



## ARPA-22

ARP Application - Jefferson County

**Status:** Active

**Date Created:** Nov 3, 2021

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### Applicant

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### Internal Section

### Certification

**Digital Signature**

Michelle Gordon  
11/03/2021

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### Contact Information

**Organization Name**

Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center

**Address**

653 Winchester Ave, Martinsburg, WV 25401

**Website (if applicable)**

www.childhswv.org

**Phone Number**

304-596-2022

**Email Address**

safehaven@childhswv.org

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### Project Summary

**1. Brief description of the proposal**

VOCA funding loss for victim advocate. Funding for this position.

**2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes**

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**3. Individuals or communities served**

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

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**5. Amount of funding requested**

10,000

**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**

0

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

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

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**Proposal Details**

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

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

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**3. Please provide your project timeline**

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

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**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.**

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**Organization Information**

**1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.**

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

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**3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.**

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

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

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**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).**

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**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.**

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**Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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

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

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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.

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Attachments

 Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center 07-01-2021.pdf  
Uploaded by Michelle Gordon on Nov 3, 2021 at 11:55 am

History

Date	Activity
Nov 3, 2021 at 11:37 am	Michelle Gordon started a draft of Record ARPA-22
Nov 3, 2021 at 11:51 am	Michelle Gordon submitted Record ARPA-22
Nov 3, 2021 at 11:51 am	approval step Application Review was assigned to Michelle Gordon on Record ARPA-22
Nov 3, 2021 at 11:51 am	changed the deadline to Nov 04, 2021 on approval step Application Review on Record ARPA-22
Nov 3, 2021 at 11:55 am	Michelle Gordon added attachment Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center 07-01-2021.pdf to Record ARPA-22



## SAFE HAVEN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

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July 1, 2021

Jefferson County Commission  
124 E. Washington Street  
Charles Town, WV 25414

Dear President Stolipher,

I am writing on behalf of the Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center to urge the Jefferson County Commission to support the Center with recently awarded American Rescue Plan funds. As you know, Safe Haven provides essential services to all the children in the Eastern Panhandle. We work closely with investigative agencies to reduce trauma for the children who are victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, witness to violence and drug abuse, and neglect. We also provide valuable sexual abuse prevention education to members of our community. Our program is funded through local and state grants, as well as private contributions and support from the community. Our annual fundraising efforts have diminished due to pandemic limitations. After reading the outline of the American Rescue Plan, I believe Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center is a strong candidate to receive support through these funds.

Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center has remained open during the pandemic; we have continued providing forensic interviews, advocacy, and therapy services in our community and have experienced a drastic increase in those we are serving. July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center provided 320 children with forensic interviews, a 25% increase compared to last year. Since March of 2020, we have provided services to 525 clients and their caregivers.

In addition to all the challenges of the pandemic, we recently were informed that our major source of funding, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) will be reduced over the next several years. This gap in funding will impact the ability of Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center to provide the quality supports that we have provided in the Eastern Panhandle in years past.

We are committed to continuing our efforts to find ways to raise the additional funds to meet these gaps: limited fundraising opportunities during the pandemic, our need to expand services due to an increase in children we are serving, and the VOCA reductions. I am asking you to consider allocating \$10,000 (less than .10%) of your American Rescue Plan funds to Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center to ensure there is no disruption of services to the children over the next few years. In addition, I am asking the same from our surrounding Counties. Any amount that you can allocate to Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center would be an investment in the futures of the most vulnerable children and families in our community. I would be honored to speak with the Commission at an upcoming meeting to address this request. Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,