



The **American Rescue Plan Act** provides the Boone County Commission with \$4,167,771 in direct federal aid to assist our community in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Boone County received the first round of funding, approximately \$2 million, in 2021. In general, the American Rescue Plan Funds can be used to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to replace lost public revenues, to support economic stabilization, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, public health and broadband infrastructure. For additional information please see ARP State and Local Rules.¹

Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages if needed. Once submitted this application and any supporting document is considered a public record and will be made available to the public and media upon request.

☐ PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE US TREASURY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ELIGIBLE USES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (Yes, reviewed)

Section One: Contact information

Name: BARN Community Group Inc.

Address: 179 Memorial Way, Nellis, WV 25142

Phone number: 304-833-2031

¹ <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

Email address: anita_perdue@yahoo.com

Section Two: Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal
2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
3. Individuals or communities served
4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request
5. Amount of funding requested
6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable
7. Amount and source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used
9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

We are requesting funds for lost revenue experienced during the pandemic to facilitate the continued operation of our Group and Community Center. Barn Community Center provides many opportunities and services in accordance with our Mission. Currently, the communities of Brushton, Ashford, Ridgeview, Nellis (BARN) are being served by a library, clothing closet, and food pantry on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis respectively. Other recreational opportunities, such as sports and hiking, are also being provided. Unfortunately, during the pandemic, we experienced a significant decrease in revenue as detailed in attached documents. Our plan is to use ARP funds to assist in operational costs of the facility for the summer and fall of 2022 until such time other known revenue sources, such as BARN Buddy League Basketball and additional grants, are able to be secured.

Section Three: Proposal details

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

The major issue is lost revenue realized during the pandemic. The revenue was assumed to be used to keep the operation of the Center ongoing. BARN was able, within Health Department Guidelines, to still provide many of the services for much of the pandemic. However, valuable revenue sources, such as BARN Buddy League, took a major financial hit.

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

Continue operating the Center to provide the many services that are essential to our community.

3. Please provide your project timeline, e.g., if funded when the project or proposal be fully implemented

November 2022

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

Lost Revenue : \$16,400

Operating Costs: 5 months @\$3400 = \$17,000

Seeking : \$16,400 for lost revenue

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

N/A

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

We are confident this grant will allow our programs to continue through summer of 2024. In interim, BARN will continue to seek other sources of revenue, including new tenants, and new grants.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

To strengthen, Empower, and improve the BARN communities through recreation, celebration, involvement, support, and access to programs and services to lift our people as a whole.

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

BARN Community Group was founded in July 2016 as a result of the closing of Nellis Elementary. Several community members had a dream that the old school could be used to provide services to the community. With the generous help of private donors and the Boone County Commission, the Center opened its doors in June of 2018 and the growth of the facility and services provided have exceeded nearly all expectations.

1. Library with High Speed Internet
2. Clothing Closet for those in need.
3. Food Pantry, in partnership with Rumble Baptist Church, administered once a month.
4. 2 LifeBridge Americorp program recipients housed daily at the Center
5. BARN Buddy League Basketball for pr-K through 8th grade.
6. Weekly open gym for community, especially older teens
7. ENACT Community Action housed in building
8. Provided Space for Sherriff's Office to use when in area

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

- Many volunteer hours, along with generous donors, to restore building.
- Implemented clothing closet and food pantry for community service.
- Provided activities, such as Buddy League Basketball, for youth of the community.

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

Chad Toney – President
Josh Stowers- Vice-President
Anita Perdue – Treasurer
Jeff Petry – Secretary
Josh Jeffrey - Board Member
Chris Hall – Board Member
Levi Holstein – Board member

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

All members listed above, as well as many other community volunteers serve important roles in seeing things accomplished. The President oversees administration and completion of the will of the Board while the Treasury serves an important role in seeing that the budget is on target.

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable: cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year, two years of audited financial statements, current operating budget. If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant.

See Attached

7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Boone County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

2019 - \$8777 Boone County Commission

2020 - \$15,000 Boone County Commission

2020 - \$30,000 – One Foundation – Renovation of old Penn Virginia Property Site

8. If you have made application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

N/A

Section Five: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request, e.g., reduction in services, closures, increased costs, impacts to the community.

The decreased revenue was unforeseen. Failure to meet our operational expense obligations will ultimately lead to the closing of the Center and all the related services it helps the Group provide.

2. If you are requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19, provide that information here. Attach documentation sufficient to verify your request.

Lost Revenue = \$16,400

See attached

3. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

Will aid in keeping the Center open to provide current services that are not revenue producing until such time more revenue can be generated.

Section Six: Supplementary information

1. Please enter at least one third-party reference.

ENACT Community Action

Schoenbaum Center
1701 5th Avenue, Suite 194
Charleston, WV 25387
Phone: 304-414-4475

2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc.) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

Signature: Chad J. Toney

Name (Print): Chad J. Toney

Title: President

Date: 4/15/22

➤ How to Submit an ARP Application to Boone County?

You may email it to pwhite@boonecountywv.net or mail to:

Boone County Commission

Attention County Administrator

206 Court St.

Madison, WV 25130.

For questions, call 304-369-7301 or email pwhite@boonecountywv.net