed to decreasing dependence on state funding and establishing long-term, sustainable funding, regardless of the availability of state funds. The Clinic continues to grow its free dental clinic services to meet another pressing need in the Northern Panhandle. Wheeling Health Right recently met a long-term goal of adding a mobile clinic to its service delivery options.</p>			

Wheeling Symphony Society, Inc.	1025 Main Street			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003	Phone	3042326191

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

Youth Services System, Inc	P.O. Box 6041			County	Ohio
	Wheeling	WV	26003-0717	Phone	304-218-2869

Project Information	Homeless Services for Youth and Adults	Project Information
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Youth Services System, Inc. has been preventing and responding to youth homelessness since 1974. We have two youth emergency shelters (ages 8- 17) and a Transitional Living Program (TLP) for youth aging out of foster care or experiencing homelessness (ages 17- 21). YSS also provided services to homeless and street youth in the community. In FY 2023, YSS served 60 youth in our emergency shelters, 96 in Transitional Living Program and 37 in our recovery homes. This year we have increased our staff in both emergency shelters, we continue to expand our TLP program in our community and are looking to increase the number of beds for youth in need of emergency shelters. Individuals who are unhoused and out in the elements have basic needs which need to be met. YSS reduces their vulnerability and improves their quality of life. Staff and community partners help to track down birth certificates, help navigate the service providers for first month's rent or help to secure a month's rent to keep families from becoming homeless, assist with furnishings through our Sophie Moses Free Store and stocking their pantry with basic food from our food pantry. Finally, for people in recovery from substance use disorder who need housing, YSS offers housing in one of our three recovery homes. Clients live among peers and work together on their education and/or employment and recovery. The community supports YSS through the donations, volunteers (including our Board of Directors and Emeritus Board), participation in our fundraising efforts providing material needs- clothing, blankets, house hold items, shoes and toiletries, among other items.

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

Project Information	High Rocks Academy Leadership Program	Project Information
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High Rocks is a youth empowerment organization that has worked with young people in West Virginia for 28 years, teaching them to be strong, confident leaders. High Rocks Academy project equips youth with the tools, resources, and skills to chase their dreams and succeed. Our 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. Admissions is open for rising 8th-grade girls. We provide leadership roles for older girls and college interns and welcome staff from a network of professionals nationwide. Camp Steele is for older girls, providing them with two academic tracks in various interest areas: art, media, mountain transitions, construction, food culture, music, and STEM. Volunteers teach math and financial literacy concepts. Tracks are like mini college courses, providing robust and in-depth learning for girls in an academic setting. Admission is open to rising 8th through 12th-grade girls in our service area and girls from other youth programs in the region. Camp is free for girls within our home service area. We run a college access and a student leadership program during the school year. 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 partner with other organizations as opportunities arise to teach relevant topics in their communities. Our participants are encouraged to expand their horizons and challenge themselves, enabling them to realize that they are brighter, stronger, braver, and can achieve more than they thought possible.

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

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

Arts in Action	2658 Main Street			County	Putnam
	Hurricane	WV	25526	Phone	304-731-0107

Project Information	Arts in Action: Arts On The Go	Project Information
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Arts in Action's NIP Project will go towards our Charleston "Arts On The Go" program (previously known as 'Urban Stage' program). Arts in Action's Arts on The Go program provides trained teachers and arts instructors to organizations that have a need for arts education. Our experienced dance and music instructors will travel to Charleston, and teach weekly dance and drum lessons to low-income Charleston Children. Arts in Action will be partnering with the Bob Burdette Center to shuttle the children after school. Our dance and music instructors will donate their time to teach weekly classes. This NIP Project will fund the student's waived tuition as these classes are offered 100% free of charge. Funding will go toward supplies to hold the classes and organizational overhead costs.

Mission West Virginia	168 Midland Trail, Suite 1			County	Putnam
	Hurricane	WV	25526	Phone	3045620723

Project Information	The Bridge	Project Information
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One path we know, without question, which can transform a young life is education. We know that a disproportionate percentage of foster youth struggle to finish high school, much less move on to vocational schooling or college. Relying heavily on this belief that education is life changing, Mission West Virginia is serving students in the foster/kinship care system with an evidenced-based programing through a program called, the Bridge. The Bridge strives to create opportunities and support West Virginia children that have experienced a crisis of parenting to pursue their dreams and become productive members of our community. We seek to accomplish this mission by serving high school settings in rural Appalachia in out-of-home care by collaborating with county school systems. Through intentional collaboration with schools, caretakers, and community organizations, we are able to help meet the students' needs and remove barriers to school success. We use an evidence-based mentoring intervention for students who show warning signs of disengagement with school and who are at risk of dropping out. At the core of this model is a trusting relationship between the student and a caring mentor who-

- Builds a strong relationship with students based on mutual trust and open communication.
- Systematically "Checks" on students, assessing their engagement with school and learning through close monitoring of their attendance, behavior, and grades.
- "Connects" with students, offering individualized intervention.
- Partners with parents/families, functioning as a liaison.

Since the inception of the Bridge program in 2016, participants have consistently shown remarkable results. One hundred percent of high school seniors in the program have successfully graduated, with ninety-nine percent of them pursuing meaningful post-secondary education and career plans. Year after year, we have witnessed improved outcomes in attendance, behavior, and grades among all participants.

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

Project Information	Special Olympics WV: Focusing on the Abilities Rather Than Disabilities	Project Information
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To enable individuals with intellectual disabilities (some of whom also have physical disabilities) to participate in a minimum of five state-level and one regional competition. These individuals participate at no cost to them or their families, as low socioeconomic status is not a limiting factor whatsoever. The competitions are scheduled to provide continuous year-round participation. Through their participation, individuals have a stronger devotion to maintaining healthier lifestyles, have something to look forward to in their lives rather than being socially isolated in their communities, build positive self-images, and focus on their abilities rather than disabilities. Included among the state competitions will be the following: Fall Sports Festival where individuals may compete in volleyball, flag football, and football skills; State Bowling Championship that will feature singles and doubles bowling competitions; Winter Sports Classic that enable participants to compete in downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing; State Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament that features team basketball, basketball skills, and cheerleading squads; State Golf Championship that includes 9 hole, 18 hole and golf skills; and Summer Games which offers track and field, bocce, swimming, cornhole and softball. In an effort to provide even more opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, some regional competitions will also be held. These various events are all designed to use sport to demonstrate the capabilities of persons with intellectual disabilities and provide direct, unique and much-needed opportunities for these individuals. Additionally, through their participation, they are able to fulfill their hopes, reach their potential, increase social interaction with their peers and members of their respective communities, and promote acceptance, diversity, respect and inclusion.

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

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

Beckley Area Foundation, Inc.		1210 S. Kanawha Street		County	Raleigh
		Beckley	WV	25801	Phone
Project Information	Charitable Giving that Advances the Communities We Serve				Project Information
<p>Beckley Area Foundation will provide both an awareness of community needs and an accessible means for contributions that will offer current and lasting benefit. Donations are sought that support charitable purposes related to health and human services, access to education, economic development, healthy lifestyles, public safety, and improved quality of life for all citizens we serve from the very youngest to the elderly. As a community foundation, BAF has the unique opportunity to offer donors the ability to assist a wide range of community challenges with immediate financial support as well as an on-going income stream from permanent endowments.</p>					

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

The Hope and Healing Scholarship Program provides critical scholarships for adults seeking to break the bonds of substance use disorders (SUDs). Coming to us through various channels, neither they nor their families have the means to afford treatment, but they are worth rescuing! Over the 12 months of our residential programs, residents are taught the skills vital to rebuilding their lives and escaping the enslavement of SUDs in a safe, closed-campus environment. The length of the programs provides time for the brain and body to truly begin to heal, and the subsequent Aftercare Programs and close-knit recovery community with transition housing units, graduated rent (beginning at \$0), transportation, additional life-skill classes, and mentoring help ensure continued recovery and successful reentry into society. Scott is one who has found freedom from addiction and a new life because of the Hope and Healing Scholarship. Before coming to Brian's Safehouse, his life was full of despair and loneliness. Failing multiple recovery programs, he had given up hope, and his family feared the next overdose would be his last. The scholarship made it possible for him to not only try again, but to make that long-term commitment to take the time to focus on doing all that was necessary for recovery. Now on staff, Scott is successfully pouring his life back into residents as they come through the program and encouraging other graduates in their sobriety. His family rejoices in who he is and his service and heart for others. Hope and Healing: Scholarships for Substance Use Disorders have brought freedom to Scott and many others and will continue to bring new life to men and women, lifting them out of poverty, hopelessness, and even lives of crime and raise them up to live lives of purpose and productivity. Health and healing CAN come to them and their loved ones; families can be restored and the cycle of addiction and despair broken. There IS hope for addiction!

Hospice of Southern WV		PO Box 1472			County	Raleigh
		Beckley	WV	25802	Phone	304-255-6404
Project Information	Camp Hope Bereavement Camp for Children					Project Information
<p>In 2025, Hospice of Southern West Virginia will hold the 12th annual Camp Hope. This children's bereavement camp is expected to serve 40 children in a secure and nurturing atmosphere with activities led by licensed professionals. Recognizing that each child's personal loss is unique, the camp staff provides a safe environment where grieving children receive comfort and support to facilitate the healing process. They form lasting friendships and enjoy activities that encourage them to be kids. Camp is scheduled to last 3 days and will be held at a location that offers an array of activities in addition to the therapeutic exercises. Participants will receive engagement opportunities such as storytelling, arts, journaling, group discussions, and interactive group exercises such as solutions basket, yarn-web, and "what helps/what hurts." Camp Hope offers children who have experienced the loss of a loved one the opportunity to understand both the individualistic nature of grief and to connect with peers who are also working through loss. Attendees are able to express their grief in a safe, non-judgmental environment, focusing on their own unique healing process rather than being told how they should grieve. Camp Hope uses engagement techniques coupled with best practice models to support children. This program directly affects the lives of hurting young people in a positive way. In addition to deaths from aging or disease, Southern WV counties have been ravaged by loss from the opioid epidemic, with WV still leading the nation in rates of unintentional overdose deaths. The need for bereavement services in our four-county service area is critical. True to its name, Camp Hope gives hope in terms of positivity and mental health support for children; the program is a positive step away from the ingrained practice of false bravado and neglecting self. Camp Hope acknowledges that grief is a difficult process of the human condition, but healing is possible.</p>						

Just For Kids, Inc.		611 N. Kanawha St.			County	Raleigh
		Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-255-4834
Project Information	Just for Kids enhancement and expansion of services					Project Information

Just for Kids, Inc. is a child advocacy center that serves both Raleigh and Fayette Counties in WV. We provide trauma-informed, victim centered and developmentally appropriate services to victims of child abuse and child witnesses to violent crimes. Just for Kids, Inc. coordinates the investigative efforts of child protection services, law enforcement, advocates, medical professionals, and mental health clinicians under one roof. Our staff conduct forensic interviews, provide family advocacy and crisis intervention, trauma informed therapy, and ensures appropriate medical treatment and evidence collection when necessary. What we know is that children in Raleigh and Fayette Counties are at a much higher risk of familial trafficking due to our rural location, the susceptibility of our community members falling prey to the opioid epidemic, and the limited resources that are designed for child sexual exploitation and abuse interdiction. In addition to providing services to children who experienced maltreatment, JFK is intending on expanding our scope to include better identifying and supporting child sex trafficking victims. As we have seen over the last few years, our services are vital to this community. We currently only have one therapist that serves both counties; we have outdated equipment, our abilities to improve access to professional development (including addressing vicarious and secondary trauma) has been limited and an overall need for expansion as well as need to focus on improving our ability to provide a more trauma informed space have all been recognized. Having access to these funds would provide us the opportunity to address those issues that are not covered by other funding sources.

New River Community and Technical College Foundation	280 University Drive			County	Raleigh
	Beaver	WV	25813	Phone	304-929-1042
Project Information	Neighborhood Investment Scholarship & Emergency Assistance Program				Project Information
<p>The New River Community and Technical College Foundation enhances student access to educational opportunities, workforce training programs, and essential services. Operating within our 9-county service area, the Foundation addresses gaps by offering NIP scholarships and emergency assistance to economically disadvantaged students. These scholarships are especially valuable for students whose course loads don't qualify for state and federal aid. Priority is given to residents of counties with the highest poverty rates and lowest median household incomes. Ultimately, this investment contributes to higher college graduation rates and reduced unemployment in our state.</p>					

Raleigh County Prevention Coalition, INC	1038 N. Eisenhower Dr. PMB #281			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	3048870778
Project Information	Raleigh County Family Support Center				Project Information
<p>The funds gained from the Neighborhood Investment Program will be utilized for the Raleigh County Family Support Center, a program that operates drop-in centers in multiple locations in Raleigh County, WV. These centers are for youth to have a safe, educational, enriching space to spend their out-of-school time to promote their overall wellness and prevent them from engaging in poor decisions that have lifelong negative impacts. We offer life skills, food, family engagement activities and other enrichment activities for youth. In the past year we have offered cooking classes and allowed the youth to take the materials home, so they have what was needed to practice the newly learned skill. We have also offered arts and crafts, games, problem solving activities, movies, video games and tutoring afterschool to those who need help with their homework. Each center has one or more resource closet which allows for youth and families to access their basic needs.</p>					

United Way of Southern West Virginia	110 Croft Street			County	Raleigh
	Beckley	WV	25801	Phone	304-253-2111

Project Information	United for Impact	Project Information
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United for Impact addresses our residents' basic needs, provides resources directly to families, and refers families to additional available resources in their communities. Through direct services and community partnerships, our United for Impact program provides basic needs and emergency support to families and individuals living below the poverty level in southern West Virginia and educational resources to Title I Schools and students from low-income households. Through United for Impact, we identify students within our coverage area who need essential clothing or household items. Working with local school systems through our Equal Footing Shoe Fund, we recognize and address students' needs. Our relationship with local school systems allows us to provide needy children with food, clothing, shoes, hygiene items, bedding, and other resources. Through United for Impact, we provide emergency utility assistance to households with utility termination notices. Maintaining power and water is necessary for households to survive and thrive. United for Impact focuses on literacy rates for southern West Virginia, coordinating volunteer readers in elementary school classrooms. We provide books to students from low-income schools, identifying the essential need for children to have reading material at home. United for Impact provides the 2-1-1 Information and Referral Hotline connecting callers from Fayette, McDowell, Mercer, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster, and Wyoming counties with needed resources. We provide referrals based on the callers' zip codes, ensuring information about local resources.

Davis & Elkins College	100 Campus Drive			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	304-637-1354

Project Information	Davis & Elkins College Highlands Scholars Regional Program	Project Information
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Davis & Elkins College has a long history of serving first-generation and low-income students. The College was founded in 1904 to create access to education for the citizens of Elkins, WV and the rural Appalachian region surrounding it. In keeping with that tradition, the Highlands Scholar Program debuted in 2009 to make private higher education affordable to students in surrounding counties by providing scholarships to students who have a minimum 2.5 GPA. This segment of the program's original 7-county region comprises the current Highlands Scholars Regional Program. These low-income students are often 1st-generation high school graduates and 1st-generation college students, and this program ensures them access to a private college within their home state at a reasonable tuition rate. Average awards are \$19,000 for residential students and \$16,000 for commuting students (\$76,000 / \$64,000 for four years respectively), making the dream of a college degree accessible and affordable. To date D&E has invested over \$45.1 million in 2,263 Highlands Scholar recipients. Last year, 162 enrolled from this 7-county region, and this year to date 134 are enrolled, with more enrolling almost daily. At D&E students find small classes and a nurturing community, increasing their likelihood of academic and personal success. D&E believes that while a college education provides value for a lifetime, students shouldn't have to spend a lifetime paying for it. With the Highlands Scholar Regional Program, D&E provides deserving low-income students in the local region with an opportunity to receive a quality, private education at an affordable price close to home. This unique program will continue to have a positive impact on our young people, ensuring the best opportunity for WV to thrive in the future.

Historic Beverly Preservation	PO Box 227			County	Randolph
	Beverly	WV	26253	Phone	304-637-7424
Project Information	Beverly Community Education and Assistance				Project Information
<p>The Beverly Community Education & Assistance project by Historic Beverly Preservation and Beverly ON TRAC meets direct needs and engages local low-income residents with limited opportunities to help increase their self-reliance. We provide library services for the Beverly community through the Beverly Branch Library in the upstairs of the Beverly Heritage Center providing year round workspace and internet access. We are continuing to support the Beverly Bookmobile and its summer reading program that helps students stay engaged with learning through the summer, improving school performance & retention. We support healthy foods with a summer farmers market for fresh produce. We will offer at least 12 activities or programs providing community educational and direct service opportunities and supporting children reading and staying in school, serving estimated 200 local low-income attendees. With our facilities including BHC and community room, we offer workshops, programs, or direct technical assistance to increase self-sufficiency, build skills and economic capacity, support small business and tourism development, and encourage home maintenance capacity providing direct assistance to at least 25 local low-income individuals.</p>					

Randolph County Children's Advocacy Center	PO Box 627			County	Randolph
	Elkins	WV	26241	Phone	3046302214
Project Information	Enhanced Advocacy Project				Project Information
<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 trained individuals in a child friendly space, bringing together all investigating agencies to collaboratively work together for the best outcomes for children at risk. RTCAC then connects these children and their families to shelter, legal protection, medical treatment, crisis counseling and other resources and services as needed, free of charge. RTCAC's Family Advocacy Project will fund targeted support services to low-income families in crisis, enabling struggling caregivers to provide support to their children.</p>					

Randolph County Humane Society		PO Box 785		County	Randolph
		Elkins	WV	26241	Phone
Project Information	Randolph County Humane Society Compassion in Action Program				Project Information
<p>The Randolph County Humane Society's Compassion in Action program provides services to low-income clients such as spay/neuter assistance, straw for outdoor animals in cold temperatures, emergency veterinary medical care, emergency pet food assistance, fencing to keep animals safe and contained, and other services on a case-by-case basis that keep animals healthy and safely with their families.</p>					

Youth Health Service, Inc.		971 Harrison Avenue		County	Randolph
		Elkins	WV	26241	Phone
Project Information	Safe, Reliable Access to Care				Project Information

Youth Health Service's Safe and Reliable Access to Care project has been an important link in our client's journey towards improved mental health for more than nine years. As a behavioral health provider serving children and families in Randolph and surrounding counties, YHS has long recognized the importance of making services easy to access for those who need it in some of the most stressful times of their lives. Our transportation department meets the needs of getting children and families to/from their therapeutic services through our Safe and Reliable Access to Care project. With funding from this project we provide transportation, completely free of charge, for children and families in the immediate Elkins area from August through May, and include surrounding areas during the months of June, July and August. This service allows caregivers to ensure their child(ren) are able to receive much needed services without the burden of them needing to miss work, find a ride or gas money, or worry about how to manage siblings while their child is in their appointment. Caregivers simply sign a permission form for our trauma informed, safety trained and CPR certified drivers to transport them from school, home, a daycare etc. to their appointment and back! It's that simple, they no longer have to be burdened with how to ensure their child continues to receive his/her therapeutic services when they may struggle to get them to the appointment. This project ensures that children can be seen consistently, year-round and can continue to work on improving their mental health and well-being.

Hinton Area Foundation		PO Box 217		County	Summers
		Hinton	WV	25951	Phone
		304-309-5502			
Project Information	Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter				Project Information
<p>Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter is not just the name of our Neighborhood Investment Project but the fundamental mission of the Hinton Area Foundation (HAF). HAF is developing a plan to work with our partners to conduct a thorough needs assessment to understand the specific challenges and gaps in our community related to food insecurity, employment, substance use, and education. This will help in prioritizing interventions and allocating resources effectively. HAF has identified non-profit organizations in our area that specialize in each of these areas and is working to strengthen these partnerships by collaboratively designing programs that are holistic and address the root causes of these issues. HAF is engaging the community in planning and implementing these initiatives. This not only ensures that programs are culturally responsive but also builds trust and ownership among community members. HAF works with our partners to advocate addressing systemic barriers and it is our goal through this initiative to develop strategies for long-term sustainability of programs beyond initial funding cycles. This involves capacity-building initiatives, cultivating local partnerships, exploring diverse funding sources and connecting people and business who care with causes that matter in our community. By leveraging the strengths of multiple organizations and taking a comprehensive approach, our community foundation can make a substantial difference in improving the well-being of individuals and families facing these interconnected challenges.</p>					

REACHH Family Resource Center, INC		411 Temple Street		County	Summers
		Hinton	WV	25951	Phone
		3044662226			
Project Information	Providing food and assistance with utilities and other services needed in Summers County				Project Information

REACHH-Family Resource Center has been providing a multi services agency in Summers County for over 34 years. Recently we have seen a major increase in residents needing help with food and bills. We have many residents that face utility cut-offs. Many need multiple services which we have limited availability to meet. We will use our credits to expand our pantry and assist residents with help meeting the basic needs. Our goal again is to make sure that the residents of Summers County know that we are here and help is available when needed.

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

Project Information	Horticulture Therapy Program - The Green Thumbs	Project Information
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Cultivating Well-Being: The Transformative Power of Horticultural Therapy (HT). As the sun warms the soil, so does horticulture therapy nurture the hearts and minds of our cherished elders. Recent research has shown there is a profound impact resulting from horticulture therapy on older adults, particularly within long-term care facilities. Residents who engage in horticultural activities experience significant improvements in their overall quality of life. The simple act of tending plants fosters a sense of purpose, connection, and fulfillment. The garden becomes a sanctuary—a place where worries fade and joy blossoms. HT has been shown to reduce anxiety and depression among older adults, providing a natural remedy for emotional well-being. Gardening isn't just for our "Green Thumbs"; it's a workout for the body and soul. Residents improve physical function, agility, and aerobic endurance through hands-on planting, pruning, and harvesting. For those grappling with dementia, horticulture therapy becomes a bridge to memories. Fragrant herbs, vibrant blooms and the earth beneath their fingers evoke recollections, sparking connections to the past. As residents tend to their plants, they regain a sense of autonomy. This empowerment translates into improved activities of daily living and a renewed zest for life. Horticulture Therapy fosters social bonds. The communal gathering space becomes a meeting place—a place for shared stories, laughter, and camaraderie. Residents forge connections and combat social isolation. This is our second application for our Horticulture Therapy program, the first year was so well received we want to continually support the program. Let's sow the seeds of well-being together!

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

Project Information	Upshur Parish House & Crosslines Community Assistance Program	Project Information
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Since 1992, the Upshur Cooperative Parish House has served our Upshur County "neighbors" (clients) by providing basic necessities (food, shelter, clothing, warmth) in times of need. For our NIP project this year, we propose expanding some of our existing critical needs programs while offering new programs to address impoverished youth. In 2023, we provided 919 Upshur County students with backpacks containing school supplies and hygiene items to start the new year. With the failure of our county's Excess Levy in May, we anticipate an increase of 25% for this program. Additionally, we started a Weekend Food Program after our county abruptly ended their weekend backpack program last fall. During the 2023/24 school year, we contributed food packages for 450 food insecure students each week. NIP funding would be used to solidify and expand these growing programs. We are also focusing on new programming to support ALICE families - those that are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. By targeting healthy eating initiatives to families with single mothers, we hope to influence lifelong eating habits for children and provide an opportunity for families to build social support networks. In 2023, our pantry saw a 38% increase in demand. If current trends hold, we will provide an additional 1,000 meal packages in 2024. While our pantry is well supported, additional pantry services (e.g. cleaning supplies, hygiene items, etc.) are not as consistent. Through NIP funding, we would like to prepare 300 packages of cleaning supplies per month to encourage safe, healthy lifestyles. The Holiday Meal program adds an extra layer of food security at critical times when many low income families face financial strain. Meal packages include a main course protein, multiple side dishes and vegetables, and a dessert that can be prepared at home with basic cooking supplies. By offering these meals, we give families the opportunity and peace-of-mind to celebrate the holidays with dignity.

West Virginia Wesleyan College	59 College Ave			County	Upshur
	Buckhannon	WV	26201	Phone	304-473-8600

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

Golden Girl Group Home	999 B Street			County	Wayne
	Ceredo	WV	25507	Phone	304-453-1401

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

ArtsLink, Inc.	202 Maple Avenue			County	Wetzel
	New Martinsville	WV	26155	Phone	304-455-2278

Project Information	ArtsLink Concerts and Theatrical Activities 2024-25	Project Information
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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 about 900 children in its activities. All the covid-related canceled activities have been completed and ArtsLink is planning a seven-event concert series for 2024-25.

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley	PO Box 462			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26102	Phone	304-422-7907 , ext 30

Project Information	Building and Repairing Permanent, Affordable Housing in Wood County, WV	Project Information
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Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley builds homes in partnership with those in need of affordable, permanent housing. Homebuyers partner with our organization by agreeing to work on their and other Habitat homes, take homeowner readiness courses, and repay an interest-free mortgage. Habitat homeowners work alongside community volunteers to build their home. Habitat MOV also administers a Minor Repair program low-income homeowners. Access to affordable housing is a challenge for many low-income families in our community. Housing that is available is oftentimes substandard. One in nine households in West Virginia are burdened by housing costs spending half or more of their income on housing (Habitat for Humanity International, 2022 State of Home Affordability in West Virginia). Habitat's affordable homeownership program is a solution to address the rising cost of housing in our communities. As part of this project, Habitat will construct two single family homes in Wood County. Both homes will be located in the City of Parkersburg. As a result of the projects, eight low-income individuals will move into safe, stable, affordable housing. In addition to building new homes, Habitat will also provide homebuyer education and home maintenance classes in order to prepare partner families for owning their home. We have added a new Minor Repair Program for low-income homeowners who need simple repairs to enable them to stay in their homes. To date, we have received over fifty requests for repairs like accessibility ramps, shower kits, and roof repairs. Our goal is to complete one project per month, with half of those being in Wood County, WV. Approximately 12 West Virginians will be impacted annually by these repairs, and will not be forced to move into less stable/affordable living situations.

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

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

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates	1620 Park Ave.			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304.428.4438

Project Information	Addressing Essential Human Needs and Alleviating Community Strain	Project Information
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The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) is a public charity with over 60 years of service in West Virginia. It is locally governed and is supported by more than 200 community-based volunteers. These volunteers collaborate to establish and build publicly managed charitable funds that provide grants addressing the most critical needs of economically disadvantaged individuals and their communities. For Fiscal Year 2025, PACF's NIP project aims to directly assist citizens in need and their families. The project focuses on raising and distributing grants to support emergency shelter, clothing, food, medical and dental needs, aid to vulnerable residents for hardship and personal safety needs, as well as support for local first responders and organizations helping individuals recover from SUD. PACF plans to leverage its innovative Give Local MOV 24-hour online giving event to raise NIP funds for its grantmaking activities through:

- Community Action Grant and Advised Grant Programs: These competitive programs provide grants based on community needs.
- Community Sponsors Program: This program supports PACF's capacity to deliver services.
- Targeted Fundraising Initiatives: Hunger Fund, Safety Net Fund, and Recovery Fund.

PACF distinguishes itself by uniting citizens in its service area to collaboratively improve their local quality of life. This is achieved by collectively raising funds for the public good and distributing grants to address the most pressing needs in their communities. PACF enhances regional civic capacity by involving volunteers in organizational leadership through its Regional Affiliates network and locally based citizen committees. PACF's FY 2025 NIP Project is particularly focused on the counties within its service region, where it is the sole community foundation funder. Notably, three of these counties are classified as "distressed" and two as "at risk" by the ARC, underscoring the critical need for PACF's support in these areas.

Parkersburg Art Center	725 Market Street			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	3044853859

Project Information	"Art is Life, Life is Art II"	Project Information
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The Parkersburg Art Center will recruit and engage local low-income senior citizens in low cost creative art activities. Twelve-session art classes will each enroll 12 students each. Art activities will also be offered at two locations away from the Art Center, which will engage 40 older adults. One hundred students will be enrolled in one of six daytime art classes. For these classes they will pay a nominal tuition. Students will receive instruction in watercolor, oil painting, and drawing. At the end of the year an exhibit of the work of these students will be held in the galleries of the Art Center. All of this activity is focused upon getting older individuals engaged in creative work with their peers. Participants will be engaged in activities that provide social contact for those who may be living alone in an isolated environment. Peer assistance and collaboration will be encouraged to help build a cohort of senior citizens who are interest in developing art skills and engaging in social activity.

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

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

The Salvation Army of Parkersburg		534 Fifth Street			County	Wood	
		Parkersburg	WV	26101	Phone	304-485-4529	
Project Information	Social Service and shelter programs					Project Information	
<p>We lift up, empower and serve members of our community by providing a hand up to thousands of residents in the Greater Parkersburg area through our food pantry, utility assistance, rental assistance and shelter programs. For many, making ends meet is a daily challenge. We offer emergency services of food, rental and mortgage assistance and utility assistance, as we look to meet our clients' physical and spiritual needs. While some clients receive assistance regularly, most simply need help getting through a hard time or crisis, and our program works to lessen their burden. Last year we served more than 2700 people for the first time. In addition to the social service programs we provide transitional housing to several families and our emergency shelter has more than 40 beds for men, women and families, and most months it is used to capacity. Our feeding program includes our food pantry, community meals and mobile canteen. In all that we do, our focus is making an impact on the community. We see progress every day made through the efforts of dedicated officers, employees, volunteers and community partners and donors. Through God's grace we are healing lives and changing hearts. Through His mercy we continue to "Do the Most Good."</p>							

Women's Care Center		P.O. Box 4765			County	Wood	
		Parkersburg	WV	26104	Phone	304-485-7122	
Project Information	Positive Health Care You Deserve - Sexual Risk Awareness & Prevention Expansion					Project Information	

Women's Care Center is a free medical clinic in Parkersburg, WV since 1991. Women's Care Center became an accredited health care facility in 2021 under the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). With the confidence of the AAAHC accreditation and the addition of a Nurse Practitioner on staff, we will be expanding our free medical services related to sexual risk awareness and prevention. We already provide testing for the three STIs and emphasize the importance of STI testing during our free pregnancy and ultrasound appointments. We will be adding to our services in three different ways: 1. We will be including the risks of STIs to all of our patient take home packets to further emphasize the importance of screening and treatment of STIs. 2. We will be adding a domestic violence (includes sexual violence) screening to every appointment with a licensed healthcare professional and working with our Family Crisis Intervention Center with those patients who score at risk on the tool. 3. We will be expanding the tests and the subsequent treatments we are providing (Medical Administration Subcommittee at WCC is working on evaluating the specific tests to be added). According to the CDC, from 2000 to 2022, there has been an increase of 2.5 million cases of the top three STIs in just those two years. Our patient population is among the most affected groups listed on the CDC website including adolescents from 15-24 and pregnant women. This Sexual Risk Awareness & Prevention Expansion is a project within the other free services of Women's Care Center which include pregnancy testing, ultrasound, mentoring, medical and social referrals, and baby supplies for the first year of life.

Wood County Society, Inc.	P.O. Box 1325			County	Wood
	Parkersburg	WV	26102	Phone	304-428-4280
Project Information	Nurture and Grow Learning Center				Project Information

Wood County Society, Inc.'s strategic vision is to ensure abundance, compassion, accessibility, and inclusion for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout our region. It is through these core values that Wood County Society Inc. will provide the following initiatives: Nurture and Grow Learning Center – an inclusive, state-of-the-art, one-of-a-kind learning center in the Mid-Ohio Valley with a focus on delivering the following opportunities for early childhood development through diverse, equitable and inclusive opportunities from birth to six years of age: • Educational and daycare opportunities for typical and neurodivergent youth in the same space • Providing intensive outreach, educational opportunities, and therapeutic support through physical, occupational, and speech therapies. • State of the Art Extracurricular Life Skills Development Space • State of the Art Sensory Playground • State of the Art Extracurricular Outdoor/Playground Area Wood County Society Inc. continues to evolve and develop capacity within current program models, including the Artbeat Studio of Wood County Society. Artbeat Studio continues to provide collaborative arts development and enhanced diverse, equitable, and inclusive opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is through this state-of-the-art complex that Wood County Society seeks to expand this resource to provide: • State of the Art Adaptive and Collaborative Studio Space • Enhanced educational and artistic development in experiencing different media/textiles, including pottery making, continued Metal Works Development, and Fine and Fiber Art Development. • Economic Development for the Art from the Heart Shop • State of the Art Adaptive Art Space for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.