



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.

X 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->

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

The purpose of this application is to secure funding to assist us in purchasing a new concession sales trailer for our organization. The Danville Area Lions Club uses profit from concession sales to provide vision health care and prescription glasses to the underserved residents of Boone County. These residents are typically working people who do not have vision insurance and make too much income to qualify for public assistance. We also provide two scholarships to qualified seniors of Boone County Schools per year, and support various youth leagues, organizations, and benevolence causes with donations and sponsorships. Our concession trailer needs repairs that are not economically feasible to perform. We need to replace the concession trailer so we can continue to raise money for our benevolence and community projects.

The Danville Area Lions club has proudly served the residents of Boone County for 32 years and have done so to this point by being self-funded. We have hot dog and barbecue concession sales throughout the year to raise money to support our outreach programs. Our primary mission is the gift of sight. We supply vision health and prescription glasses to the underserved residents of Boone County. These concession sales typically are held at the Boone County Fair, the WV Coal Festival, Rev UP Madison Cruise In, etc. The Covid 19 Pandemic cancelled fairs and festivals across the nation. Boone County was no exception. As a result of these Covid cancellations, the Danville Area Lions Club was unable to operate at our usual venues. These lost revenue sales have impacted our ability to fund a replacement concession trailer while providing the community with services at the pre Covid levels.

The cost to replace the concession trailer is \$43,458.94 We have raised money from concession sales this spring and private donations, but we are short \$31,809 at this point. We are requesting

\$10,000 or any amount the commission feels is appropriate. We have raised \$7900 from donations and \$800 from concession profit dedicated to the replacement trailer fund. A portion of the profit goes to the general operating fund to use for benevolence, vision health mission, and scholarships. An additional portion of profit goes to the replacement trailer fund when possible.

If we are awarded any funding, we will apply the full amount to the concession trailer fund and hopefully raise the remaining funds by the end of December 2022 to make the replacement concession trailer purchase.

Section Three: Proposal details

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

The primary problem we need to address is replacing our concession sales trailer. The primary focus of the Danville Area Lions Club is addressing vision health for the underserved residents of Boone County thru vision exams and prescriptions glasses. We also maintain benevolence funding for victims of fires, floods, etc. as well as providing annual scholarships and community organization support thru donations and volunteer work. We do all of this with the profits generated by our concession sales. Our current concession trailer needs replaced. Without a replacement trailer we cannot continue to provide the same level of services and benevolence donations to Boone County residents. We are a nonprofit 501(C) 4 organization made up of volunteers. Our current concession trailer is nearing the end of its useful life. We must secure funding to replace it to continue serving the needs of Boone County residents.

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

Our goal is to secure funding to purchase a replacement concession trailer so that we can continue to provide vision health, scholarships, and benevolence to Boone County residents. Up to this point we have been self-funding and self-supporting. If we can purchase a replacement concession trailer, we will once again be able to provide services while being self-funded. A new concession trailer will allow us to continue to fund raise and continue to provide vision health, glasses, scholarships and benevolence help to Boone County youth and residents in need.

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

Our timeline is to purchase a new concession trailer by December 31st, 2022, so we can be ready and fully equipped to begin the 2023 year fully stocked and able to fund our missions thru concession sales.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

Total cost of spec-built concession trailer: \$40,458.94

YTD trailer fund income from concessions profit: \$800

YTD private donations: \$79000

Projected income from future concession sales \$4000

Balance needed to buy replacement trailer \$27,758.94

Amount requested from Boone County Commission from ARP \$10,000 (or any amount appreciated)

Future amount projected from donations and grants \$17,758.94

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

We do not have any partners in this proposal.

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

Our current concession trailer needs repairs that exceed the value of the trailer. It has water damage and electrical issues. In addition to age and normal wear and tear, the trailer has had additional issue due to water leaks. To increase the service life of the new trailer we will be buying a carport to park the unit under. This will shield it from the elements and extend the useful life of the trailer. The current trailer lasted 22 years. With the extra precautions and advances in building material the new replacement trailer should last 30 plus years with normal use. This will allow us to use our profits to serve several generations of Boone County residents with vision health/glasses, scholarships, and donations/benevolence help.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

The Danville Area Lions Club mission statement is "to empower volunteers to serve their community, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and to promote international

understanding through Lions Clubs". The Motto of the Danville Area Lions Club is "WE SERVE". We serve those who experience tragedy by having a benevolence fund to provide temporary aid and comfort to those displaced by disaster. We serve the youth of Boone County by providing scholarships, donations to youth sports and theater arts groups. Finally, we serve those residents who need vision health care by providing eye exams, glasses, and medical care to those without vision insurance or those who need vision are not covered by Medicare. Again, our motto is "WE SERVE", and we will continue to serve thru our fund-raising concessions.

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

The Danville Area Lions Club was chartered in 1990. We have served the residents of Boone County for 32 years. Our current programs include the gift of sight thru our vision health mission, awarding two scholarships per year to area high school seniors, and supporting community organizations and youth leagues with financial donations and volunteering opportunities.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

1. Since our chartering we have purchased over 800 pairs of glasses for Boone County residents in need.
2. We have awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships for college or technical education since 1990.

3. We make annual donations to 16 different civic and youth league organizations with money earned from our concession sales.

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

Danny Warner- Governing Board Director
Bob Dotson- President
Sherry Whitt- Vice President
Jimmy Kitchen- Treasurer
Dana Holestin- Secretary

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

Danny Warner- Concession Trailer Project Leader

Jimmy Kitchen- Treasurer

Bob Dotson- Fundraising

Sherry Whitt-Fundraising

Dana Holestin- Fundraising

Patty Jarussi- Fundraising

DJ and Eva Warner- Fundraising

Mark Snow- Fundraising

Julia Warner- Fundraising

Kim Retton- Fundraising

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 paperwork

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).

We have not received any of the above funding. We have been blessed to be self-funded to this point.

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.

In addition to donations by individuals and local businesses, we have applied for funds from the Boone Memorial Foundation, Peoples Bank, and AEP. We have not been approved for any grants or funding from these sources to date.

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 caused the cancellation of fairs and festivals. A large source of revenue for our organization was concession sales at events such as the Boone County Fair, WV Coal Festival, etc. With the Covid lockdowns and cancellations we were not able to have concession sales. We continued to provide vision health and prescription glasses during this time and benevolence donations. However, with limited income opportunities and outgoing payments we find ourselves asking for grant money to help purchase the replacement concession trailer so we may continue our service to the community.

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

Not applicable

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

The ARP funding will help us meet our goal to purchase a replacement concession trailer. This in turn allows us to continue funding our gift of site mission by purchasing eyeglasses and exams. Our vision health initiative for the underserved Boone County residents increases their chances to improve their quality of life by impacting their social, economic, and educational opportunities. Our scholarships help provide education that will lead to employment and increased opportunities make a difference in Boone County.

Section Six: Supplementary information

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

Brett Kuhn 304-369-5379

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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.

See attached summary letter.

Signature: _____

Name (Print): Danny Warner

Title: Concession Trailer Fund Leader _____

Date: _____