

**Faulkner County
American Rescue Plan Application**

Organizational information:

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Brief qualifications statement: External Accountant

Who is the contact person for this application:

Name: Laura King, Chair of Toad Suck Homeless Coalition / Assistant Director of United Way of Central Arkansas

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Entity type or IRS registration: (501(c)3, LLC, sole proprietorship, etc)

**Toad Suck Coalition – Arkansas Balance of State-sanctioned Continuum of Care
United Way of Central Arkansas EIN: 23-7222534**

Brief history of the organization:

The Toad Suck Homeless Coalition, chaired by United Way Assistant Director Laura King, is an Arkansas Balance of State-sanctioned Continuum of Care consisting of the following member organizations: United Way of Central Arkansas, Bethlehem House, Community Action Program of Central Arkansas (CAPCA), Conway Ministry Center, City of Hope Outreach (COHO), Rise House, Salvation Army - Conway, and the Conway Public Housing Authority.

We have been in existence since 2009 and were chaired by Mrs. Judi Lively of Bethlehem House until this summer, when she announced her retirement.

We work daily with each other, area municipalities, other non-profits, agencies, organizations, and community liaisons in an effort to end homelessness by connecting resources to targeted needs.

We also collaborate with Continuums of Care across the state of Arkansas.

Financial information:

Have you received other state or federal grant funds in the past three years? If so, list the grant name, the organization from whom it was received, the amount of funding received, and the status of the grant expenditure.

The Toad Suck Homeless Coalition has not received state or federal grant funding in the past three years.

Attach your organization's audits from 2019 and 2020 if available.

The Toad Suck Homeless Coalition has no collective funding, thus no audits. The United Way of Central Arkansas has submitted audits with its own request and can provide them again if needed.

What is your organization's annual budget? Please attach a copy of your 2020 and 2021 budgets.

The Toad Suck Homeless Coalition has no collective funding, thus no budget. The United Way of Central Arkansas has submitted budgets with its own request and can provide them again if needed.

The funding that the Toad Suck Coalition is requesting for our project will be administered by the United Way of Central Arkansas. We worked together in this capacity for most of 2020 in combating the immediate crisis that Covid-19 presented and it was very successful.

The applicant certifies that any funds received through this Faulkner County granting program are fully subject to federal regulations and affirms that the funds will be properly spent in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The applicant further affirms that financial controls are in place such that each expenditure under the grant will be fully documented and that such documentation will be open to the public and submitted to the County for audit. The applicant understands that all aspects of their use of the grant are open to the public and subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

I agree with the above statement. Laura King, Chair of Toad Suck Homeless Coalition

About your request:

Please indicate under which category of eligibility under ARPA your organization is applying:

Public Health and Economic Impacts – Responding to COVID-19

Public Health and Economic Impacts – Responding to Negative Economic Impacts

Premium Pay

Revenue Loss

Investments in Infrastructure – Water and Sewer

Investments in Infrastructure – Broadband

Briefly and clearly state how your project responds to the COVID-19 crisis:

Covid-19 has caused a ripple effect and a growing crisis for many across Faulkner County. During the 2021 Federal Point in Time count, we counted over 900 homeless people in Faulkner County with 696 of them being children. We believe these numbers to be underrepresented.

In the last 3 months, 2 of our local coalition members have identified 238 unique homeless persons that are unsheltered and seeking services. Of those 238, only 20 are chronically homeless. One of our non-profits has reported that they are on average, seeing 40 new homeless persons per month. Many of these are either homeless for the first time or they are coming in and out of homelessness.

This is being caused by several factors that relate directly to the Covid-19 crisis that we have been fighting our way through the last 2 years. Specifically, medical crises, job loss, inflationary costs of utilities and everyday goods, rising housing costs and a lack of safe, affordable housing, and supply chain issues. For families and individuals that were already struggling to make ends meet, just one of these issues can cause a domino effect that makes it very difficult to recover financially. We are also seeing a continuing trend of less resources and programming available to help due in part to the same ripple effect.

When you couple this with winter approaching and then add the fact that for the first time in 6 years there will NOT be an emergency overnight winter warming station, as a community we have an additional crisis situation developing.

Does your project have a county-wide impact? If so, describe.

Absolutely! This project will be open to all in Faulkner who fit the criteria of need. The local non-profit organizations that provide homeless sheltering services serve our entire county.

Please describe your project including the following information (in any order): What will this project accomplish? How will those goals be measured? How do these goals relate to the goals of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?

The Project: Sheltering homeless community members from December 12, 2022 - March 1, 2022 during freezing weather and inclement weather events when other services are not available (example: nights & weekends) or when identified sheltering services are at capacity.

Specifically providing short hotel stays (overnight or a weekend) until local service providers are back open for business and can provide the wrap-around services needed for the individuals or families that find themselves in a crisis homeless situation. This funding would also be used as a temporary stop-gap if an identified service provider is at capacity.

Accomplishing Goals: The goal is straightforward. We want to prevent death and hypothermic health issues in our local homeless population during freezing temperatures and inclement weather this winter.

This Coalition has developed a plan using a single point of entry (Homeless Hotline) and the resources and programming we already have to shelter many who find themselves in emergency situations this winter (December 12, 2022 - March 1st, 2023). This sheltering will be in the form of extended-stay establishments for families, special needs individuals, and some medically frail persons and hotel stays for the other identified homeless subsets.

We are nonprofits that know how to stretch resources but there is a limit to our funding, staffing and the hours in a day that facilities are open to process the needs.

We have identified key days and time frames that there will be no services available in Faulkner County when freezing and inclement weather could occur. They are as follows:

- Weekends
- Evenings - Monday thru Thursday after 5:30pm
- Fridays - For some identified homeless subsets

Example - 25-year-old female working at a local eating establishment. Her rent was raised \$100 last month and she can no longer afford her place. She gets evicted on a Friday evening before finding an affordable apartment. While it's not safe for her to stay in her car over the weekend, it is now life threatening if the temperature is going to dip below freezing. There will be nowhere for her to find services until Monday morning at the open of business. This funding will allow us to temporarily put her in a hotel over the weekend until we can connect her to the appropriate nonprofit for services. Every program has eligibility criteria for different services. It takes time to process.

Relationship to ARPA: Our request falls under the following guideline section of ARPA - Responding to the Negative Economic Impacts of COVID-19

Please attach a project budget. If the project includes construction or third-party services, please provide their estimates.

Budget attached.

Are other funds part of the budget besides ARPA funds? If so, please list other sources of funding and a copy of their funding commitment, if available.

Yes.

\$1,000,000 (up to) - Community Action Program of Central Arkansas (CAPCA) (Programs can cover many Homeless subset groups but hours of operation are limited and some use of funding has to be approved at a state level, which takes time. This funding is from multiple grants and covers a much longer time period than just the time period of the Winter Emergency Plan as well as covering other services. All that to say \$1,000,000 has not been entirely allotted to the Winter Emergency plan.

\$54,400 - Conway Ministry Center (specifically covering Families with Children, special needs individuals, and medically frail persons only.) Has a limit of 10 rooms at an extended stay facility for the period of the Winter Emergency Plan. Covers cost of stay and some rapid rehousing dollars.

Please describe the organization's financial management practices that will ensure audit compliance.

Funding will be administered through the United Way of Central Arkansas, a trusted nonprofit organization that has managed such collaborative efforts in the past. The United Way is subject to an annual audit, monthly reviews by a finance committee, and monies are managed by an external accountant.

What is the total dollar amount that is being requested from Faulkner County?

\$20,000 is requested for temporary, short-term hotel stays for those who are in an emergency homeless situation on nights/weekends when the temperature is below freezing or during inclement weather and/or when other services are not available. (December 12th, 2022 - March 1st, 2023)

Funding would only be used to pay for a local hotel room for up to 4 nights per individual/family - again only when regular homeless service providers and their programs are closed or at capacity. Any unused funding would be returned to the County for reallocation.

Data from the previous Winter Warming Station shows that 40% of new stays occurred on weekends. Which shows why this funding is vital.

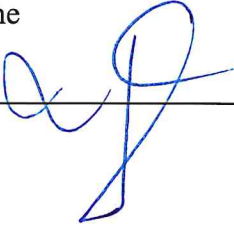
Have you received other ARPA funds? If so, how much have you received? **No.**

Authorized Representative: The signature indicates that I have been authorized to submit an application requesting funding for the proposed project and to the best of my knowledge and belief, all data contained in this application is true and correct. If the application is approved for funding, I am authorized to sign any applicable documents on behalf of the applicant.

Jennifer Boyett

Type Name

Signature



Executive Director, United Way of Central Arkansas

Title

10-7-22

Date

When completed return by mail or drop-off
to: Faulkner County Judge's Office
801 Locust Street
Conway, AR 72034

ARPA Request Budget for Toad Suck Coalition Winter Emergency Plan

Covering hours when no other services are available

Expense	Amount
Staffing	\$5,040 12 weeks x 28 hours per week x \$15 per hour
Transportation	\$180 90 trips @ \$2 per trip via Conway Transport Service
Additional Transportation	\$150 additional funding for when that service isn't operational or when people are not in the coverage area
Emergency overnight stays	\$22,950 90 individuals x 3 nights x \$85 per night
Total Proposed Expense	\$28,320

Total Requested **\$20,000** For Emergency Hotel stays only