



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>

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

Boone QRT is wanting to purchase a new vehicle to replace a vehicle that was totaled in an accident on February 28, 2024. The insurance adjustment settlement was \$31,075.00 that we have already received. In addition, for team safety, we are wanting to purchase radios for communication to the 911 center or director in case of an emergency. The vehicle is expected to be used for an extended period of time for our program in Boone County. This will be able to serve the individuals who are suffering from substance use disorder and also in recovery in Boone County.

The amount of funding requested is \$25,000.00. Anything not used from the request for purchase of vehicle or radio, I ask that we put it towards, fuel cost or other vehicle maintenance for this vehicle. In December of 2023, the quote for 2 vehicle radios and 1 portable would be \$7,423.93. Vehicle quote from Stephens Auto for a 2024 Ford Explorer was quoted at \$44,038.94 without an extended warranty package. Thornhill also has a 2024 Ford Explorer that was for \$42,390 without an extended warranty package. If awarded these funds, QRT will be able to purchase the vehicle size we are needing, radios for communication needs, and use any extra funding remaining for fuel cost or vehicle maintenance. Once we have received the funding our purchasing can be completed within 30 days.

Section Three: Proposal details

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

On February 28, 2024, members of the team were involved in a motor vehicle accident while traveling on U.S. Rt 119. They were traveling back from Community Bridge while gathering a donation to our program. Our vehicle was totaled during the accident, thankfully no one was seriously injured in the crash. This accident left us with only 1 vehicle, a 2023 Jeep Compass. While this vehicle will do our company well, we are in need of a larger vehicle with third row seating, which will allow us to carry our personnel along with anyone we may pick up that is needing our assistance. The only other vehicle our team currently has for use is an older model Van that is owned by the Boone County Health Department. The health department has loaned this vehicle to QRT for the past year, due to having difficulties with the second vehicle. We are able to use this vehicle for in county task and daily field visits.

The radio communication we are wanting to purchase will help us with any arising problem we may have while out in the county. Team safety is a priority and having communication while out of cell phone service is important for our team. This will also allow us to hear when an overdose call comes out. We may be close by to the incident and would know nothing about it, without this communication. Our members are First aid, CPR, AED, and trained in administering naloxone. Those

who are not currently CPR certified, will be within the next month. The team would be able to hear the call come out from 911, arrive sooner than other first responders and potentially save a life.

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

Our goals are to purchase a Mid – Large size SUV that will accommodate our daily use for transportation, and to gain communication with Boone County 911. This would allow for us to communicate any problem our team members have or be able to aid assistance in case of an emergency that we are nearby. Our expected outcome would be to have two running vehicles on the road at all times with crews reaching out to those in need. Two-way communication with emergency responders in the event something happens while we are transporting, or happen to be nearby, will be exponentially lifesaving.

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

Vehicle acquisition will occur quickly after being funded. The radio's will then be purchased and installed after the vehicle purchase is made. IF funded, we are hoping to have the vehicle on the road within 30 days.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

We are asking for \$25,000.00 to complete our vehicle purchase, which will be over the amount that we will need. The remaining of this 25,000.00 not used on the vehicle purchase would be used for fuel cost and vehicle maintenance. We will also be using \$7,500.00 for the cost of radios.

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

Although we are mainly funded through the West Virginia DHHR SOR Grant, this funding request has no other partners with this project. We are looking for funding to help with the purchase of a vehicle and radios to go in the vehicle. We received \$31,075.00 from insurance adjustment after the previous vehicle was totaled.

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

Our organization is operated by grants or donations. We will hope to keep this vehicle for an extended period of time, barring no further accidents. In the future, if another vehicle purchase is deemed necessary, we will have to look at grant funding sources to accommodate our purchase.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Our mission is to spread awareness, educate, and advocate with an aim of decreasing overdoses and overdose deaths by providing the correct resources and treatment options to Boone County residents.

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

Quick Response Teams were brought to West Virginia in 2016 with Cabell County being the first program. In 2019, Boone County Quick Response Team became operational. From 2019 to 2021 the program was operational 3 days a week. In September 2021, the program started operating 6 days a week, but due to funding that was lowered with the DHHR grant, the program has been at 5 days a week since mid 2023. Our program provides connections to treatment within the State of WV and provides transportation to that facility. Once an individual has completed treatment, we are able to transport them back to their residence or to the next phase of their treatment plan. After completion of at least a detox program, QRT is able to take them to the DMV and cover the expense for them to obtain a valid Identification card. This allows them to secure employment if need be as well as medical care. We can also assist an individual who has completed a long-term treatment program with the safe housing program. This program allows us to pay the first month's rent or deposit so they can have safe housing rather than the location they were struggling with addiction. Through our Pallottine Sisters Foundation Grant, our program also provides food, clothing, hygiene, and household cleaning supplies to individuals in the county. This allows us to build a relationship with those in addiction while we are building their trust and engaging to strive for a treatment plan. With out safe sleep program we are able to assist displaced families with a night in a hotel while a treatment team works on securing placement for them that best meets their needs.

This meeting has 40+ in attendance each week.

With approval of Boone County BOE, QRT trained staff of all county schools in May of 2023 on naloxone. Naloxone was also distributed to individuals at their request. During this time each school received a ONEbox for their facility. A ONEbox is a naloxone training device that provides visual and verbal directions on how to administer naloxone in case of an emergency. The box comes with two boxes of naloxone, personal protective equipment, such as gloves and cpr mask, and charging chord for box. In February of 2024, QRT worked with partner organization WV Drug Intervention Institute in obtaining more ONEboxes at free of cost. Director Chafin placed a request for permission to place more within our school system in places such as sporting complex areas. Superintendent Riggs approved the amount of 10 more ONEboxes to be placed within the school system sports complexes. Also, with this time frame ONEboxes were placed at the following buildings with written approval and a request, Madison Civic Center, BARN, Madison Little League, and Southwestern Regional Day Report Center in Madison.

As a program this is what we do and take part of on a daily basis, but we participate in more events throughout the year also such as; Mental Health Month, Save A Life Day, Overdose Awareness Month, Addiction Recovery Month, Black Balloon Day, Collegiate Recovery Day at Southern Community & Technical

College, Resource Fairs and more.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

In 2022 Boone County QRT was named Exemplary Program of the year. In 2023 we were held at runner up for the year. Also in 2023, QRT has assisted within the court system of Boone County of the placements of 59 individuals into treatment from court proceedings. We have been showcased on WV Public Broadcasting for the efforts we have made in the county to provide more resources and treatment plans. The main accomplishment our program has had is the success of the Celebrate Recovery meeting. This meeting is not just for addiction or recovery only. This meeting is offered for anyone who is having a hardship in life. This meeting is for everyone, and it has been such a success in offering the amount of care, faith, and counseling to those who are in need.

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

Bridget Chafin- Program Director
Brent Tomblin- Advisory Board Member/Director of BMH Brighter Futures
David Gresham-Advisory Board Member/BMH Chief Development Officer
Chad Barker- Advisory Board Member/Boone County Sheriff
Michael Mayhorn-Advisory Board Member/BCEMA Operations Director
Joseph Smith- Advisory Board Member/BCAA Operations Director
Angela Hill- Advisory Board Member/Boone County Health Dept. Administrator

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

Bridget Chafin- Program Director who is a salary employee. Working 5 days per week with a minimum of 40 hours per week. The director is in charge of operations of the program. She is responsible for ledgers and balances of all grant funds from multiple entities. She is responsible for the human resource aspect of the program and team members. She is responsible for planning events, naloxone trainings, all public relations concerning the program and taking care of intakes to secure treatment placement.

Barry Stowers – Peer Recovery Support Specialist – Faith Leader – Facilitator of Recovery Meetings. Barry is a contract employee who works 4 days per week. He goes into the field for follow ups and works with individuals on resources available to them. He also assists with transportation to and from treatment.

Casie Dillon – Peer Recovery Support Specialist. Casie is a contract employee who works 4 days per week. She goes into the field for follow ups and works with individuals on resources available to them. She also assists with transportation to and from treatment.

Kimberly Browning – Medical Assistant. Kim is a contract employee who works 4 days per week. She goes into the field for follow ups and is able to provide first aid care and insight to medical needs. She assists with transportation to and from treatment.

Aaron Cook – Law Enforcement/Security. Aaron is a contract employee who works 1 day per week. He is able to provide security to the team while in the field. He also assists with transportation to and from treatment.

Evan Gibson – Law Enforcement/Security. Evan is a contract employee who works 1 day per week. He is able to provide security to the team while in the field. He also assists with transportation to and from treatment.

Tammy Charcandy Correctional/Security. Tammy is a contract employee who works 1 day per week. She is able to provide security to the team while in the field. She also assists with transportation to and from treatment.

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.

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).

8.

WVDHHR SOR grant \$235,000 – Main grant funding – Sept 1 23 – Aug 31 24 - active

Pallottine Foundation of Huntington - \$19,200 – June 1 23– May 31 24 – active

Boone County Community Foundation – Oct 23 - \$6,300 – active

Logan Health Foundation – Jan 24 – \$31,000 – complete

Milan Puskar Foundation – May 24 – April 25 - \$12,500 – active

Inactive Grants/Funding

Logan Health Foundation- January 2023- \$43,000.00 used for salary for team members.

Boone County Community Foundation- \$7,500.00 used for ID/Rental Grant

Boone Memorial Health- \$25,000.00 used for operational funding

9. 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.
2. If you are requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19, provide that information here. Attach documentation sufficient to verify your request.
3. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

Section Six: Supplementary information

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

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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.

Signature: _____

Name (Print): Bridget Chafin

Title: Program Director _____

Date: 4/16/2024

➤ 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