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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in full support of Deliver Hope being a recipient of their requested American Rescue Plan Funds.

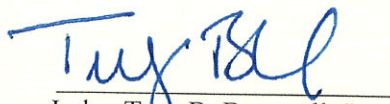
As the Juvenile Court Judge, I have attempted to create strong community partners to address juvenile delinquency, truancy and rehabilitative services for our youth. Deliver Hope is one of my strongest partners in this fight.

Since 2016, we have assisted at-risk youth to excel despite their disadvantages by developing and implementing several effective, community-based alternatives to confinement. Programs provided by Deliver Hope ensure court-involved youth have access to healthy alternatives to their homes, restorative programming, transformational mentor relationships, and opportunities to make better choices to prevent future delinquent behavior.

The American Rescue Plan funds will allow Deliver Hope to continue providing safe and effective resources that encourage at-risk youth to move past brokenness and abuse, and work towards changing the trajectory of their lives; and expand their services to focus on rehabilitative, non-punitive diversion options for juvenile offenders so they can resolve conflict and make positive choices.

Since the pandemic, we have seen an increase in more serious delinquent offenses as well as truancy cases. This funding will benefit Faulkner County both immediately and in the future. Your support will help young people recover from the trauma caused by the pandemic, stay out of jail, and become positive and respected community members.

Thank you for your careful consideration,



Judge Troy B. Braswell, Jr.

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

During the COVID-19 crisis, teenagers were quarantined inside their homes. Many of these teenagers' homes are filled with drugs, abuse, poverty, and brokenness; and the only positive role models and activities were taken from them. Research shows that during the confinement of 2020, not only did this reduce the safety of these children, it also limited contact of others that may be able to identify those signs of abuse, therefore causing already at-risk teenagers to suffer in silence. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8689095/>

“Nearly three-quarters of high school students in the US reported experiencing at least one adverse childhood experience in 2021, such as physical abuse, emotional abuse, food insecurity or loss of a parent’s job during the Covid-19 pandemic.”

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/13/health/teen-mental-health-adverse-events-cdc/index.html>

What we have seen in Faulkner County mirrors that of the the above United States findings. Deliver Hope is working diligently to change the narrative that teenagers in Faulkner County have adapted during the pandemic through Youth Mentoring. In order to have the best outcome and reach each teenager, we will hire more Youth Advocates, add hours to existing Youth Advocates, and increase program activities and hours.

8. 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)?

Deliver Hope will hire two new Youth Advocates, add hours to existing Youth Advocates, and increase program activities and hours. Adding staff will address the issue of not having the availability to perform home visits, serve the needed number of teenagers on caseloads, and facilitate more programs to keep teenagers off the streets.

We will re-implement LAUNCH. LAUNCH is a basketball program that we saw a huge success rate with before COVID-19. This program encourages youth to work together, respect others, and keeps at-risk youth off the streets. Each night will begin with a devotional/character talk/lesson and ends with a friendly competitive basketball game. These funds will be used for food, rental space, jerseys, basketballs, and supplies.

Youth Mentoring is imperative in order to rejuvenate the hurt that teenagers acquired during the pandemic. Not only do we train and partner with adult community members to mentor at-risk teenagers, we also host weekly groups that encourage and foster relationships between them. These group gatherings walk through a curriculum that empowers young people to work towards becoming responsible and respected adult community members, as they are not being taught these skills in their homes. These funds will cover food, games, and supplies for four

quarterly “mentor moment” events as well as weekly mentor trainings and mentoring gatherings for over 200 at-risk teenagers throughout each year.

We will measure the goal of reaching and rejuvenating at-risk teenagers by tracking every interaction made possible with the granted funds. Food, rides, phone calls, meetings, etc. will be recorded in our Social Solutions database. We will implement a pre and post survey with each teenager that enters our building/programs to track their emotional and relational progress throughout their time spent with our organization.

In 2020 we had a staff of six but quickly had to reduce th as our programming had to shift to more phone calls and no in person meetings. At the end of the pandemic we had 2.5 employees. With this funding request we will be able to increase the staff to handle the extra case load.

Our goals relate to the goals of the American Rescue Plan Act, as we are fighting for the physical and mental well being of teenagers in our community. Deliver Hope believes that every young person deserves to know that they matter and are capable of doing great things, no matter what circumstances COVID-19 placed them and their family in. The young people we serve are the future of our community and Deliver Hope is fighting to ensure they grow up to be responsible and successful members of society.

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

We currently have 72 recurring monthly donors totalling \$7,475 and our goal is to increase this to \$10,000 by July 1, 2023, to get us closer to pre-pandemic numbers.

Our fund raising methods previously in-person requests and events all which were immediately dropped during the pandemic. Also due to the inflation we have seen a reduction in our monthly donors.

We are applying for matching APR funds from the Bunny and Carol Adcock Foundation and feel positive about this request due to conversations with Mr. Adcock and his previous gifts to our organization.

Project Items	Amount	Notes
Youth Advocate Additional Hours/Pay 8 hours/week = 20 total hours x 2 years	\$11,240.00	current youth advocate increase from 12 hours/week to 20 hours/week
Youth Advocate Additional Hours/Pay 5 hours/week = 20 total hours x 2 years	\$7,800.00	current youth advocate increase from 15 hours/week to 20 hours/week
New Hire = 20 hours @ 13.50 x 2 years	\$28,080.00	
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LAUNCH Program 2 nights/week x 2 years		
-Food, Venue, Supplies x 2 years	\$5,000.00	
-Salary (4 hours/week x 2 years)	\$5,600.00	
Youth Mentoring Groups	\$14,200.00	
-Weekly group meetings (food, supplies, curriculum, venue)		
-Mentor trainings (supplies)		
-Quarterly mentor/mentee gatherings (food, venue, supplies)		
Total requested:	\$100,000.00	

2020 Budget

Personnel	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 247,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 19,760
Benefits	\$ 16,200
Total Personnel	
5200 - 5300 Other Than Personnel Expenses	
5205 Client Assistance	
5210 JIP Caseload/Mentor Appreciation	
5211 Laura	750
5212 Adrian	750
5213 Edison	1000
5214 Kayla	500
5215 Daniel	500
5220 Programming/Juvenile Justice	-
5221 Sober Support	1000
5222 Justice Circles	100
5223 Falkner Co. Jail	500
5224 Pulaski Co. Jail	500
5225 HEAT	-
5225 Girl Scouts	-
5226 Diversion	500
5227 Her Hope	2800
5229 LAUNCH	2350
5230 Miscellaneous	2500
5231 DHC Cafe	3000
5235 Occupancy	12600
5237 Utilities	4500
5240 Meetings	250
5245 Travel	250
5247 Furnishings & Equipment	500

5250 Supplies	2500
5255 Maintenance, Repairs & Services	250
5257 Membership Dues & Fees	-
5260 Charitable Contributions	1000
5265 Stewardship & Donor Relations	500
5267 Professional Dev	2000
5270 Insurance Expense	6000
5275 Finance Charges	5000
5280 Newsletter Print & Distrib.	3500
5285 Media & Advertising	1500
5287 Events Expense	9000
5289 Mentor Moments	2500
5289 Database & Software Subscriptions/Services	5900
5290 Background Checks	300
5295 Merchandise / t-shirts	-
5297 Postage	1000
	\$ 358,760

	Budget	
Personnel		
Salaries & Wages	\$ 128,760	
Payroll Taxes	\$ 10,300	
Benefits	\$ 6,600	
Total Personnel		
5200 - 5300 Other Than Personnel Expenses		
5205 Client Assistance	250	
5210 JIP Caseload/Mentor Appreciation		
5211 Laura	750	
5214 Kayla	750	
5220 Programming/Juvenile Justice	-	
5221 Sober Support	-	
5222 Justice Circles	-	
5223 Faulkner Co. Jail	100	
5225 HEAT	-	
5225 Girl Scouts	250	
5226 Diversion	-	
5227 Her Hope	2800	
5229 LAUNCH	2500	
5230 Miscellaneous	-	
5231 DHC Cafe	3000	
5235 Occupancy	-	
5237 Utilities	4500	
5240 Meetings	250	
5245 Travel	250	
5247 Furnishings & Equipment	500	
5250 Supplies	2500	
5255 Maintenance, Repairs & Services *added "services",	1000	
5257 Membership Dues & Fees	-	
5260 Charitable Contributions	-	
5265 Stewardship & Donor Relations *added 2nd part,	500	
5267 Professional Dev.	1000	
5270 Insurance Expense	8000	Van and Guide One
5275 Finance Charges	5000	
5280 Newsletter Print & Distrib.	1500	
5285 Media & Advertising	1500	
5287 Events Expense	-	
5289 Mentor Moments	2500	
5289 Database & Software Subscriptions/Services	5900	
5290 Background Checks	300	
5295 Merchandise / t-shirts	-	
5297 Postage	1000	
	\$ 192,260	15921.67/month

Personnel	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 160,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 12,800
Benefits	\$ 12,600

Total Personnel

5200 - 5300 Other Than Personnel Expenses	
5205 Client Assistance	250
5210 JIP Caseload/Mentor Appreciation	
5211 Laura	750
5214 Kayla	750
5220 Programming/Juvenile Justice	-
5221 Sober Support	-
5222 Justice Circles	-
5223 Faulkner Co. Jail	100
5225 HEAT	-
5225 Girl Scouts	250
5226 Diversion	250
5227 Her Hope	2800
5229 LAUNCH	2350
5230 Miscellaneous	-
5231 DHC Cafe	3000
5235 Occupancy *changed #	-
5237 Utilities *changed #	4500
5240 Meetings *changed #	250
5245 Travel *changed #	250
5247 Furnishings & Equipment *changed #	500
5250 Supplies *changed #	2500
5255 Maintenance, Repairs & Services *added "services", changed #	1000
5257 Membership Dues & Fees *changed #	-
5260 Charitable Contributions *changed #	-
5265 Stewardship & Donor Relations *added 2nd part, changed #	500
5267 Professional Dev. *changed #	1000
5270 Insurance Expense *changed #	4800
5275 Finance Charges *changed #	5000
5280 Newsletter Print & Distrib.	1500
5285 Media & Advertising	1500
5287 Events Expense	-
5289 Mentor Moments	2500
5289 Database & Software Subscriptions/Services	5900
5290 Background Checks	300
5295 Merchandise / t-shirts	-
5297 Postage	1000
	\$ 228,900