



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

2023 GRANT AWARDS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ABLE Families	ABLE Families will purchase food and supplies and provide activities for its summer camp for children ages 5 through 14. The camp will be offered weekly for six weeks to children from the Kermit PK8 school in Mingo County, WV.	\$2,411.82
Appalachia Reach Out	Appalachia Reach Out will use funds to support monthly food pantry costs and provide additional healthy options. The organization will also work with Family Resource and Youth Services Centers to stock summer food pantries at five Martin County, KY, elementary schools.	\$15,000.00
ARH Tug Valley Health Services	ARH Tug Valley Health Services will initiate monthly diabetes support groups serving Floyd, Johnson, Pike, and Martin counties in Kentucky. Sessions will provide diabetic supplies, medically tailored food boxes, and healthy cooking education.	\$19,604.20
Arts in Action	Arts in Action will purchase classroom and performance supplies for its dance and visual arts programs, which provides individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to experience and learn about the arts. The organization also will purchase a new laptop and software for its volunteer receptionist.	\$9,675.00
BackpackBuddy.org	BackpackBuddy.org will expand its summer delivery program that provides food and personal care items for students in Kanawha and Boone counties in West Virginia, and Martin County in Kentucky.	\$17,340.00
Big Laurel Learning Center	Big Laurel Learning Center will implement the "Resilient Minds, Active Bodies Program" in partnership with the Kermit PK8 school in Mingo County, WV. Funding will support a cook, guest instructors, staff training, and food for the summer camp.	\$7,500.00
Big Sandy College Educational Foundation	The Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Integrated Program, in collaboration with the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, will partner with two skilled nursing facilities in Floyd and Johnson counties in Kentucky to provide senior residents with on-site preventive dental care, oral cancer screenings, and oral hygiene instruction.	\$11,949.00
Big Sandy Health Care	Big Sandy Health Care will provide patients enrolled in its Chronic Disease Management Program with educational assistance, a monthly food voucher, and container garden instruction and supplies.	\$31,876.00
Boone County Health Department	The Boone County Quick Response Team, in collaboration with the Boone County Health Department, will purchase food, clothing, hygiene, household, and safe sleep items for its clients. Funding will also be used for shelving, storage bins, and racks to store items at the health department.	\$19,200.00

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter	Branches Domestic Violence Shelter will provide essential supplies, such as bedding, mattresses, kitchen, and bathroom necessities, to individuals in Branches' Housing Advocacy Program.	\$4,500.00
Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission	Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission will purchase food for its food pantry and provide for freight costs associated with procuring large food orders.	\$12,000.00
Charleston Thunder Sled Hockey	Charleston Thunder Sled Hockey will purchase new jerseys, protective equipment, additional sleds and home exercise equipment for players for the 2023-2024 season and the off-season.	\$5,000.00
Children's Home Society of West Virginia	The Children's Home Society of West Virginia will purchase food items for Cabell County's Family Support Center at the Nancy Tonkin Children's Resource Center.	\$15,000.00
Children's Therapy Clinic	Children's Therapy Clinic will support a contract therapist to conduct social skills group visits for children on the autism spectrum or who have delayed social skills.	\$7,500.00
Christian Associates/Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry	Christian Associates will contract with an accountant to aid in the setup of QuickBooks accounting software and train staff and board members on how to maintain records, create a website, and purchase food for the food pantry.	\$9,020.00
City of Pikeville Exposition Center Corporation	The City of Pikeville Exposition Center Corporation will support a touring production of a suicide prevention stage show in local schools, community centers, and clinics, and an arts therapy workshop for domestic violence survivors and their families during a summer festival.	\$15,196.00
Coalfield Health Center	Wild Wonderful Healthy Logan County, in collaboration with Coalfield Health Center, will purchase healthy snacks for its youth camp and host a pediatric fitness program.	\$5,300.00
Community Mission Outreach	Community Mission Outreach will continue operating its monthly food box home-delivery program for seniors and other individuals with mobility or transportation barriers. Funds will be used for supplemental food items, program and outreach supplies, and contractual delivery costs.	\$7,998.20
Compass Point Housing	Compass Point Housing will purchase "Welcome Home Kits" for clients who reside in its recovery homes in Lawrence and Scioto counties. The kits will include new bedding, a pillow, towels, a clothing hamper, and basic hygiene products. Funding also will be used to purchase new mattresses for the recovery homes.	\$14,604.06
CONTACT Huntington	CONTACT will send staff members to the virtual International Human Trafficking Conference, the National Children's Advocacy Center International Symposium on Child Abuse, and Accelerated Resolution Therapy training.	\$10,312.50
Cornerstone Family Interventions	Cornerstone Family Interventions will purchase diapers and formula to distribute to families participating in its child advocacy or home visiting services. It also will purchase food for group connection events and in-home family education supplies, therapy resources, and prevention outreach and training materials.	\$9,000.00
Crittenton Foundation	Crittenton Foundation will purchase new laptops for clinical staff at the Wellspring Family Services Huntington office to provide telehealth services.	\$8,800.00
Faith Health Appalachia	Faith Health Appalachia will facilitate individualized assessments and group workshops for staff and board members to build upon the organization's recently completed strategic plan and focus on principles of functional leadership and team building.	\$7,237.00

Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley	Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley will establish a new intake assessment volunteer team. Funding will be used to support tablets for use in intake assessments, volunteer travel, and recruitment and appreciation events for volunteers.	\$7,600.00
Field of Hope Community Campus	Field of Hope will pilot its Youth Resiliency Program, providing at-risk students in Gallia County, OH, with prevention-focused services during after-school hours and on Saturdays during the school year.	\$29,360.00
Floyd County Senior Citizens	Floyd County Senior Citizens will purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) and a choking rescue device for each of its six senior centers. Staff will be trained on equipment maintenance and use in the event of a medical emergency.	\$12,953.70
Golden Girl Group Home	Golden Girl Group Home will purchase supplies for art therapy activities for residents and staff members. Funds will also be used for mileage, meals, and admission costs for monthly field trips to visit local art museums, galleries, and attractions.	\$9,684.00
Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area Inc.	Goodwill's mental health counseling team will engage in personal wellness activities to cope with symptoms of compassion fatigue and burnout, as well as professional development to enhance client services.	\$11,941.85
Grace Fellowship/Grace Community Kitchen	The Grace Fellowship Community Kitchen will purchase two stoves, two refrigerators, and food and supplies for its meal program.	\$14,996.00
Hand in Hand Ministries	Hand in Hand will purchase fresh produce, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to supplement food boxes distributed at the Auxier Center in Floyd County, KY.	\$15,000.00
Harvest for the Hungry	Harvest for the Hungry will purchase Boost nutritional shakes and grocery carts for its food pantry.	\$3,850.00
Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries	Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries will purchase food for weekend food bags for youth at South Charleston Middle School. Food-insecure students will receive a food bag each Friday during the school year.	\$8,750.00
Helping Hands of Greenup County	Helping Hands of Greenup County, KY, will purchase food for distribution through regular monthly and holiday food boxes.	\$5,000.00
Hillcrest Bruce United Methodist Ministries	Hillcrest Bruce United Methodist Ministries will implement the Healthy Living Project to assist people in need of dentures.	\$32,000.00
Hocking Athens Perry Community Action	Hocking Athens Perry Community Action will support the Bringing Healthy Home program in Gallia County, OH, which serves food-insecure women and their families during pregnancy and up to four months postpartum.	\$10,000.00
Hope's Place	Hope's Place will create a three- to five-year strategic plan for its organization. Funds will also be used to purchase gas gift cards for clients who have transportation barriers and need access to services.	\$13,500.00
Huntington City Mission	The Huntington City Mission will purchase two washer/dryer sets for use by shelter clients to launder personal belongings and for staff to launder shelter linens.	\$4,796.00
Huntington Museum of Art	Through its ArtWorks! program, Huntington Museum of Art will partner with Cabell County Juvenile Drug Court to engage at-risk teens in the creation of a work of public art to be installed in the Huntington area.	\$9,760.00
Impact Prevention	Impact Prevention will assist youth-led teams in Lawrence and Scioto County middle and high schools in prevention efforts focused on topics like mental health, suicide prevention, and alcohol and substance misuse.	\$14,501.00
Inspiring Dreams Network	Inspiring Dreams Network will continue the development of an online youth resource portal for at-risk youth, adults, families, and the	\$14,590.00

	community organizations that serve them. Funding will be used for a project coordinator, a web designer, and a VISTA to build the capacity and advance the organization's mission.	
Jeremiah Tree Foundation	Jeremiah Tree Foundation will purchase a laptop, printer, monitors, and QuickBooks for its organization. Funds also will support the volunteer training program and event supplies, speakers, and T-shirts.	\$4,635.00
Judi's Place for Kids	Judi's Place for Kids will improve its methods of sharing, storing, and retrieving client data in order to improve client services and collaboration with partner agencies.	\$9,700.00
Kanawha County Dental Health Council	Kanawha County Dental Health Council will purchase cordless prophylaxis handpieces for the organization's school-based clinics. Hygienists will use the handpieces to treat children with special health care needs who may not be able to sit comfortably in the clinics' treatment chairs.	\$7,393.96
Kanawha Valley Collective	The Kanawha Valley Collective will hire a bookkeeper to handle day-to-day financial operations for one year. Funds also will be used to purchase appliances, cleaning and kitchen supplies, and self-storable food for the Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center's Emergency Shelter.	\$28,263.37
Kanawha Valley Home	Kanawha Valley Home will purchase two washers and two dryers for its recovery home.	\$5,037.95
Keep Your Faith Corporation	Keep Your Faith Corporation will develop a comprehensive marketing strategy, including the development of a new website, to grow its brand awareness and fundraising efforts.	\$19,875.00
Lawrence County Health Department	Lawrence County Health Department will conduct assessment, planning, and evaluation to explore strategies for implementing a comprehensive program to address and prevent obesity among adults in Lawrence County, OH.	\$31,908.00
Lawrence County Health Department	Lawrence County Health Department in Louisa, KY, will purchase portable dental equipment and consumable dental supplies for its Smile Savers program, which provides oral health services to students within the county. Funding will also be used to purchase gas cards for residents traveling to cancer treatment appointments outside Lawrence County.	\$10,407.00
Lewis County Family Resource Network	The Lewis County Family Resource Network will collaborate with Try This West Virginia to retain an AmeriCorps member to staff the Southern West Virginia Regional Network, which covers Cabell, Mason, Mingo, and Wayne counties.	\$6,000.00
Lincoln County Community Outreach Program	The Lincoln County Community Outreach Program's peer recovery support specialist outreach team will support individuals in Lincoln County experiencing homelessness with blessing bags and host the Reach for Recovery event. Funding will also support board and organizational capacity building, and various community trainings.	\$14,400.00
Manna Meal	Manna Meal will purchase food for its evening food truck program at Roark-Sullivan men's shelter.	\$10,000.00
Marshall University Research Corporation	The Marshall University Research Corporation will collaborate with the Marshall University Department of Dietetics to operate a nutrition education series for individuals in recovery from substance abuse disorder.	\$39,871.95
Marshall University Research Corporation	The Marshall University Research Corporation will collaborate with the Marshall University Department of Social work to implement the TIME4K program in elementary schools and community-based agencies serving children impacted by substance use disorder in Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia.	\$15,000.00

Marshall University Research Corporation	The Marshall University Research Corporation will collaborate with the Marshall University Community Oral Health Team (COHT) to provide oral health care and education programs for senior citizens at senior centers in Boone, Lincoln, Mason, and Wayne counties in West Virginia. The project will culminate in the development of a white paper that will be used to educate policymakers, funders, and other key stakeholders about the need for improved oral health care programs and insurance benefits for senior citizens.	\$28,412.00
Marshall University Research Corporation	The Marshall University Research Corporation will collaborate with the Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery and its Prevention Empowerment Partnership to support two substance use prevention leadership programs for high school and college-age youth in Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia.	\$37,844.00
Mason County Family Resource Network	The Family Resource Network of Mason County will purchase nonperishable food and hygiene items for its blessing boxes in Mason County, WV. It also will partner with Mason County Schools to distribute hygiene kits to students in need and provide baby supplies such as diapers, wipes, formula, food, and clothing to a local church baby pantry.	\$15,000.00
McDowell County Commission on Aging	McDowell County Commission on Aging (MCCA), in collaboration with WV Division of Tobacco Prevention, will expand its Spit It Out WV project to Mingo County, WV, which provides educational workshops about smokeless tobacco and its impact on the body with the goal of helping smokeless tobacco users quit. MCCA will also launch Through With Chew, a national campaign to educate people about the dangers of smokeless tobacco.	\$33,846.00
Midian Leadership Project	Midian Leadership Project will provide nutritious meals and snacks to children at its extended-hours after-school program at Midian Safe Haven in Charleston, WV. A health and fitness VISTA will work to expand the feeding program, oversee the organization's kitchen and fitness facilities, and implement nutrition and physical fitness education for youth. Midian will also engage in facilitated board development, strategic planning, and fundraising strategy development.	\$22,500.00
Mountain Laurel Integrated Healthcare	Mountain Laurel Integrated Healthcare will purchase sensory and therapeutic supplies to enhance children and adolescent behavioral health services at its two outpatient clinics.	\$8,074.00
Partners in Health Network	Partners in Health Network will continue the CATCH My Breath (CMB) evidence-based vaping prevention program across Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne counties in West Virginia to reach at least 2,400 middle- and high-school students at 16 schools.	\$50,000.00
Pike County Health Department	Pike County Health Department (PCHD) will establish its Appalachian Youth (APPY) Smiles Dental Clinic, a new pediatric public health dental clinic that will be operated in collaboration with PCHD's Bright Smiles Program, University of Pikeville's School of Dentistry, and Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Dental Assisting Program. The APPY Smiles Dental Clinic will meet the needs of uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-insured children in Pike County.	\$37,646.00
Pikeville Area Family YMCA	Pikeville Area Family YMCA will purchase food to expand its outreach summer and school-year meal programs to additional at-risk youth in Pike County, KY.	\$15,000.00
R L B Ministries/ Backpack Buddies	RLB Ministries will purchase food for its weekend backpack program, which serves students in Lawrence County, OH.	\$20,000.00

Ramey Estep Homes	Ramey Estep Homes therapists will staff Camp Courage, a summer mental wellness camp for Boyd County, KY, elementary, middle, and high school students.	\$17,380.00
Rea of Hope	Rea of Hope will support dental care costs for its residents who have successfully completed the first 90 days of the program.	\$5,000.00
Recovery Group of Southern West Virginia	Recovery Group of Southern West Virginia will purchase a laptop for its new community engagement specialist, install a new security camera system at the drop-in center and replace nonfunctioning cameras at its residential facilities, and purchase household items for residential program graduates transitioning to more permanent housing.	\$12,828.00
Recovery Point West Virginia	The Cabell County Recovery Coalition, in collaboration with Recovery Point West Virginia, will develop a three-year strategic plan. Funds also will be used for hospitality costs for coalition meetings.	\$5,000.00
Regional Family Resource Network	The Regional Family Resource Network will partner with the West Virginia State University's Healthy Grandfamilies Program and The Booker T. Washington Community Center to provide quarterly picnic meals and activities for grandfamilies in London, WV.	\$8,000.00
Religious Coalition for Community Renewal	The Religious Coalition for Community Renewal will implement three projects at its Smith Street Station Apartments in Charleston, WV. The organization will purchase laptops and a charging cart to create a mobile computer lab for residents; upgrade its security system to address blind spots and broken cameras; and establish a community garden for residents.	\$9,280.16
Ronald McDonald House of Huntington, WV	Ronald McDonald House (RMHC) of Huntington's executive director, family services manager, director of development, and grants and media coordinator will attend the global Ronald McDonald House Charities conference.	\$9,155.56
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church	St. Peter's Episcopal Church will contract an outreach organizer to oversee and organize volunteers, as well as the Naloxone distribution, care bag, and weekly meal programs. Funds also will be used to purchase an iPad for data collection purposes.	\$15,500.00
Salvation Army of Huntington, WV	The Salvation Army of Huntington will purchase food to distribute at its food pantry in Hamlin, WV.	\$15,000.00
Salvation Army of Kentucky and Tennessee	The Salvation Army of Kentucky and Tennessee will supplement its weekend hot meal program for its Ashland, KY, shelter residents by purchasing additional food items including fresh produce, meats, and dairy products.	\$10,000.00
Scioto Christian Ministry	Scioto Christian Ministry in Portsmouth, OH, will purchase food and kitchen supplies such as roasters, pots and pans, crockpots, and paper products that will be shared between its two shelters.	\$15,000.00
Shelter of Hope	Shelter of Hope will expand and improve its street outreach services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Boyd, Carter, Greenup, and Lawrence counties in Kentucky by providing food, personal hygiene, and baby items.	\$20,200.00
Solutions Oriented Addiction Response (SOAR)	SOAR WV will sub-award funding to local recovery, public health, faith communities, nonprofits, and quick response teams in Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Lawrence County, Ohio; and Pike County, Kentucky to provide supplies for various harm-reduction community events, including Save the Life Day, throughout the year.	\$15,000.00
Soul Food	Soul Food will purchase food for its weekend meal backpack program serving students in Floyd County, KY.	\$5,000.00

Square One GJM	Square One GJM will purchase food for 282 food bags that will be distributed to people in need in Gallia County, OH.	\$7,500.00
St. Vincent Mission	St. Vincent Mission (SVM) will purchase healthy food and hygiene products, and provide transportation for its food pantry. Additionally, SVM will collaborate with the Floyd County Long Term Recovery Group to host community mental health events and support groups throughout the county.	\$21,400.00
STAR Club	STAR Club in St. Albans, WV, will provide a monthly family food box, healthy after-school snacks, and workshops for children and their families who participate in the club's after-school program.	\$11,220.00
Steven A Hunter Hope Fund	The Steven A. Hunter Hope Fund will purchase Power Packs and distribute them to students across Scioto County elementary schools during the 2023-2024 school year.	\$25,000.00
The Galaxy Project	The Galaxy Project will contract with Planet Youth to implement the Islandic Prevention Model, a renowned substance use prevention program, in Olive Hill, Carter County, KY.	\$28,000.00
The Healing House	The Healing House in Charleston, WV, will establish an on-site hygiene and personal necessities pantry; purchase household items for women transitioning to independent living from substance use disorder treatment, incarceration, or mental health inpatient facilities; and contract with Recovery Point's Routes to Recovery program to provide client rides to and from appointments and group meetings.	\$15,661.50
The Highlawn Community Alliance	The Highlawn Community Alliance (THCA) will address barriers to healthy lifestyles for Highlawn area residents in Huntington, WV, by promoting pedestrian-friendly infrastructure and providing community fitness activities and safety education.	\$25,000.00
The REACH Initiative	The REACH Initiative will provide a series of trauma trainings for criminal justice professionals in nine West Virginia counties. The organization will also provide reentry kits that include food, hygiene items, and community resource materials to justice-impacted individuals transitioning from incarceration into local communities.	\$21,307.00
Think Kids	Think Kids will conduct an assessment of the tobacco prevention and cessation programming and resources available in Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Mason counties in West Virginia.	\$26,750.00
Tri-State Family Connections	Tri-State Family Connections will contract with a program coordinator and a consultant to engage in facilitated board development and strategic planning.	\$10,017.00
Tyler Mountain Cross Lanes Community Services	Tyler Mountain Cross Lanes Community Services will purchase food and bags for the organization's pantry and two new computer monitors for its office.	\$6,000.00
Union Mission Ministries	Union Mission Ministries in Charleston, WV, will pilot its Sustainable Agriculture Healthy Eating Initiative for its Addiction Recovery Program residents.	\$10,075.00
University of Kentucky Research Foundation	The University of Kentucky Research Foundation will collaborate with the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion to implement a comprehensive, community-based vaping prevention program in Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Pike counties in Kentucky.	\$29,954.00
University Physicians & Surgeons	University Physicians & Surgeons will collaborate with the Division of Addiction Science to analyze the genetic correlation of NR3C1 gene methylation with adverse childhood experiences, neonatal withdrawal symptoms, developmental delays, and family stability.	\$22,000.00

Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation	Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation will expand its KRUSH mental health curriculum into additional schools in Cabell County, WV; Scioto County, OH; and Carter, Johnson, and Lawrence counties in Kentucky.	\$6,250.00
Wayland Historical Society	The Wayland Historical Society in Floyd County, KY, will conduct 12 community meetings and three community projects that promote health and wellness within the community.	\$6,700.00
Wayne County Community Services Organization	Wayne County Community Services Organization will contract with Collective Impact to assist in the development of a three-year strategic plan.	\$4,100.00
Wayne United Methodist Church	Wayne United Methodist Church will purchase and install shelving, a refrigerator, and a freezer in its new food pantry building.	\$6,981.44
West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy	The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy (WVCBP) will conduct an assessment of the impact of changes to federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for “Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents” in Cabell and Mingo counties.	\$40,000.00
Whitney/Strong	Whitney/Strong will expand its Save A Life program to Gallia, Lawrence, and Scioto counties in Ohio, and Boyd County in Kentucky. The program will offer free community training in suicide prevention and the STOP THE BLEED® program to reduce deaths.	\$29,130.00
Widow's Mite Food Pantry	Widow's Mite Food Pantry in Williamson, WV, will purchase additional healthy food items, including meats and produce from local growers, to supplement monthly food boxes.	\$3,500.00
Wings of Hope	Wings of Hope in Portsmouth, OH, will implement the Kid's Kuisine nutrition program and Pump Iron for Life weightlifting and strengthening classes for youth ages 12 to 18 at the 14th Street Community Center.	\$8,850.00
WVU Foundation	The West Virginia University Foundation will collaborate with the School of Nursing to expand Faith Community Nursing programs throughout Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne counties in West Virginia.	\$24,600.00
WVU Foundation	The West Virginia University Foundation will collaborate with the School of Pharmacy to engage pharmacists in assisting patients to better manage hypertension through individualized health education and monitoring in Cabell, Kanawha, and Logan counties.	\$14,640.00
WVU Foundation	The West Virginia University Foundation will collaborate with the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program to administer programming that will address health and wellness needs of children with visual impairments in nine West Virginia counties.	\$25,000.00
YWCA of Charleston, West Virginia	YWCA of Charleston, West Virginia, will purchase food for daily meals and snacks served to individuals and families residing at its Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families.	\$10,000.00