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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

Section One: Contact information

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

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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

Section Three: Proposal details

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

The Covid 19 pandemic severely depressed the Boone County Ambulance Authority's call volume for Calendar year 2020. The pandemic caused a decrease of 1738 calls for non-emergency and emergency calls for service. It also increased our supply cost for Covid Personal Protective equipment that was purchased by our agency. With the decrease in reimbursement and the price increase of associated supplies, projects that were being looked at were temporarily put on pause.

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

Part 1: One of the administration goals before the Covid 19 pandemic was to continue replacing our current fleet. We have replaced 4 of our 5 front line ambulances over the last 3 years with grants and through our yearly budget. We would like to request \$149,938.00 to remount the "box" of a current ambulance to a new chassis.

Part 2. We would request \$14,800.00 for the purchase to upgrade our transport ventilator for our CCT Program.

Part 3. Our Danville station has been in place since 2002. This building currently houses six (6) crew members each day. This station is also showing its age, as in carpeting, and we have had a few minor leaks. We would like to update this station with new flooring, appliances and furniture. Amount Requested: \$13,336.96

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

If funded this project would begin immediately with the purchase of Part 2-The Transport Ventilator and Part 3 Station upgrades,

Part 1 would be given a timeline of 1 year to 18 months due to the availability of the chassis being at least 1 year out from the time of order.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

The Boone County Ambulance Authority saw a \$529,478.56 decrease in revenue for Calendar year 2020. This funding would allow us would be used to purchase new unit(s) and new equipment and to purchase supplies as well as maintaining employee related cost. We would also offer our employees a pay stipend for their continuous work through the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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

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

7. This lost revenue reimbursement would allow us to complete upgrading our current fleet of ambulances. We have purchased 4 new ambulances since 2017. We currently have one unit that is needing replaced. This unit has over 300,000 miles currently and is that last remaining first out 911 response ambulance to be replaced.

We also would be able to upgrade our current transport ventilator and to update our oldest station with new flooring and appliances.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Our mission statement:

To provide the highest quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transportation for the residents and the visitors of Boone County West Virginia. Our highly trained professionals use the best technology to meet the needs of those who require assistance.

Our Vision Statement:

To be a leader in our profession and to serve as a role model for other emergency services agencies and is an organization that people are proud to be associated with.

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

The Boone County Ambulance Authority was founded by the Boone County Commission in 1980 in an effort to provide much needed emergency medical services to the county. We serve our county with 5 24 hour crews that responds to both medical emergencies such as heart attacked and strokes, and traumatic emergencies such as car accidents and ATV accidents. We also transport patients from out local hospital, Boone Memorial, to tertiary care centers for more advanced medical treatment when needed. The Covid-19 Pandemic has made the transportation from BMH more significant due to local (Charleston area) hospitals being at capacity or low staffed. This increases the distance and cost to our agency.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

2018 WV EMS Agency of the Year

2020 AFG Grant Funding of \$250,000 for a new Critical Care Transport unit 2021

AFG Grant Funding for the purchase of all new power load cot systems in the amount of \$380,000.00

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

Board of Directors:

Fred Harless, President
Chad Barker, Vice-President
Penny Byrnside, Secretary
Doug Green
George Parsons
David Warren
Adam Richardson

Leadership Team

Bryan Justice, Executive Director
Joseph Smith, Operations Director
Willis Adkins, A-Shift Commander
Camron Ramsey, B-Shift Commander
Charlene Perry, C-Shift Commander
Chandler Castle, Transport Coordinator
Ira Rash, Lieutenant
Larry Nunnery, Training Captain

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

This project will benefit each staff member of the Boone County Ambulance Authority. New equipment and a new unit along with stability in their profession will allow us to retain our current employees as well as train new providers.

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 Attachment for current financial documents

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 Kanawha County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

2020 Federal Grant of \$250,000-Purchased new CCT ambulance
2021 Federal Grant of \$380,000-In process of purchasing new cot and cot load systems.
2020 Boone Community Foundation Grant \$7500 to purchase Virtual Reality Training

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.

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 Covid -19 Pandemic severley depressed the amount of calls that our agency typically runs. Many doctor appointments for elective surgeries, routine checkups and other transports that we typically were called for service on was canceled during the initial pandemic exposure.

We have also seen longer transports. Charleston Area hospitals have staffing issues and are operating at near full capacity. Therefore, our local hospital are having to transfer patients to hospitals further distances away. This measure increases our maintenance and fuel cost.

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

In Calendar year 2019 our agency ran 7,774 billable calls. In Calendar year 2020, billable call volume was down to 6036. This had a direct revenue reduction to our agency of \$790,251.22.

This is formulated as a call volume decrease of 1738 calls with an average payment of \$454.69 per call.

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

If awarded full or partial funding, the Boone County Ambulance Aurtherity will ensure that the funds awarded will be used for continuous care of our citizens. We have to maintain our current staff and try to attract new employees, by offering opportunities that agencies surrounding our county are offering, We also plan on offering some type of compensation to our current employees for their continuous service through the pandemic.

Section Six: Supplementary information

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

Chris Hall, WV EMS Coalition Director

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.

The Boone County Commission can lead by example to other counties by supporting this project and showing that they care about the citizens of their county to have access to timely and professional Emergency Medical Services. We are currently wanting more people to visit our county through tourism. We have to be able to maintain Emergency Medical Services for the future of our tourism goals. We want to provide our visitors reassurance in knowing that they will have the BEST care if they are involved in an accident while visiting our trails.

Signature: _____

Name (Print): Bryan S. Justice

Title: Executive Director

Date: 3 February 2022

➤ 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