



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.

XX 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

Name: Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation, Inc (Coal Heritage Museum)

Address:

PO BOX 859
MADISON WV 25130

Phone number:

304-989-1607

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

Email address: JUDYSANDERS1989@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
The Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation, Inc is seeking funding to replace a roof on the Museum and Arts Center that is over 25 to 30 years old and leaks very badly. The displays are in danger of being ruined and mold is growing in areas of the Museum.
2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
To continue to preserve the heritage of the Southern WV coal fields through Miner's tools, photographs, company records and other pieces of the state's mining history.
3. Individuals or communities served
The Coal Heritage Museum is open 5 days per week providing tours to school aged children, and allowing individuals from all over the country to reminisce about mining from the past. During the WV Coal Festival, The Museum has individuals visit from as far as Guatemala.
4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request
The Pandemic has hurt funding for the Museum by not allowing the museum to be open to public to access funding or to hold fund raisers on its behalf.
5. Amount of funding requested
\$20,000.00 which will be used with other grant funding and donations.
6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable
We have received one bid thus far in the amount of \$34,704.00
7. Amount and source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
\$10,000.00 matching funds from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History. We are applying to other grants, looking into a partnership grant from Boone Memorial Hospital and also in having fundraisers.
8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used
The funds will be used to replace leaking roofs in the Museum and the Arts Center. We are hoping to get metal roofing that will last a long time.
9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding
If awarded, the project will begin as soon as funding is received from the other sources. The Museum is in dire risk of ruination due to the amount of water that has come into the Museum and Arts Center from the leaks.

*A proposal from Richard Eldridge
was unanimously rejected
by the Board because
it was for
\$95,000.*

Section Three: Proposal details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address.
The Coal Heritage Museum and Arts Center have leaks of a large degree every time it rains even slightly. The displays and exhibits are in danger of being ruined. The Museum is also molding in some areas due to the heavy humidity from the rain.
2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.
The Coal Heritage Museum's Goals are to continue to bring new and unique exhibits, tools and educational experiences to the patrons of the Museum, both young and old.
With the new roof in place, this will allow the Museum to be cleaned thoroughly and provide tours to individuals locally and from afar.
3. Please provide your project timeline, e.g., if funded when the project or proposal will be fully implemented
 - A. Receive Funding
 - B. Determine bid award
 - C. Purchase materials
 - D. Commence replacement of roof
 - E. Project should be completed in a timely manner

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

The Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation has received two proposals. One in the amount of \$95,000.00 and one in amount of \$34,704.00 is the amount of one proposal received. This includes cost of materials and labor.

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

The Coal Heritage Foundation will be working solely on its own in seeking funding for the replacement of the roof.

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

The Museum holds Membership drives annually. This will continue as there is no cost for admittance to the Museum. Thousands of individuals visit the Museum yearly. The Board holds great pride in the Museum as it is one of a kind in West Virginia.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Our Mission is to preserve the rich Heritage of Coal Mining by preserving the past for future generations

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

The Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation Museum was created by the Boone County Development Corporation and chartered by the State of West Virginia. The growth of the West Virginia Coal Festival and area historic attractions encouraged Foundation members and the Development Authority to develop a museum. Boone County was the logical location for this museum and visitor's center. In 1742, coal was first discovered there and was the economic lifeblood of the county for over a century.

To create a permanent home for the items, the Foundation purchased the former Boone County Bank in 1994. The historic structure, built in 1924, was in a great location at 347 Main Street. That plan changed in June 1994 when the family of the late Tommy and Mary Frances Ellis donated a building adjacent to the one recently purchased by the Foundation. The former bank is now the Boone Arts and Heritage Center where local artist and traveling exhibits are featured.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

- *Received National Coal Heritage Award for its project "A Miners Life" in 2009

- *Attracted over 15,000 visitors/tourists since inception in 1999

- *Featured in International Publications and other media sources as a great place to visit.

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

Joy Underwood, President

Delores Cook, Vice President

Larry Lodato, Treasurer

Judy Sanders, Secretary

Jimbo Clendenin, Board Member

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

The entire board is involved in this project as it has taken team effort to gain funding, get bids, write grants etc.

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. Financial Statements for recent years are on file at the museum. The Foundation is not required to be audited by the State Treasurers Office or the Secretary of States Office.

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).
Boone County Commission has provided over \$125,000 in funding over the past 15 years. Funding obviously has declined due to lack of coal severance monies.

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.

NONE

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 Pandemic caused the Museum to close its doors for almost a year. There were no fundraisers to be held and funding for Museum has dwindled since the Coal Decline in the Southern part of WV.

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

N/A

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

The ARP Funding will help the Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation Board replace the roof of the Museum and the Arts Center which wouldn't be possible otherwise due to lack of funding and fundraisers during the Pandemic.

Section Six: Supplementary information

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

Name (Print): Joy Underwood

Title: President

Date: 09-07-2022

Joy Underwood 9-18-22
Joy D. Underwood, President

➤ 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