

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Application

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**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)****Funding Application****Non-Profit, Community Groups, Neighborhood Associations, and Businesses****APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15th 2021**

Application must be completed in full to be considered. Applications may be submitted online using this fillable form. But forms and attachments may also be submitted by email to ARPA@cityofcharleston.org or by U.S. Mail to City Manager's Office, 501 Virginia Street East Charleston, WV 25301.

All requests for funding **must be directly related to COVID-19 mitigation or recovery efforts** and must fall within the parameters of at least one of the goals set by the treasury department along with other requirements listed within this application.

GENERAL INFORMATION*** Name of Project/Program:**

West Side Revive Movement/HOPE Community and Populations Health, Poverty Solutions and Economic Development Center - West Side Revive HOPE Center

*** Organization Name:**

HOPE Community Development Corporation

*** Address:**

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*** Primary Contact Person:**

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President & CEO

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If applicable: DUNS Number:

319348318

To obtain a DUNS number please visit <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> After obtaining, please register your organization with the System for Award Management at <https://sam.gov/SAM/>

List the organization's owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, and other key members:

Board of Directors Senior Staff Members 2021-2022 Edward B. Gordon Mr. Ricardo Martin - President Term Dates: 2017 - Present Mr. Kenneth Hale -- Board Vice President Term Dates: 2015 - Present Mr. David Fryson, Esq. Term Dates: 2003 - Present Mr. Orlando Craighead -- Secretary Term Dates: 2018 - Present Mr. James Rollins -- Treasure Term Dates: 2018 - Present

Describe any partner organizations, their roles, and your relationship with them:

Two years ago HOPE CDC recruited the Center for Rural Health Development to include the West Side of Charleston in the CRD Wild Wonderful Healthy WV Initiative; HOPE CDC is serving as the lead West Side organization through an MOU with the CRD and the Wild Wonderful Healthy Charleston West Side Initiative (WWHCWS). The WWHCWS Initiative is housed in the HOPE Center. The Center for Rural Health Development (CRHD) commits to do the following to support the West Side Revive Movement Initiative (WSRMI) and the HOPE Community and Populations Health and Poverty Solutions and Economic Development Project: 1. Continue to provide consultation and technical assistance in the development of the West Side comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan CHIP and the HOPE Center. 2. Continue to identify potential resources to support the plan. 3. Other agreed mutually agreed upon projects. 4. Serve as HOPE CDC's fiscal agent as required. 5. Serve on the WSRMI Advisory Board The Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance (CBMA) is a collaborative of over 40 African American ministers and over 40 local Church Congregations. The CBMA was established over 51 years by local African American ministers to promote racial economic justice and equity. Rev. Matthew J. Watts is a member of the CBMA and serves as the chair-person of the Community Affairs Committee. (CBMA) commits to do the following: 1. Promote the center through the Alliance Churches, 2. Serve on the Center Advisory Team; participate in convening and hosting community meetings at the center. 3. Consider having an office at the center as long as it is affordable. Cabin Creek Health Systems (CCHS) is the original Federally Qualified Community Health Center established by some local Coal Miners. Cabin Creek Health Systems is one of the most respected Community Health Centers in WV. They are making plans to establish CCHC on the West of Charleston in 2022. Dr. Craig Robinson, CCHS Executive Director, has reached out to HOPE CDC and Rev. Watts and has contracted with HOPE CDC to assist CCHS in connecting their propose planned Center to the West Side of Charleston. Commits to do the CCHS commits to the following: 1. Partner with HOPE CDC to apply for grants to help fund the HOPE Center. 2. Provide HOPE CDC with technical assistance and consultation in developing the Center. 3. To refer clinic patients to the HOPE Center that will benefit from services. 4. Designate a CCHS employee to serve as a member of the West Side Revive Movement Advisory Council. Community Works of West Virginia is one office Certified Development Financial Institution in WV. Community Works primary focus is the development of safe, affordable single and multi-family housing for low to moderate individuals and families. Community Works also provides homeowner financing and housing rehab financing. HOPE CDC has been a member of Community Works network of members for the past seven years. In 2017 Community Works partnered with HOPE CDC to submit a grant proposal to J.P. Morgan in response to their Pro Neighborhood Request for Proposals. Community Works and HOPE CDC used the West Side Revive Movement Model and the HOPE Center Concept as the basis for the proposal. Although the Community Works/HOPE Proposal was not funded, it made the final round of 10 out of over 500 applicants. Community Works commits to do the following: 1. To provide homeownership and financial literacy, counseling and education to West Side residents at the HOPE Center and CWWV Crede Housing Center. 2. To have a satellite office presence at the HOPE Center on the West Side. 3. To assist West Side residents in finding homeownership financing. 4. To purchase lots from HOPE CDC to construct new houses. 5. To serve on the WSRMI Advisory Board. The Charleston Branch NAACP (NAACP) is the oldest civil rights organization in West Virginia. Rev. Matthew J. Watts has been a member of the Charleston Branch NAACP since 1996 and currently serves as the 2nd Vice President and as the co-chair of the Political Action Committee. The Charleston Branch NAACP commits to do the following: 1. To promote the West Side Revive Movement Initiative – HOPE Center through the network of the NAACP membership. 2. To designate a member of the NAACP executive committee to serve on the WSRMI – HOPE Center Advisory Board. 3. To have the NAACP president or his designee to serve on the Wild Wonderful Charleston's West Side Community Health Improvement Committee. 4. To have the NAACP President or his designee to serve as a member of the McGee Foundation West Side Collaborative Team Advisory Committee. 5. To participate and support community meetings as appropriate. 6. To maintain a satellite presence at the Center The Tuesday Morning Group (TMG) is a community based advocacy group establish in 2007 by Reverend James Ealy and Reverend Matthew J. Watts. The TMG was

originally established to establish to convene African American ministers to advocate for establishment of Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary School and to advocate the fair development and efficient effective execution of the West Community Renewal Plan. The TMG later expanded it's membership to include non clergy community leaders and expanded its advocacy role to include city, county and state level advocacy. The TMG has served as a sounding board for HOPE CDC in its development of the West Side Revive Movement Initiative and the HOPE Community and Populations' Health and Poverty Solutions and Economic Development Center. As a founding member and convener of the TMG, Rev. Watts has insured that HOPE CDC maintained a closely alignment with the TMG. The TMG commits to do the following: 1. To serve as sounding board and to continue to provide HOPE CDC consultation and technical assistance in the development and execution of the West Side Revive Movement and the HOPE Community and Populations and Poverty Solutions and Economic Development. 2. To serve on the West Revive Movement Advisory Committee To assist HOPE CDC in promoting the West Side Revive and the HOPE Center 3. To maintain a satellite office at the Center. 4. To assist with other mutually beneficial and agreed-to projects. Thomas Health Systems is the second largest hospital system in the Kanawha Valley with a largest presence in Charleston (Saint Francis Hospital along with a second presence in South Charleston (Thomas Memorial Hospitals). HOPE CDC establish formal relationship with Mr. Dan Laffeur several years ago. Thomas Health Systems commits to do the following: 1. To provide HOPE CDC with technical assistance and consultation in its development and implementation of the HOPE Fitness and Wellness Center 2. To provide workshops in chronic disease management and other topics of interest. 3. To assist HOPE CDC in developing a program to address both child and adult obesity 4. To assist with other mutually agreed-to projects

BUDGETARY OVERVIEW - Must match Budget Worksheet

* Funds Requested	* Total Program/Project Cost	Annual Organization Budget
\$1,462,600	\$1,562,600	\$300,000

Request Summary

1. Provide a narrative overview/summary of the request.
- Topics that may be included but not limited to:

a. Purpose and anticipated outcomes

b. Individuals, entities, or communities served

c. How the pandemic has necessitated this request

d. Amount of any estimates and bids received to date

e. Timeline for project completion

Project Narrative Summary HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC) with support from an array of partners are seeking funding from the City of Charleston ARAP funds to establish the West Side Revive HOPE Community and Populations' Health Poverty Solutions Center and at the building owned by HOPE CDC at 1039 and 1100.Central Avenue on the West Side of Charleston. The HOPE CPHPSC will house and serve as the anchor project for the West Side Revive Revitalization and Transformation Movement Initiative (West Side Revive). The West Side Revive Movement is a comprehensive placed-based, people-focused model that has a legislative and programmatic frame work to promote community and population's health by addressing poverty, substance abuse, education, housing, social services coordination, workforce development and economic development, and other social determinants of health in the context of comprehensive community development. The West Side Revive Movement is designed to be a Cross-Sector Collaborative Partnership between over 40 organizations from the following sectors: community-based organizations, health, mental health, public health, education, government, business, philanthropic and other groups. The Center for Rural Health Development has agreed to include the West Side community in the Center's state-wide Wild Wonderful Healthy West Virginia initiative. The CRHD facilitates guiding and providing consultation and technical assistance to the Wild, Wonderful, Healthy, Charleston West Side Cross-Sector Collaborative Partnership to help the Partnership develop a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to improve community and populations health for the West Side residents. The Wild Wonderful and Healthy West Side initiative is housed and anchored at the HOPE CPHPSC Center and HOPE CDC is serving as the lead community-based organization. Other strategic HOPE CDC projects that will be housed at the Center will include: 1) HOPE Affiliate Workforce Center in partnership with Workforce WV, Kanawha County Workforce Investment Board, WV Adult Basic Education and WV Vocational Rehabilitation Services; 2) HOPE Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse Collaborative Team in partnership with the WV DHHR; 3) HOPE Neighborhood Housing and Economic Stabilization Project Initiative (NHESPI) in partnership with Community Works of WV; 4) HOPE Fitness and Wellness Center with support from Thomas Health Systems and Cabin Creek Health Systems; 5) HOPE Youth and Adults Literacy Center in partnership with Kanawha County Schools and Kanawha County Public Library; 6)HOPE-TALKS Mentoring and Youth Development Movement; 7) HOPE Restaurant and Commercial Kitchen in partnership with the Kanawha Institute for Social Research and Action (KISRA) and; 8) the KISRA Paradise Farm in partnership with the Kanawha Institute of Social Research and Action (KISRA). The HOPE Affiliate Workforce is the key HOPE Strategic Project designed to address the economic and workforce development challenges confronting the West Side and its residents. This will be accomplished by full implementation of the 2014 federal and 2016 state Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) legislation for youth and adult who reside on the West Side of Charleston. The Affiliate

Center will operate in partnership with Workforce WV, WIB-KC, WV Voc-Rehab, WVABE and other partners. The WIOA legislation is designed to coordinate federal, state and locally funded job training and employment programs into a strategically aligned comprehensive workforce development system to provide job training and employment services to potential workers and to meet the labor demands of local employers based the local demand occupations. The WIOA-funded workforce development system is designed to govern a state's entire work regarding job training, workforce development identification of demands occupations, and identification of services to: employers, dislocated workers, African Americans and other minorities, ex-offenders, single mothers, court-involved youth, welfare recipients, senior citizens and others with barriers to employment. The cornerstone of the WIOA funded workforce development system is the local One-Stop Centers where all workforce development activities are to be coordinated. The HOPE Affiliate Workforce Center will provide West Side residents with easy access to the entire Workforce WV system and to the array of job training, employment and support services offered at the One-Stop. This could be a game changer for West Side residents and businesses. The Affiliate will provide West Side residents with easy access to the job training, employment and support services offered by the One-Stop. Local businesses will be able to post job openings to receive applicants to fill job openings that will help them expand their businesses that will promote economic development on the West Side of Charleston. The HOPE Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse is a second key HOPE Strategic Project housed at the HOPE CPHPC Center that complements the Affiliate Workforce Center. The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to coordinate social support services to address barriers that would keep clients from participating in and successfully completing job training and entering and maintaining employment. This will include services like staple housing, transportation, childcare, utility assistance, food security, domestic violence counseling, mentoring for children etc. HOPE CDC will work with the WVDHHR and local community and faith-based organizations to provide these services through a comprehensive strategically aligned system. Providing and coordinate these services are essential to clients' success because, as stated above, the federal WIOA targets and gives priority to those populations that experience barriers to employment. HOPE CDC's role in this project will be: 1) to serves as site manager; 2) provide office space to tenants; 3) to manage the computer technology center; 4) to promote the Affiliate Center residents; 5) to assist clients in acquiring documentation to register and enroll at the Center; 6) coordinate support services to clients; 7) to provide case management; 8) to provide soft skills training including job coaching; and 9) to provide job referrals. HOPE CDC has an in-depth knowledge of WIOA along with a proven track record of working closely with the WV State Workforce WV Office and the local workforce development board. Rev. Matthew J. Watts has served on the state workforce development board since its inception in 2000. HOPE CDC has received and successfully managed, implemented and executed federal, state and private workforce development grants. This has included a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to serve as manager and intermediary for five sub-grantees along with a state and local WIA grants to serves as the youth One-Stop and youth services provider for the Kanawha County Workforce Development Board. HOPE CDC also has thorough understanding of the WV DHHR social services system as evidenced by HOPE CDC being selected WV DHHR Cabinet Secretaries to serve as the operator of a Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse. Clients, local residents and community residents will also be able to utilize and benefit from the HOPE Computer and Technology Center (HOPE CATC). The HOPE CATC is essential to the Affiliate Center because the entire workforce development systems are on-line and most employers require job applicants to inquire and apply for employment on-line. HOPE CDC will also free computers classes and computer access to the community residents as a strategy to close the digital divide. Local residents will also have access to housing referrals through the HOPE NHESPI; Health and fitness support through the HOPE Fitness and Wellness Center; healthy foods access through the KISRA Paradise Farm and the HOPE Commercial Kitchen; and mentoring for their dependent children through the HOPE-TALKS Mentoring Movement Initiative. The West Side of Charleston was a distressed neighborhood prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic as documented in the needs section of this proposal as evidenced by high poverty rates, high crime, slum and blighted housing, low labor participation, low education attainment and poor community and population health outcomes and lower life expectancy than other parts of Charleston, Kanawha County and West Virginia. The Covid-19 Pandemic has further exacerbated these conditions. This is particularly true in the area of educational achievement of school age children. Prior to the Pandemic the West Side's school age children's achievements were among the lowest in the state despite having the highest rates of per-pupil expenditure in the state. The unprecedented disruption of public schools caused by the Pandemic has resulted in West Side students falling further behind academically and emotionally. Research suggests the key to improving student academic achievement is by stabilizing, strengthening families and building community supports. Prior to the Pandemic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation, West Virginia ranked near the bottom nationally with the poorest community and health outcomes. A recent report suggests that West Virginia ranks 50th among the 50 states with the poorest community and populations' health outcomes. And the West Side flats ranks near the bottom in West Virginia. HOPE CDC has obtained some bids and has compiled some budgets quotes totally 1 million dollars to perform renovations and to complete necessary demolition. HOPE estimates a project completion date of December 31, 2022 if funds are awarded by March 1, 2022.

Attach any additional information such as bids, concepts, designs, letters of support, etc. If submitting electronically the documents must be in PDF, Excel, or Word format and total file size must not exceed 10 megabytes.

Program/Project Details

- * 1. The funding will be used to:
- ☐ Start a new program/project
 - ☐ Maintain an existing program/project
 - ☒ Expand an existing program/project

* 2. If funded, will the program/project be completed within FY 2022?

If no, when is expected completion year?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Which eligible ARPA Expenditure Category does this program/project represent (See

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf> for further details)? Please check all that apply:

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- ☒ Public Health
- ☒ Negative Economic Impacts
- ☒ Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- ☐ Premium Pay
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Other

4. Briefly describe the program/project funds are being requested for:

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5. Describe the need for this program/project:

The West Side of Charleston story is one of slavery, segregation, social disintegration, systematic disinvestment and simple neglect. This has resulted in the stunted growth of the West Side community economically, intellectually, educationally, socially, psychologically, and spiritually. This has resulted in a public health crisis on the West Side. The stunted growth and public health crisis of the community is most acutely manifested in the lack of motivation and low academic performance of children who attend public schools. These children live in a community characterized by high rates of concentrated poverty, single female headed households, substance abuse, domestic violence, crime, drug trafficking and child abuse and neglect. The high number of over-challenged and overwhelmed families has resulted in the weakened capacity of the community to create a healthy wholesome environment for children that would support and encourage high academic achievement. To put it bluntly, the West Side of Charleston community no longer has the family resiliency and strength or the community capacity to produce a high number of high achieving students. Many children conceived on the West Side began to fall behind at conception. Many are born to women who abuse drugs during their pregnancy while other children experience adverse childhood experiences. Others have been victims of child abuse and neglect. Far too many of the children have been traumatized. Many of these children have emotional problems which result in doctor's prescribing them medication to control their behavior. Many West Side children lose at an extremely early age their birthright of a childhood of innocence. There is little time for innocence for children who live on the West Side. The public schools on the West Side of Charleston could do more to improve student school attendance and academic performance. But the schools alone cannot overcome the complex social pathology in the homes and community that discourage, de-motivates and at times crushes the spirits of many of the children who reside on the West Side. The schools are often excoriated as the convenient scapegoats for the children's poor attendance and mediocre academic performance, when in fact the public schools on the West Side actually serve as the community's most accurate "social pathological diagnostic centers". That is, the schools diagnose the most severe social pathologies which are most profoundly manifested in the group with the weakest social immune system, that being the children. For over 60 years, the city of Charleston's primary response to challenges facing the West Side has been increased police presence and more law enforcement. Most would agree that policemen's presence and law enforcement are essential to confront the criminal element in a community, but they alone are not enough. The revitalization of the West Side will require a renewed commitment from each of the major institutions: the home, Church, public schools, city, county and state governments, non-profit and civic organizations and private business. Each must fulfill its respective moral, ethical, spiritual and/or legal responsibilities to the children and the West Side residents. If there is a division of labor and everyone does their part, then the West Side can break and shed the chains that stunts its growth and become a model residential community of health and wellness. The questions that beg for responses are: are the political, social, economic and cultural leaders in Charleston prepared to admit that new ideas need to be tried. And are these leaders willing to set down at the table of reason as equals with local grass roots leaders to work together to identify and implement the best ideas to move the West Side forward. If so, that would be the beginning of a much needed New West Side story. Summary of West Side of Charleston, WV Demographics 1. Nearly 18,000 people, 35% of Charleston's population live on the West Side 2. 27% of all individuals live in poverty 3. 24% of families live in poverty 4. There are nearly 4,000 children who live on the West Side of Charleston. 5. 62% (2,480) of the children are under the age of 12 6. 38% of all children on the West Side live in poverty 7. 52% of All West Side Children under age 5 live in poverty 8. 55% of All Black Children on the West Side live in poverty 9. 82% of All Black Children under 5 live in poverty 10. Annual Per Capita Income for Whites on the West Side is \$30,190 11. Annual Per Capita Income for Blacks on the West Side is \$13,166 12. 70 % of West Side Students are not reading at grade level 13. 38% (1,520) of all crime committed in Charleston is committed on the West Side 14. 800 vacant structures exist on the West Side 15. Only 14% of West Side Children live with both parents in the home

6. List other Charleston organizations in Charleston that address this need:

While there are organizations in Charleston that operate some programs similar to that of HOPE CDC , there are no other organizations that actually seek to coordinate their programs through a comprehensive, holistic, strategic aligned model as proposed by HOPE CDC through the comprehensive West Side Revive Movement and the HOPE Center. Some of the organizations that operate similar programs are as follows: Housing: Religious Coalition for Community Renewal; Habitat for Humanity, Community Works of WV, Workforce Development: Kanawha County Workforce Development Board, Bridge Valley Community and Technical College, Social Services Coordination: No one to my knowledge Health, Fitness and Wellness for Children and Adults: City Parks and Recs, YMCA Economic Development: WV State University Land Grant Economic Development Center Education; Various school programs on the West Side Health and Medical Care: Family Care, Health Right Healthy Foods: West Side Community Gardens, KISRA

7. Describe the level of collaboration with other organizations on this program/project:

As evidenced by the attached letters of support from the Collaborative Partners, HOPE CDC has a broad cross-sector of collaborative partners on this project initiative. These partners include the WVDHHR-early childhood development and social services coordination; Kanawha County Schools and the Kanawha County Library-education and literacy programs; Workforce WV; Kanawha County Workforce Development Board; WV Vocational Rehab Services; WV Adult Basic Education-Adult Basic Education, Job Training and Workforce Development; WV State Univ. Economic Development Center; New Economy Works WV-Economic Development, Health and Wellness; Thomas Health Systems; Fun Fitness Foundation; etc.

8. How will duplication of services be prevented?

In developing the framework for the HOPE Youth and Family Services Clearing House, we compiled a mapping of all services provided to West Side Residents sorted by functional category. By mapping of services HOPE CDC was able to identify gaps in services delivery. There are many services that are now being offering in Charleston but they are not offered on the West Side of Charleston therefore they are not being utilized by West Side resident because they are not accessible. The purpose of the HOPE Center Clearing House is to connect residents to an array of services at a single location to avoid duplication of services and to improve the efficiency effectiveness of services delivery.

Program Requirements and Objectives

1. Identify the target recipients of proposed services. Specify the number of City residents the program will serve during the fiscal year and explain the basis upon which this number is calculated.

The targeted recipients for services will be youth and adults who reside on the West Side of Charleston, however; all residents who reside in Charleston, WV will be eligible for services It would be difficult to estimate an accurate number of residents served, but it would be in reason to estimate that it an excess of 1,000 residents per year would be served by one or more of the partner organizations operating programs out of the HOPE Center. We arrive at this number by calculating that we would serve at least three different individuals per day.

2. List any eligibility requirements the program has with respect to age, gender, income, or residence.

Recipients would have to be a least 18 years of age or be accompanied by a parent or guardian or have written parental consent. Recipients would have to be a resident of Charleston (No gender or income requirement). Priority would be given to low income West Side Residents.

3. If this is a continuing activity, describe a measurable outcome of the previous year's work regardless of funding source.

3. Helped five families avoid eviction during the Pandemic Assisted over 1,000 individuals in obtaining the COVID-19 Shot

4. If this is a new program describe two anticipated measurable outcomes for the proposed program.

At least 25 individuals will receive job training. At least 25 individuals will be placed in employment.

Budget

* 1. Has the organization received funding from the City of Charleston in the past for a similar program/project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

* 2. Has the organization requested funding from other Federal, State, or Local government entities for any program/project support related to COVID-19?

☐ Yes ☒ No

3. If yes, explain from which entities and the amounts requested for each program/project.

N/A

4. List any other Federal, State, Local, or private funding or grant awards received in the last three years and the amount and status of each award.

None

5. Briefly summarize project revenues and expenses related to this request. This should coincide with the budget worksheet.

During the first year we will continue to be supported from rental housing revenue and revenue generated by consulting contract services that HOPE provides. In the second year, we anticipate generating a revenue from rental office space, from a catering service, and from event planning. Over 71% of the expenses is a one-time expense to rehab the building.

6. If this request is not fully funded, what adjustments to the program/project is the organization prepared to make?

We will delay renovations to the 1100 Avenue Central Building with the exception of replacing the roof, and we will focused our work on the 1039 Central Avenue Building. We are also submitting a request to the Kanawha Commission for ARPA funds to support this project.

7. Describe the plan for sustainability of the program/project or initiative after the requested award has been exhausted.

The bulk of the funds that HOPE CDC is requesting are to cover the one time cost to renovate the HOPE owned buildings. HOPE CDC has several revenue generating project that will generate revenue to sustain the project after these project funds are exhausted. The HOPE renovated buildings and additional HOPE Rental Houses will provide HOPE with the capacity to have the ongoing ability to generate revenue apart from a dependency on grant. This has been the HOPE model for the past seven years. These projects include: HOPE Rental Properties; HOPE Lawn Care Business, HOPE CDC Catering, Event Planning and Meetings Space Rentals. HOPE Office Space Rentals.

8. Briefly describe the organization’s fiscal oversight / internal controls to minimize opportunities for fraud, waste, and mismanagement.

HOPE finances are maintained in the QuickBooks accounting systems. Each grant or funding sources is kept separate. Each request for purchase requires a purchase requisition signed and approved by the President/CEO. Each check written requires two signatures which include that of the President/CEO and the Secretary Treasure. All requisitions, receipts and cancelled checks are collected and compiled in notebook binders by month. The monthly bank statement is reconciled each month with the QuickBooks accounting system. All incoming checks are removed from their envelopes, copied and logged into the check list sheet. The Secretary prepares deposit slips and presents checks to the chief of staff to review before deposit. Checks are deposited and deposited tickets are filed in their receipt notebook. Chief of Staff then logs deposit into QuickBooks. For this grant the West Virginia Center for Rural Health Development has agreed to serve as HOPE CDC fiscal agent to insure financial fidelity

9. How does your agency plan to separate ARPA funds from other agency funds for purposes of identification, tracking, reporting and auditing?

As stated above the West Virginia Center for Rural Health Development has agreed to serve HOPE CDC fiscal agent for ARPA funds and HOPE CDC will maintain a separate checking account for ARPA funds.

REQUESTED BUDGET WORKSHEET

Revenue Source Projections

List all Estimated Funding for this Program/Project

* Proposed City ARPA Funding	Internal/Self-Funding
\$1,462,600	\$60,000
Donations/Other Fundraising	Government Grants/Other
\$40,000	\$0.00
* TOTAL REVENUE	
\$1,562,600	

Expenses Projections

List all Estimated Expenses for this Program/Project

Salaries/Wages

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$275,000	\$70,000	\$345,000

Benefits & Matchings

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$73,500	\$30,000	\$103,500

Contracted Services

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$1,064,100	\$0.00	\$1,064,100

Program Materials

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Marketing

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Supplies

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Other

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$50,000	\$0.00	\$50,000

Total Expenses

* Amount Requested from City	* Amount from Other Sources	* Total Estimated Expenses
\$1,462,600	\$100,000	\$1,562,600

NOTE: Revenues and Expenses must balance, and the use of requested funds must be directly related to COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Organizational Details

1. Describe the history of the organization and its current programs and activities.

Organizational History and Demonstrated Capacity HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC) is a 501 (c) 3 organization that began operating programs in 1994 and was formally established in 1997 by its current President and CEO, Rev. Matthew J. Watts. HOPE is governed by a five (5) member board of directors. HOPE CDC has had consistency in its leadership since its inception. HOPE has a combined staff of 5 people with over 100 years of combined experience of leading comprehensive community development efforts and providing services to low income youth and families. HOPE CDC has an annual budget of roughly \$300,000 and assets over \$2.5 million dollars. HOPE CDC has become one of the most recognized and respected non-profit organizations in West Virginia that addresses reducing child and adult poverty through comprehensive family and community development by focusing on education, employment and training, economic development, housing, and support services coordination to low income individuals and families. Overview of HOPE CDC Major Accomplishments 2001 - 2021 2001 - 2004 HOPE designed, developed and implemented the HOPE Youth Development Movement Initiative. The HOPE Youth Movement is a comprehensive, holistic, integrated model that provides services to youth through a continuum of care. In July 2001 the Kanawha County Region III Workforce Investment Board (WIB-KC) selected HOPE CDC as its largest youth service provider for WIA eligible youth ages 14-21. HOPE met all the WIA performance goals for literacy, numeracy, graduation and job placement for over 400 youth from 2001-2004. 2003 - 2004 HOPE CDC was selected as one of eight grantees out of 444 applicants by the US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration to receive a \$350,000 grant to serve as a Grantee Intermediary. This demonstration project enabled HOPE to establish the HOPE Workforce Development Center to serve as a One Stop Satellite Affiliate to coordinate and to connect the target populations to training, employment, and supportive services. HOPE CDC also met or exceeded all the fiscal goals and performance measures for this grant and was recognized as a best practices program by the U.S. Department of Labor. 2004 - 2009, HOPE CDC partnered with Prestera Mental Health Services to submit and was awarded a 4-year \$1.7 million dollars grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) SAMHA Division to establish the “Re-Entering Our Communities Successfully” (ROCS) initiative for incarcerated youth. The goal of ROCS was to improve the success of juveniles returning to the community by providing them with intense case management. HOPE CDC served over 125 youth, met all the performance measures for this grant and ranked in the top three of the thirty-five (35) grant recipients across the nation. 2009 to present, HOPE established the HOPE Neighborhood Housing and Economic Stabilization Program Initiative (NHESPI) to use housing rehab, upgrades and weatherization as a job training, employment and economic development driver for the West Side of Charleston. HOPE has attractive over \$5 million dollars of investment for this project. HOPE CDC has purchased over 60 properties, rehabbed 25 houses, demolished 12 structures and provided classroom and paid on-the-job training experiences for over 110 low income individuals and have provided over 35 low income families with safe affordable housing. 2011 to present, HOPE CDC assumed the lead role in developing the West Side Revitalization and Transformation Movement Plan (West Side Revive Movement) for the West Side Flats area of the West Side. This West Side Revive Movement provides a template for the comprehensive redevelopment of the West Side of Charleston. 2012 - Reverend Matthew J. Watts and HOPE CDC assisted Delegate Bobbi Hatfield and Senate President Jeff Kessler in getting the WV Legislature to pass and Governor Earl Ray Tomblin to sign into law Senate Bill 611 -- Special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve At-Risk Youth (§18-21-1 through §18-21-4). This legislation called for the establishment of a comprehensive Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse to coordinate extensive wrap around services for youth and their families HOPE CDC was selected as the lead community-based organization by the WV DHHR Secretary. 2013 to present HOPE CDC worked with Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and the WV Legislature to include a Special Community Development School Pilot Project on the West Side of Charleston as a component of the Senate Bill 359-18-3-12 education reform legislation passed by the WV legislature. HOPE CDC was selected as lead CBO. 2015 - HOPE CDC led an effort to get the WV Legislature to pass Senate Bill 582 - The West Side Revive Movement Comprehensive Plan that would have established the West Side Revive Movement as a Demonstration Pilot Project to address child and adult poverty and other social determinants of health in the context of comprehensive community development. Both houses of the WV Legislature voted unanimously to pass the bill. However; Governor Earl Ray Tomblin vetoed the bill on a minor philosophical difference. 2015 - HOPE CDC submitted the West Side Revive Movement Comprehensive Plan to the West Virginia Center for Big Ideas located in the WVU President's office as a possible Big Idea for the WV Center for Big Ideas consideration. WVU President E. Gordon Gee selected the West Side

Revive Movement as one of four community revitalization ideas for which the Center would provide consultation and technical assistance. 2016 - HOPE CDC worked with Dr. Rahul Gupta, Commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health and members of the West Virginia legislature to draft a bill that would establish the West Side of Charleston as a demonstration community to develop a Minority Healthy Advisory Team (MYHAT) as a structure to improve community and populations health and address health disparities by addressing the social determinants of health including poverty and substance abuse. 2016 - HOPE CDC was awarded a \$60,000 grant from the West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services to support the establishment of the HOPE Youth and Family Services Disproportionate Minority Contact Project (DMC) as a strategy to reduce the number of minority youth with contact with the Kanawha County Juvenile Justice System. 2017 – 2019 HOPE CDC developed the draft for what would become the Governor's Bill (House Bill 2724) that would be introduced in the WV Legislature by the House Speaker and Senate President. The Bill passed both houses with overwhelming support. House Bill 2724 authorized the Director of the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs to establish a Pilot Project to serve as a model to promote public health in communities across West Virginia. The model shall address poverty, substance abuse and other social determinants of health; improve community and populations health; improve labor force participation; and support economic development through comprehensive community development in rural, suburban and urban communities. The Governor's Bill (House Bill 2724) is based on the West Side Revive Movement developed by HOPE CDC with support from the Tuesday Morning Group. 2019 – Present HOPE CDC recruited the Center for Rural Health Development (CRHD) to include the West Side Community in their Wild Wonder Health West Side Initiative. The Center will provide technical assistance and consultation to the West Collaborative to assist them in developing a comprehensive health improvement plan

Strategic Projects and Activities

1. HOPE Community and Populations Health Center

2. Health Poverty and Public Policy Solutions Center

3. HOPE Neighborhood Housing and Economic Stabilization Program Initiative (HOPE NHESPI)

4. HOPE Innovative Affiliate Workforce Economic and Small Business Development Center

5. HOPE Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse

6. HOPE Health, Fitness and Wellness Center

7. HOPE Community Kitchen

8. HOPE-Talks Mentoring and Youth Development Movement

9. HOPE-Paradise Farm in Partnership with Kanawha Institute for Social Actions (KISRA)

2. Provide the organization’s mission statement/purpose.

HOPE, Vision, Mission Strategic Plans and Strategic Projects

I. Vision of HOPE Community Development Corporation The West Side of Charleston Flats is a model residential community promoting a culture of health and wellness.

II. Mission of HOPE Community Development Corporation To equip and empower West Side Flats residents to lead the culture of health revitalization of the West Side Flats community by executing the West Side Revive Movement Plan

III. Strategic Goal of the West Side Revive Movement The goal of the West Side Revive Movement is to improve individual and community health by addressing child and adult poverty and other social determinants of health, (i.e., early childhood development, K-12 education, health, mental health, workforce and economic development, etc.) through comprehensive community development.

IV. Strategic Plans

A. West Side Revive Movement Initiative The WSRMI is a comprehensive plan that has a placed-based people-focused legislative and programmatic framework to improve community and populations health.

B. Wild Wonderful Healthy Charleston West Side WWHWC will develop a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

3. List any third-party references that can verify the organizations qualification or prior grant experience.

WV Center for Rural Health

COVID-19 Impact

1. Explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request. For example, reduction in services, closures, increased costs, community impact, etc.

As previously stated, the West Side of Charleston was a distressed community was distressed before Covid-19 emerged. COVID-19 further exacerbated those conditions. In particular, many low-income workers were either put out of work or were given reduced hours. This resulted in many being unable to make their rent payments. This was true of several families that rent from HOPE CDC. Many businesses and services were closed including the schools. This placed economic and emotional stress on many families.

2. If funds are being requested to replace revenue lost due to COVID-19, provide details, and attach supportive documentation.

Not Applicable

3. If awarded, how will ARPA funding aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

If funded, the West Side Revive Movement-HOPE Community and Populations Health, Poverty Solutions and Economic Development Center would aid in the recovery from COVID-19 by creating opportunities for West Side of Charleston residents that does not currently exist. These opportunities include:

1. HOPE Perinatal and Early Child Center in partnership with WV DHHR

2. HOPE Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse in partnership with WV DHHR

3. HOPE Youth and Adult Literacy Center in partnership with Kanawha County Schools and Kanawha County Public Library

4. HOPE Workforce Development Center in partnership with Workforce WV, WV Voc-Rehab, WV Adult Basic Education

5. HOPE Neighborhood Housing and Economic Stabilizations Project

6. HOPE Health, Fitness and Wellness Center in partnership with the Fun, Fitness Foundation and Thomas Health Systems

7. HOPE Economic Development Center in partnership with New Economy

Works WV 8. HOPE Talks Mentoring in partnership with the Tuesday Morning Group 9. HOPE-KISRA Paradise Farms in Partnership with the Kanawha Institute for Social Research and Action (KISRA) 10. HOPE Health Restaurant, Catering Business and Commercial Kitchen This initiative will not only aid the recovery from COVID-19. It will also stabilize and strengthen families which will help to improve education outcomes for school age children. These initiatives will also provide job training and employment opportunities that will drive economic development. Research suggests that over time these initiatives operating in a comprehensive system will reduce poverty and improve community and population’s health. This will result in a New West Side Story.

THE APPLICANT UNDERSTANDS:

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- ☒ 1. This application and other materials submitted to the City may constitute public records which may be subject to disclosure under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Documents containing sensitive information may be marked as “confidential.”
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- ☒ 2. Submitting false or misleading information in connection with an application may result in the applicant being found ineligible for financial assistance under the funding program, and the applicant or its representative may be subject to civil and/or criminal prosecution.

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT:

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- ☒ 1. I have reviewed the US Treasury guidelines regarding the eligible uses of American Rescue Plan State and Local recovery funds. <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/request-funding>
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- ☒ 2. By submitting this request, I represent that I am an authorized officer, or member of the organization for which I am submitting, and the information contained in my submittal is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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- ☒ 3. The information submitted to the City of Charleston (“City”) in this application, and substantially in connection with this application, is true and correct.
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- ☒ 4. The applicant is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and orders applicable to it that could have an adverse material impact on the project. Adverse material impact includes lawsuits, criminal or civil actions, bankruptcy proceedings, regulatory action by a governmental entity or inadequate capital to complete the project.
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- ☒ 5. The applicant is not in default under the terms and conditions of any grant or loan agreements, leases or financing arrangements with its other creditors that could have an adverse material impact on the project.
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- ☒ 6. I understand and agree that I must disclose, and will continue to disclose, any occurrence or event that could have an adverse material impact on the project.
- *
- ☒ 7. I certify that the requested funding is needed to ensure this program/project will occur within the City limits of Charleston West Virginia.
- *
- ☒ 8. The Board of Directors or governing body of the organization has approved submission of this application. Please attach a copy of the authorizing resolution or meeting minutes using the file upload.

* Signature

* Date

Matthew J. Watts

12/15/2021

Authorized representative of Applicant/Organization

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

* **PRINTED NAME:**

Reverend Matthew J. Watts

* **TITLE OF APPLICANT:**

President & CEO

* **ORGANIZATION NAME:**

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HOPE Community Development Corporation

Offering HOPE, Help and Healing for Hurting Families and Communities

Board Resolution

We have carefully read the information provided for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant funding application. It is understood that this Proposal is a grant funding proposal. This Proposal serves as a formal request for consideration for funding within the guidelines of this Initiative. It is understood that the Proposals will be reviewed by review committee to determine the extent to which they meet the criteria required.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all information presented in connection with this Proposal is accurate. We agree to, and fully understand, this Proposal, and accept its terms and conditions. We also verify that the board of directors of HOPE Community Development Corporation has approved the submission of this Proposal.

Kenneth Hale
Board Vice President

12/13/2021
Date

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Helping Others Pursue Excellence

Rev. Matthew Watts, CEO
Hope Community Development Corporation
1039 Central Avenue
Charleston, West Virginia 25302

Re: Letter of Support

December 12, 2021

Dear Pastor Watts,

On behalf of the Center for Rural Health Development (Center), I am pleased to provide HOPE Community Development Corporation with this letter of support for grant proposals to the City of Charleston WV (City) to request funds from the City's Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) and the City's American Recovery Act Funds (ARA). It is the Center's understanding that HOPE CDC is also requesting funds from the Kanawha County Commission's (Commission) ARA funds. Furthermore, it is the Center's understanding that HOPE CDC is requesting these funds to fully establish the West Side Revive HOPE Community and Population Health and Poverty Solutions Center.

Over the past year and a half, the Center has worked closely with HOPE CDC and its West Side Partners to establish the Wild, Wonderful and Healthy Charleston West Side (WWHCWS) initiative. The WWHCWS resulted from your diligence and persistence in persuading the Center to include the West Side of Charleston community as one of the Center's Wild, Wonderful Healthy West Virginia communities. While working with you and your HOPE CDC staff the Center has been impressed with your commitment and passion to see improvements in the health outcomes for West Side residents and the community. The Center has also been impressed with your understanding that to improve community and health outcomes takes a long term commitment and a comprehensive strategic plan that shapes public policy, systems and the environmental conditions within the community where the residents live. HOPE also understands that the work to address health disparities in a community, takes a broad-based, cross-sector collaborative consisting of representatives from the government, private business, health, mental health, community and faith-based groups and local residents.

The Center believes that the West Side Revive Movement Model which has a legislative and programmatic framework designed to address the social determinants of health such as poverty, education, job training, employment, economic development, housing, healthy foods, etc., through a comprehensive development is consistent with research and evidence-based best practices. The Center believes that the West Side Revive Movement Model anchored by the HOPE Community and Populations and Poverty Solutions Center could provide the foundation to improve community health and well-being for residents of the community.

The Center commits to the following to support the West Side Revive Movement Project:

1. Continue to provide consultation and technical assistance in the development of the West Side comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the HOPE Center.
2. Continue to identify potential resources to support implementation of the CHIP.
3. Serve as HOPE CDC's fiscal agent as needed.
4. Serve on the WSRMI Advisory Board

We wish you the best with your grant requests. Please let me know if the Center can be of further assistance

Kindest Regards,



Sharon L. Lansdale, President/CEO

The Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance Inc.

Rev. Roberta Smith, President

905 Main Street, Charleston, WV 25302

Phone: 304-549-2332

Email: charlestoncbma@yahoo.com

December 18, 2021



Member Churches

All Nations Revival
Allen Chapel AME
Bethlehem Baptist
Central Community
Church in The City
Community Baptist
Ebenezer, Charleston
Ebenezer, Logan
Ferguson Memorial
First Baptist, Boomer
First Baptist, Chas.
First Baptist, KC
First Baptist, London
First Baptist Vandalia
Liberty Baptist
Metropolitan Baptist
Mount Zion Baptist
New Covenant
Baptist
New Hope Baptist
Pilgrim Home Baptist
Rimson Memorial
Riverview Baptist
Shaffer Chapel AME
Shiloh Baptist
Simpson UMC
Saint Paul AME
Saint Paul Baptist
Tabernacle O Praise
Valley Christian AOG
Vineyard in the Hills

Rev. Matthew Watts
Hope CDC
700 Kanawha Blvd
Charleston, WV 25302

Dear Reverend Watts:

The Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance (CBMA) is pleased to provide HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC) with this letter of support for HOPE CDC's grant applications to the City of Charleston and the Kanawha County Commission. It is the CBMA's understanding that HOPE CDC is applying to the City for funding from the City of Charleston's American Recovery Act Funds (ARA) and from the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and from the Kanawha County Commission's ARA funds.

Furthermore, it is the CBMA's understanding that HOPE CDC is requesting these funds to support the full establishment of the West Side Revive Movement Community and Populations' Health Center. The CBMA understands that the center will house the West Side Revive Movement Initiative which is a comprehensive strategically aligned plan designed to improve community and populations health by addressing poverty and other social determinants of health like education, job training, employment referrals, economic development, healthy foods, wrap around social services coordination, etc.

The CBMA further understands that the center will also house HOPE CDC's foundational projects dealing with housing, youth and family development, workforce and economic development, early childhood development and health and wellness. The CBMA is particularly excited about the fact that the HOPE Center will house the HOPE Youth and Family Services Clearinghouse which will coordinate a plethora of social services provided by a cross collaborative array of partners.

The CBMA is particularly pleased to provide this letter of support because we recognize that the WSRM Center is not merely a HOPE CDC production, but rather a broad-based cross-sections collaborative of an array of partners from the government, community, religious, non-profit, and private sectors.

The CBMA as a participating partner, is willing to promote the center through the Alliance Churches, serve on the Center Advisory Team, participate in convening and hosting community meetings at the center. The CBMA will also consider having an office at the center as long as it is affordable.

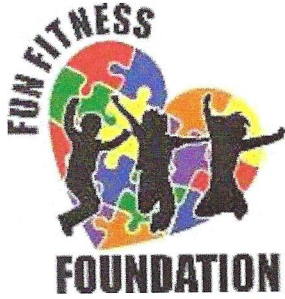
The CBMA is excited about the project and wish you much success in your grant applications with the City and the Kanawha County Commission.

The CBMA is please to support this worthwhile and much needed project. Please feel free to call me 304 549-2332 if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Roberta Smith

Rev. Roberta Smith, President
Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance



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December 15, 2021

Re: Letter of Commitment for HOPE CDC

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fun Fitness Foundation Inc. is excited provide HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC) with this letter of support for HOPE's grant applications to the City of Charleston, WV, and the Kanawha County Commission. The Fun Fitness Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization formed in May 2018 in Charleston, WV. With West Virginia leading the nation in adult and childhood obesity, their mission is to help curb the obesity rate in the state by providing fun fitness activities and programs to the community.

In 2018, the organization provided physical fitness & financial literacy programming into Kanawha County Schools. In 2019 they facilitated the Zumbini in the Community program, free mommy and me baby Zumba classes with Fun Fitness Kids Club LLC.

They also received The WV Governor's Office - Herbert Henderson Minority Affairs, BRIDGE grant that helped facilitate the Fun Fitness Challenge for students and families, held in May 2020 during National Physical Fitness Month. The virtual fun fitness challenge garnered the attention of United States Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) where monetary prizes were given to the top three winners and gifts for all participants. The challenge was culminated by a free Fun Fitness Festival in June 2020 with music, fun fitness activities, healthy refreshments, and additional prizes & gifts for fitness games during the event.

The Fun Fitness Foundation also created the WV Kids Business Expo in 2019 as a fundraiser to help provide fun fitness activities within the community. Between 2019 - 2021, between four separate events, the WV Kids Business Expo helped over 50 youth entrepreneurs showcase their business and participate in a small business pitch contest to win funds toward their business.

It is our understanding that HOPE CDC intends to fully establish the West Side Revive Movement's Community and Populations Health and Poverty Solutions Center in the building owned by HOPE CDC at 1039 and 1100 Central Avenue. To support the HOPE CDC project and its partner's efforts, we commit to do the following:

1. To promote the West Side, Revive Movement – HOPE Center to our network.
2. To designate a member of our executive team to serve on the WSRMI – HOPE Center Advisory Board.
3. Appoint a designee to serve on the Wild Wonderful Charleston's West Side Community Health Improvement Committee.
4. To maintain a satellite presence at the Center.

The Fun Fitness Foundation Inc. is excited to support and to be an active participant in this worthwhile endeavor.

Kindest regards,

Traci Phillips

Executive Director – Fun Fitness Foundation Inc.



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December 13, 2021

Rev. Matthew J. Watts
President/CEO
HOPE Community Development Corporation
600 Kanawha Blvd.
Charleston, WV 25302

Dear Reverend Watts:

The Cabin Creek Health Systems (CCHS) is pleased to provide HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC) with this letter of support for HOPE's grant applications to the City of Charleston and the Kanawha County Commission. It is CCHS's understanding that HOPE CDC is applying for funding from the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the City's the Commission's American Recovery Project (ARP) funds. Furthermore, it is CCHS's understanding that HOPE CDC is seeking this fund to fully implement phase I of the West Side Revive Movement's – Community and Populations Health and Poverty Solutions Center.

CCHS understands that the West Side Revive Movement is a comprehensive model designed to improve community and populations addressing poverty and other social determinants of health, like education, employment, economic development, housing, healthy foods, etc. CCHS understands that HOPE Center will serve as the anchor for the West Side Revive Movement and the HOPE Youth and Family Services will serve as the anchor to coordinate wrap-around services for youth and families who reside on the West Side of Charleston.

As you and I have discussed, CCHS is excited to support the project because we believe that it will compliment the Federally Qualified Health Center that CCHS plans to construct at the old Kroger/U.S. Post Office Branch on Ohio Avenue on the West Side of Charleston. CCHS intends to partner with the HOPE CDC, other West Side human service and church organizations, including the Tuesday Morning Group. CCHS commits to the following:

1. Partner with HOPE CDC to obtain funding to support the HOPE Center's activities and services.
2. Collaborate with Hope CDC in addressing the major health problems the plague the West Side and provide technical assistance and consultation in developing the Center.

3. To serve patients referred by the Center and support the development of systems to identify people and families with untreated medical and behavioral risks and obtain appropriate care.
4. Designate a CCHS employee to serve as a member of the West Side Revive Movement Advisory Council.

Good luck with your grant applications. CCHS looks forward to partnering with HOPE CDC and the Tuesday Morning Group (TMG) in 2022.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Robinson".

Craig Robinson, MPH
Executive Director



NEW ECONOMY WORKS WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Pastor Watts:

I am pleased to provide HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC) with this letter of support for HOPE's grant applications to the City of Charleston (City) and the Kanawha County Commission (Commission).

New Economy Works WV (NEW WV), is a non-extractive loan fund that brings the power of big finance under community control. We assist with business plan development, through sharing capital and resources to support local cooperative businesses, we are building the infrastructure necessary for a truly just, democratic and sustainable new economy. In 2021, we were able to successfully help Phat Daddy's on Da Tracks secure \$131,000 in business capital to fuel their start up venture.

It is NEW WV's understanding that HOPE is applying for funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) and America Recovery Act (ARA) funds and from the Commission's ARA funds. Further, NEW WV understands that HOPE will use these funds to fully establish the West Side Revive Movement's Community and Populations Health and Poverty Solutions Center in the building owned by HOPE CDC at 1039 and 1100 Central Avenue. NEW WV believes that the HOPE Center is designed to address poverty and other social determinants of health through place-based people focused comprehensive community development. This project seeks to build infrastructure and programming addressing the social determinants of health, that overtime, may decrease disparities in the areas of health, education and income between African Americans and non-African Americans on the West Side of Charleston.

The aspect of the HOPE Center that increases economic opportunity, business development support and income disparities is of particular interest to NEW WV. These disparities have a long and deep history of being inadequately addressed. We believe that the West Side Revive Movement – HOPE Center can serve as the anchor for a New West Side that is well resourced and available to give its people a hand up out of the chains of poverty.



To support the HOPE CDC project and its partner's efforts, NEW WV commits to do the following:

1. To promote the West Side Revive Movement – HOPE Center through our local, regional and national networks.
2. To designate a member of NEW WV to serve on the WSRMI – HOPE Center Advisory Board.
3. To have the NEW WV Director of Lending or his designee to serve on the Wild Wonderful Charleston's West Side Community Health Improvement Committee.
4. To have the NEW WV Director of Lending or his designee to serve as a member of the McGee Foundation West Side Collaborative Team Advisory Committee.
5. To participate and support community meetings as appropriate.
6. To maintain a satellite presence at the Center.
7. To provide cooperative business development education & workshops
8. To provide technical assistance to West Side business owners
9. To provide comprehensive financial literacy education

New Economy Works West Virginia is pleased to support and to be an active participant in this meaningful project.

In cooperation,

Mavery L. Davis, CPA
Director Of Lending
New Economy West Virginia

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Reverend Matthew Watts
1039 Central Avenue
Charleston, WV

Re: WorkForce West Virginia Partnership with HOPE Community Development Corporation

Dear Reverend Watts:

WorkForce West Virginia is pleased to partner with HOPE CDC in establishing an affiliate WorkForce Center at 1039 Central Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302. This public-private partnership presents an extraordinary opportunity to improve job and career options for Charleston's West End's workers and jobseekers through an integrated, job-driven public workforce system that links diverse talent to businesses. Additionally, the affiliate WorkForce Center will directly provide an array of employment services and connect customers to work-related training and education to improve labor force participation.

WorkForce West Virginia will provide up to \$100,000 to establish the affiliate WorkForce Center in partnership with HOPE CDC. Additionally, WorkForce will partner with the Region 3 Workforce Development Board and with existing One-Stop partners such as West Virginia Adult Basic Education and West Virginia Rehabilitation Services to leverage additional resources and to ensure our partnership enjoys long term sustainability.

WorkForce looks forward to collaborating closely with your leadership to build an outstanding WorkForce Center. You have my support and best wishes on this unique and exciting venture.

Sincerely,



Scott A. Adkins
Acting Commissioner