

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:**

Resolve Family Abuse Program ARPA

*** Organization Name:**

YWCA of Charleston Resolve Family Abuse Program

*** Address:**

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Federal Tax ID:

550357060

If applicable: DUNS Number:

072681976

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:

President: Jeri Matheney Vice President: Sarah Brown Treasurer: Sarah Crouse Secretary: Leah Glover Morgan Beals Sarah Brown Dr. Gina Busch Sara Busse Amy King Condaras Kellie Conklin Marie Cook Sarah Crouse Ann Flynt Cecilia Ford Gretchen Frankenberry Belinda Fuller Leah Glover Megan Hannah Debra James Tricia Kingery Jeri Matheney Kameron Miller Azita Misaghi Jennifer Pharr Monrene Ross Emily Rogers Jennifer Vieweg Kate White Michelle Wittekind Gabriele Wohl YWCA Senior Staff Debby Weinstein, Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Goddard, Chief Programs Officer Eva Jones, Human Resources Director Krista Hartley, incoming Chief Financial Officer Lynn Fish, outgoing Chief Financial Officer Andrea Arbogast, Administrative Manager Shante Ellis, Racial Equity & Inclusion Director Julie Britton Haden, Director, Resolve Family Abuse Program Margaret Taylor, Director, Sojourners Shelter for Women and Families Kyla Nichols, Director, Shanklin and McCormick Homes Darlene Castelli, Director, Mel Wolf Child Development Center Haley Meade, Marketing Director Shannon Lester, Development Director Denise Avampato, Manager, Past & Present Gently Used Clothing Store

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

Resolve is part of the Kanawha County VOCA Task Force. Local VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funded programs have developed this working partnership in order to provide optimal services to victims of crime and to ensure that the rights of the victims are a priority. This collaboration includes many of the same agencies listed above, as well as The Counseling Connection and Western Regional CASA/TEAM for West Virginia Children. This group is made up of both Program Directors and Advocates. The Kanawha County VOCA Task Force has developed an Interagency Agreement that will take the place of the previous Memorandum of Understanding. Prior to COVID 19 the VOCA Task Force meets every other month to discuss best practices, emerging issues, and share learning opportunities to better serve all of our clients. The Task Force is currently meeting quarterly through an online meeting. Resolve is part of the Kanawha County STOP Team (Sheriff's Tactical Operations Patrol), which includes the Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Kanawha County Sheriff's Office, B.M.E.E.K., Charleston Police Department, and REACH (Rape Crisis Program). The STOP Team facilitates homeless prevention and promotes timely response systems. The STOP Team meets every other month online. The program also has a Memorandum of Understanding with Legal Aid of West Virginia, which provides direct and clinical assistance with issues specific to domestic violence, as well as housing concerns. Legal Aid is also part of the Kanawha County VOCA Task Force. Resolve has a Memorandum of Understanding with the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, which can offer assistance with housing and other resources. Resolve is an active participant in the Kanawha Valley Collective (KVC) which is a group of homeless service providers as well as others in the community who provide necessary supportive services to those experiencing homelessness. It is through this active collaboration that Resolve was able to start the new Rapid Rehousing program. Resolve also offers training to other members of the KVC on topics specific to domestic violence and trauma informed care. West Virginia State University (WVSU) partners with YWCA Resolve and REACH to prevent and respond appropriately to domestic violence regarding university students and employees. The Resolve Youth Services Coordinator is an active participant with WVSU's freshman orientation program. At the beginning of each semester the Youth Services Coordinator acts as instructor providing an Impact and Dynamics of Domestic Violence for every incoming freshmen which includes an interactive training on domestic violence, teen dating violence prevention, and healthy boundaries. Resolve often takes part in on-campus activities aimed at sharing community resources. In addition, Resolve is always part of the WVSU Cares Day. During this day, students at WVSU come to Resolve's emergency domestic violence shelter, Hope House, and spend the day doing various volunteer jobs. In the recent past Resolve has had the opportunity to host the WVSU Girls' Basketball Team and the WVSU Tennis Team. Other formal collaborative partners include CAMC Women & Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center and Women's Health Center of West Virginia, who provide medical treatment and assessment to victims as well as referrals to our program.

BUDGETARY OVERVIEW - Must match Budget Worksheet*** Funds Requested**

\$451,797

*** Total Program/Project Cost**

\$524,065

Annual Organization Budget

\$4,900,000

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

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?

Yes No

If no, when is expected completion year?

will continue after funding ends

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:

This is a new grant source that is COVID-related. Shelter residents have been experiencing mental health and substance abuse disorders at a much higher rate post-COVID and the supportive counseling services we have offered in the past are no longer sufficient. We are requesting funding to cover the cost associated with a Licensed Therapist to work on-site with shelter residents. COVID has changed the way victims and survivors request assistance through the court system for emergency domestic violence protective orders. In coordination with the West Virginia Supreme Court victims and survivors now have the choice whether to request a protective order in person at the Kanawha County Courthouse or request and attending the follow up court hearings remotely therefore allowing for increased physical safety as well as less traffic in the court house.

5. Describe the need for this program/project:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on lives, especially for victims and survivors of domestic violence. Many are facing challenges that can be stressful, overwhelming, and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing, are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but they can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. The goal of almost all those who use domestic violence against their partners is to isolate them from others. COVID has, in essence, helped perpetrators continue isolating their victims as many faced job losses and were home together more than ever. The things that kept many safe such as government mandated Stay At Home orders were devastating to others as home is not always a safe place. Many times the first people to realize that children and other victims were in danger were teachers. As children were being taught remotely for a large part of the pandemic that lifeline that many parents had was no longer there. For all of these emergency reasons plus the underlying destabilization that victims and survivors of domestic violence suffer while in the relationship AND bring with them once they leave, having a

full-time therapist is essential to the work we do at Resolve. Helping those we serve to improve their coping abilities and deal with stress in a healthy way will make our clients, the people you care about them, and those around them become more resilient. The second part of this project is the expansion of the State of West Virginia Supreme Court Remote Participation Program. One of the first COVID Hot Spots in Charleston was the Kanawha County Courthouse. All of Resolve's Domestic Violence Court Advocates were no longer allowed in the courthouse within a week of the first case and would not be allowed back into their offices until the second week of January 2021. Resolve saw the number of domestic violence safety orders requested go from an average of 275 per month to 7 within the first month. This project was fully realized because of the issues victims were having accessing the court system when many courthouses were closed to the public even if they were opened for emergencies. People often do not realize that having access to apply for a protective order is an emergency - even victims. The project will allow victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to file petitions for protective orders without going to a courthouse. The pilot also allows victims to attend follow-up hearings in magistrate court and family court virtually from a Resolve advocacy office, rather than in person, so they do not have to be in the same room with their abusers. Attorneys, clients, and advocates can use the system in which is both in the courtroom and at a safe space within the Resolve Family Abuse Program in cases which domestic violence is involved. Clients are able to talk more freely because they are at the Resolve office and was not in the physical presence of their abuser. The intimidation element is gone. Often in these cases, the testimony we have to elicit from our clients is essential to the case and is sometimes difficult to get with both the victim and abuser in the same room. The virtual system also allows the presentation of evidence via video just like it would be if everyone was in the same courtroom but with safe physical distance. This technology allows us the opportunity to help countless victims who may not feel comfortable moving forward with their hearing because they are in fear of coming face to face with their abuser and, in some cases, in fear for their lives. The use of remote technology during the COVID-19 pandemic has built our confidence and comfort in ensuring justice is delivered in a safe and secure way. Last year, the YWCA Resolve Court Advocates in Kanawha County facilitate 10% of the State's 10,000 requested domestic violence safety orders and personal safety orders. Resolve currently has three full-time and one part-time court advocate in Kanawha County. The Remote Participation Project has pulled one full-time advocate completely out of the courthouse and that advocate's full-time status is used facilitating hearings out of the Resolve office on the East End of Charleston. This leaves the courthouse underserved and makes the logistics of the Remote Participation Program challenging. The addition of the remote participation brings life-saving opportunities for victims and survivors but it also completely changes the way the Resolve Court Advocates do their jobs and the needs associated with the program eclipse what current staffing levels can maintain. The addition of another full-time staff member would allow that person to fill in the gaps that were left when an Advocate is pulled from the courthouse to attend hearings remotely. In addition, this position would offer support to remote participants, the remote advocate, provide advocacy to victims and survivors. In just the short time Resolve has been facilitating remote participation it is clear that having additional staff to better support client's needs is essential to making this project successful.

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

There are no other organization in Charleston that assist with the remote participation hearings for domestic violence victims and survivors. Victims and survivors of sexual assault can apply for and attend hearing in their cases using the same technology at the Rape Education, Advocacy, Counseling, and Healing (REACH) offices. Mental health services including cognitive behavioral therapy, group therapy, support group, and psychiatrist are essential to fully support the needs of those we serve. Resolve cannot meet every possible need our clients have and are enthusiastic partners with so many other groups that can help us provide a continuum of care that allows for the best possible outcomes for clients and programs. The new counseling position will need to collaborate with other providers who best meet the specific needs of each client. There will be some clients who are better served with more intensive therapy that includes medication and/or therapy provided by the same person prescribing. In such cases the proper referrals would take place.

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

There are multiple partners Resolve collaborates with in order to successfully operate the Remote Participation Project. Resolve partners with the State of West Virginia Supreme Court, Legal Aid, as well as quite a few offices within the Kanawha County Courthouse including the Magistrate Clerks Office, Family Court Judges support staff, Magistrates, Family Court Judges, and Magistrate support staff.

8. How will duplication of services be prevented?

As the need for services vastly outweighs the number of professionals providing free or low-cost mental health services for victims and survivors of domestic violence there will not be duplication of services. Resolve is the only domestic violence services provider with the remote technology and the partnership with the Supreme Court. Because of this there will be no duplication of services.

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 target recipients of both projects are victims and survivors of domestic violence regardless of gender. The program envisions serving 40 City of Charleston residents with counseling either individual or group each year for a total of 160 allowing that some of these will be repeat

clients. The Remote Participation Program expects to serve 260 residents of Charleston each year for a total of 1,040 with an allowance for less than 20 of those being repeat clients.

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

Eligible clients are those persons regardless of gender, who are victims or survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner violence. Residents at Resolve's 16 bed emergency domestic violence shelter would have the first opportunity to meet with Resolve's therapist in order to quickly help solve some crisis related behaviors such as poor coping skills, acute anxiety, and/or post-traumatic stress disorder with the goal of providing short term coping mechanisms to help them stay stably housed within the shelter for the short term and not return to the abuser. A treatment plan can then be determined with input from each client and the therapist based on the client's individualized needs. Program participants from other parts of the program will be seen as well as referrals from other providers or the survivors themselves. While Resolve covers Kanawha, Boone, and Clay Counties most of those who are currently provided counseling with the part-time therapist are from Kanawha County. It is expected that this will continue to be the case with a full-time therapist as well. Anyone applying for a protective order may choose to file for the emergency order with the Resolve Advocates either at Kanawha County Court or at the Resolve site. After the emergency order has been temporarily accepted by the Magistrate Court, the petitioner, who is also usually the victim, can request that they attend the follow-up hearing in Family Court remotely at Resolve. Because the Remote Participation Program is only operable in Kanawha County all attendees are from Kanawha County.

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

This is not a continuing activity.

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

Of the clients receiving therapy 75% will report improvement in at least two areas of their lives they have identified as problematic. Of those attending the Remote Participation Project 75% will have learned more about safety planning and other community resources as a result of their time with the Resolve advocate.

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.

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation \$5,250 Emergency Solutions Grants \$175,000 Community Development Block Grant CV1 \$5,000 Community Development Block Grant CV2 \$10,000 The United Way \$5,000

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.

Grant Awards and Statuses 2019-2022 The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (TEFAP) – FEMA 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 \$5,000 Inactive 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 \$5,000 Inactive 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$5,000 Active United Way – United Way 1/1/19 – 12/31/20 \$25,000 Inactive Did not receive funding from 1/1/21-12/31/22 1/1/2022-12/31/2023 \$25,000 Not yet active 1st Presbyterian – Mission Division: First Presbyterian Church 3/1/19 – 2/28/20 \$7,000 Inactive 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$7,000 Active Emergency Solutions Grant – State Emergency Solutions Grants Rapid Rehousing 10/1/20 – 9/30/21 \$12,000 Inactive 10/1/21 – 9/30/22 \$22,500 Active Emergency Solutions Grant COVID – State ESG COVID 2/1/21 – 1/30/22 \$175,000 Active Community Development Block Grant – Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development – City of Charleston 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 \$5,000 Inactive 7/1/20 – 9/30/21 \$5,000 Inactive Community Development Block Grant KVC – Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development – City of Charleston 12/20/19 – 12/19/20 Reimbursement based on needs Inactive 12/19/20 – 7/31/22 Reimbursement based on needs Active Community Development Block Grant COVID – Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development – City of Charleston 8/1/20 – 7/31/22 \$15,000 (combined) Active Supreme Court – WV Supreme Court of Appeals 10/1/19 – 9/30/20 \$18,357 Inactive 10/1/20 – 9/30/21 \$18,250 Inactive 10/1/21 – 9/30/22 \$18,352 Active Title XX – Department of Health and Human Resources 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 \$403,318 Inactive 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 \$431,821 Inactive 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$417,346 Active Victims of Crime Act – Division of Justice and Community Service 10/1/19 – 9/30/20 \$233,505 Inactive 10/1/20 - 9/30/21 \$321,378 Inactive 10/1/21 – 9/30/22 \$417,346 Active LAV – WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence 10/1/19 – 9/30/20 Inactive BCCF – Boone County Community Foundation 10/1/19 – 9/30/20 Inactive GVKF – The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation 7/1/19 – 6/30/22 \$66,750 Active GVKF COVID – The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 \$5,250 Inactive Verizon – Verizon Foundation 2019-2020 \$20,000 Inactive Bass Family

Foundation – Bass Family Foundation 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 \$5,000 Deadline extended Active HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (CoC) Rapid Rehousing 11/1/19 – 10/31/20 \$154,323 Inactive 11/1/20 – 10/31/21 \$220,347 Inactive 11/1/21 – 10/31/22 \$217,683 Active

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

Counselor Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Total Salary \$52,000 \$53,560 \$55,167 \$56,822 \$217,549 Benefits \$13,706 \$13,842 \$13,982 \$14,127 \$55,657 Counselor Total \$65,706 \$67,402 \$69,149 \$70,949 \$273,206 Court Advocate Salary \$31,200 \$32,136 \$33,100 \$34,093 \$130,529 Benefits \$11,891 \$11,972 \$12,056 \$12,143 \$48,062 Court Ad. Total \$43,091 \$44,108 \$45,156 \$46,236 \$178,591 TOTAL \$108,797 \$111,510 \$114,305 \$117,185 \$451,797

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

If this request is not fully funded then Resolve is only able to hire a part-time counselor leaving many of the requests for therapy unmet. Without this funding for the additional court advocate, we will continue to struggle to fully meet the needs of those who wish to attend their hearings remotely. It is important to note that the issues we are encountering here in Kanawha County are only because of the number of people requesting emergency protective orders and not a flaw in the overall system. In counties serving smaller numbers of victims and survivors with fewer magistrates and family court judges they do not, to date, have the same needs as Resolve is seeing in Kanawha County.

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

By the end of the 2026 grant completion cycle both these new positions will be incorporated into other grant resources by slowly adjusting other budgets to incorporate these changes.

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

All revenues & expenses are recorded using the accrual basis of accounting. The agency has a Cash Management Policy which specifies purchasing authority levels, cash handling procedures & internal controls. The agency also is subject to an annual audit performed by an outside accounting firm in accordance with auditing standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Monthly, the agency issues both a Statement of Functional Expense Report & Statement of Financial Position, as well as Program-specific Statement of Functional Expenses, that are reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer with the YWCA Board Treasurer and Board of Directors. Additionally, a Statement of Functional Expense Report at the grant/funding source level are issued and reviewed by the Program Directors & Grant Managers to ensure that all revenues & expenses are recorded and allocated properly.

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

The YWCA of Charleston has an accounting system, called Financial Edge, which tracks income and expenditures and generates financial reports by grant. These reports are reviewed by the CFO, Program Director, and Admin Grants Manager on a monthly basis. This process allows staff to identify any areas of potential financial non-compliance and make corrections.

REQUESTED BUDGET WORKSHEET

Revenue Source Projections

List all Estimated Funding for this Program/Project

*** Proposed City ARPA Funding**

\$451,797

Internal/Self-Funding

Donations/Other Fundraising

\$20,000

Government Grants/Other

\$52,268

*** TOTAL REVENUE**

\$524,065

Expenses Projections

List all Estimated Expenses for this Program/Project

Salaries/Wages

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$348,078		\$348,078

Benefits & Matchings

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$103,719		\$103,719

Contracted Services

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0	\$0	\$0

Program Materials

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000

Marketing

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0	\$0	\$0

Supplies

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0	\$52,268	\$52,268

Other

Amount Requested from City	Amount from Other Sources	Total Estimated Expenses
\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Expenses

* Amount Requested from City	* Amount from Other Sources	* Total Estimated Expenses
\$451,797	\$72,268	\$524,065

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.

For 100 years, YWCA Charleston has provided a variety of services to highly vulnerable populations in Boone, Clay, and Kanawha counties to address systemic issues that lead to cycles of violence, poverty, substance use disorder, and homelessness. Each year, programs provide shelter/housing, counseling, education, advocacy, and nourishment for almost 10,000 individuals. The goals of every YWCA Charleston program is to provide each client with resources and tools they need to live self-sufficiently and with dignity. YWCA Charleston programs include Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families, Racial Inclusion and Equity Program, Sojourner's Job Readiness Center, Mel Wolf Child Development Center, Shanklin center for Senior Enrichment, Alicia McCormick Transitional Housing, Past and Present Gently Used Clothing Store and Resolve Family Abuse Program. The goal of the YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program is to eliminate domestic violence by encouraging social and institutional change through leadership, education, empowerment, and community collaboration. Resolve strives to provide safety to victims through the provision of emergency shelter and comprehensive support services and seeks to empower survivors to make life choices in a violence-free atmosphere. Some of these services include: Safe House – Hope House provides safe, temporary shelter for sixteen individuals and children regardless of gender. Hope House is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and staffed by trained advocates. During their stay residents receive emergency housing, meals, case management, resource information and referrals, personal advocacy, transportation, and housing relocation/placement support. Pet Shelter – The RUFFuge at Hope House is the first of its kind in West Virginia. The RUFFuge at Hope House is a shelter on the grounds of Hope House dedicated to the pets that accompany survivors to safe house. Each room is individually decorated, has their own heating and cooling, a TV, and a doggy door leading to individual runs. 24 Hour Crisis Hotline and Chat – The crisis hotline and crisis chat, staffed by trained advocates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year provides crisis intervention, safety planning, resources information and referrals. Outreach Services – Outreach offices located in Boone and Clay counties provide support, court advocacy, and information and referrals. Court Advocacy – Court advocates assisted victims and survivors obtaining protective orders, preparing safety plans, personal and legal advocacy, and attending Family and Magistrate court hearings. Rapid ReHousing – This program is a solution to DV survivor's homelessness which is designed to help clients quickly return to permanent housing. Teen Dating Violence Awareness Program – The Youth Services Coordinator/Teen Dating Specialist provides workshops which promote healthy relationships and awareness about the dynamics of power and control in relationships. The thrust of this initiative is to promote generational change in attitudes toward intimate partner relationships. Monitored Visitation & Exchange – This program provides a safe, neutral location for families involved in high-conflict custody cases and domestic violence to exchange children for visitation. Ending Violence through Education (EVE) – A program to help women understand the violence in their lives and relationships. Participants of EVE are those who have either chosen to use violence in the form of battering or have used reactive violence as self-defense against their abusers. Participants learn the scope of violence, its impact on emotional and physical well-being, and the skills to promote healthy change. Therapeutic Counseling – Counselors and Support Specialists offer crisis counseling and support groups to survivors.

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

The mission of YWCA Charleston is; YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

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

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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.

Resolve has worked with local experts, including an epidemiologist, to update our policies, procedures, and protocols to reflect the current best practices from the CDC in regards to COVID and ensure that both staff and residents follow those protocols whether they involve masks, social distancing, and any other protective measures. All current staff were urged to be vaccinated when the vaccine became available and 98% of Resolve staff are vaccinated. Resolve is currently only hiring new staff who have either already been vaccinated or are willing to do so after accepting the position. All sites providing face-to-face services have remained on a strict disinfection schedule. Despite the pandemic, this program continues with all vital services remaining intact (with a few adjustments to address safety concerns) including one-on-one counseling, support group, case management, Rapid ReHousing, court advocacy both in person and remotely, the Monitored Visitation & Exchange Program, and the 24 hours crisis hotline and chat. In addition, through a partnership with Health Right, the YWCA programs have continued to offer on-site testing for clients and staff on multiple occasions. Another partnership with Cabin Creek Health System also provides weekly wellness checkups, sick visits, and mental health services for Resolve clients. The COVID pandemic has not decreased the need to the services we offer and the YWCA of Charleston Resolve Family Abuse Program is dedicated to those we serve and has not closed or ceased providing services to those most vulnerable among us.

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

Funds are not being requested to replace revenue lost due to COVID.

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

Funding a full-time counselor and full-time court advocate through the ARPA grant will enable YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program to provide a more individualized and time-considerate means of service in the areas of therapy and court advocacy. By having a counselor on-site during normal business hours, counseling and therapy will become more accessible to the residents living in our safe house. Meeting our clients where they are and in their exact time of need is a high priority of trauma-informed care. By offering counseling services with a wider span of availability, those individuals living in the safe house will be met with flexibility that considers their goals and commitments during scheduling. Rather than referring our clients to outside resources to avoid wait times, the volume of clients utilizing our counseling services will increase, while simultaneously cutting back on unnecessary exposure to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the needs of our community, YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program recently introduced its participation in the Remote Participation Project, serving as a safer alternative for survivors to fill out a Domestic Violence Protective Order and also attend the decision hearing remotely. The full-time court advocate whose salary will be funded through ARPA will be splitting their time between the Kanawha County Courthouse and our activities building where the pilot project is stationed. This position will serve as another advocate at court to assist with filings and hearings while also serving as an assistant to the pilot project advocate. At the courthouse, adding a third advocate with our current staff will increase the volume of clients we serve while also practicing social distancing and avoiding crowded spaces with one advocate trying to serve multiple clients at once. In regards to the Remote Participation Project, their role as the assistant to the advocate will increase organization with consultations and hearing schedules. While the Remote Participation Project advocate is meeting with a client or attending a hearing, the assistant will be collaborating with the following clients who are scheduled next.

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.

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7. I certify that the requested funding is needed to ensure this program/project will occur within the City limits of Charleston West Virginia.

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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

Julie Britton Haden

12/15/2021

Authorized representative of Applicant/Organization

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

* PRINTED NAME:

Julie Britton Haden

* TITLE OF APPLICANT:

Director, Resolve Family Abuse Program

* ORGANIZATION NAME:

YWCA of Charleston

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Board Resolution & Meeting Date:

We have carefully read the information provided for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Application form. We understand that the information provided in this application may be shared among other funding organizations. If we receive a grant, we agree to use the funds as specifically granted and spend the money within the time period allocated by the funder. We allow funders to use the information provided in this request for public relations and will mention the funders' support in any publicity our organization generates regarding the activity. (Sign ... in **blue** ink ... and date below to verify that the board of directors has approved the submission of this proposal.)



Chair/President of Board of Directors

12/15/2021

Date



Executive Director of Organization

12/15/2021

Date