



ARPA-4

ARP Application - Jefferson County

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Project Summary

1. Brief description of the proposal

Funding from the grant would be used to continue, expand and further develop the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program at West Virginia University Medicine (WVUM) Jefferson Medical Center. The request for the proposal is motivated by the increase of victims presenting to the Emergency Department. The SANE program is relatively new and in need of further expansion and development.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

SANE nurses are needed to provide forensic examinations on victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. They are highly trained to complete the medical examination, collect the forensic evidence ad testify in court. The purpose is continue and expand the program, which thereby serves and benefits victims of brutal assault in the community.

Care of this population is unique; it requires both provision of victims-centered ad comprehensive healthcare and the preservation of the evidentiary needs of the criminal justice system. Victims need healing for the mind, body, and spirit as well as meticulous evidence collection.

In order to provide proper exams, proper equipment is needed. The funding will allow WVUM to purpose needed to provide a safe, secure and trauma sensitive exam for adults and children involved in sexual assault and abuse cases. Supplies account for a portion of the budget, along with training, and education of existing and future SANEs.

3. Individuals or communties served

All victims of rape and violent assault that present to the emergency department in Jefferson Medical Center.

4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request

The current Covid pandemic has resulted in an increase in domestic abuse and rape cases presenting to the emergency department. The reasonings are multifactorial. Multiple studies and articles have found that due to social isolation, confinement, and remote working, anxiety, frustration, stress and anger, has resulted in an increase in substance abuse. Young individuals who once were protected by the schools or vulnerable women now are more at risk for abuse by a toxic individual who is now home bound.

5. Amount of funding requested

31,250

6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable

0

7a. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

0

7b. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

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8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used

In order to provide proper exams, the right equipment is needed. A special photographic examination system is needed to assist in the collection of evidence in an effective and efficient manner. Currently the SANE uses a handheld camera making it hard to conduct an exam and take good quality pictures that captures evidence in a safe, nontraumatic way. A photographic examination also allows for the uploading and electronic transmission of good quality photographs in a safe, secure way. The better the evidence, the better case prosecutors can have to bring the perpetrator to justice.

To assist in the examination of young victims, a pediatric stretcher crib is needed for nonacute exams.

High quality forensic examinations are dependent on the level of education and training received. Research has consistently shown that the degree of training is in proportion to the expertise of the practitioner. With this knowledge, emphasis is placed on utilizing a portion of the funding for enhancing the skills of the

existing SANES and developing a evidence-based training program for future SANEs. Continuing education and will also be incorporated to provide the SANEs with latest research and forensic standards of care.

9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

It is projected to be a three-year plan.

Proposal Details

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

A lack of current funding hinders the SANE program for delivering forensic care to its fullest potential.

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

The goals and expected outcomes include providing exceptional care to rape and domestic violence victims along with establishing a relationship with the community where victims feel confident and safe coming to our facility for treatment. In West Virginia, one in six adult women and one in 21 men will be victims of an attempted or completed forcible rape. Sexual assault is underreported by 75%. The reasons for victims not reporting a rape are numerous. One of the top reasons is lack of trust with healthcare and law enforcement. Fortunately, Jefferson County is small. Reputations are easily built and maintained. The projected outcome for sophisticating the existing SANE program is to provide trusted services to the most vulnerable members of the community. SANEs do so much more than just a forensic examination. They activate rape advocate services, provide information for therapy and after rape care and provide law enforcement with high-quality evidence. It is the goal and hope that this program will decrease underreported assaults and that victims will be more likely to receive care from a sexual assault, than not. In addition, after rape care and services will decrease post traumatic stress and assist with the holistic recovery of the victim.

3. Please provide your project timeline

Three Years.

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.

31250

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

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

The hope is that once the program has reached its projected level of success, the hospital will help assist with future needs.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

WVU Medicine East will improve the health status of residents in the eastern region by providing excellence in patient care services, expanding access to care and advancing the education of healthcare professions.

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

Jefferson Medical Center is a not for profit healthcare facility that has served the Eastern Panhandle since 1960. This facility is very involved with the community and changes to reflect the communities needs. Some of the changes include new technologies, renovated facilities and a unified healthcare delivery system.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

In 2016 Jefferson Medical Center made the list for the Most Wired Hospitals - this honor reflects the significant investments made in technology to improve performance, quality and safety.

The WV Breastfeeding Alliance has recognized the Birthing Center at Jefferson for their leadership in promoting, encouraging and supporting breast feeding.

Joint Commission Accreditation -

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

Administrator Neal McLaughlin, Vice President of Operations

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

Carrie Smith, coordinator of the SANE program

Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year

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Two years of audited financial statements

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Current operating budget

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If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant

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

none

8. If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

noneWVU

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request.

Covid has resulted in an increase of domestic violence and rapes in the community.

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

Funding will enable victims to receive the highest level of forensic care with highly trained SANEs.

3. Are you requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19

No

Supplementary Information

1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for 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.

 Smith Email 11-2-2021.pdf
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Attachments

No attachments

History

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