



Opioid Settlement Funds to Counties are based on a Memorandum with the West Virginia First Foundation. Local Governments received 24.5% of the total funds received by the state of West Virginia. Kanawha County has received its first allocation, which totaled \$2,915,232.54. Per the Memorandum of Understanding, the “Approved Purposes” for the uses of the funds shall mean evidence-based strategies, programming, and/or services used to expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance use disorders and/or addiction, to develop, promote and provide evidence-based substance use prevention strategies, to provide

substance use avoidance and awareness education, to engage in enforcement to curtail the sale, distribution, promotion or use of opioids and other drugs, to decrease the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids and to support recovery from addiction to be performed by qualified providers (Exhibit A, Paragraph B(3) provides more information). Attached is Exhibit A, Schedule A - Core Strategies for projects.

Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages if needed. Applications will be accepted for up to \$250,000, however, funds are limited due to the amount of funding received from the settlement.

Once submitted, this application and any supporting documents are considered a public record and will be posted on the County’s website and made available to the public and the media upon request.

**☒ PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED EXHIBIT A, SCHEDULE A - CORE STRATEGIES**

## Section One: Contact Information

Name of Organization and Contact Persons Name for application:

Women's Health Center of West Virginia, Inc.

Katie Quinonez

Address:

Mailing:

PO Box 20580

Charleston, WV 25362

Physical:

510 West Washington Street

Charleston, WV 25302

Website, if applicable:

womenshealthwv.org

Phone number:

304-344-9834

Email address:

[katie@womenshealthwv.org](mailto:katie@womenshealthwv.org)

## Section Two: Project Summary

Please provide an overview of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal
2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
3. Individuals or communities served
4. Amount of funding requested
5. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable
6. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
7. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
8. How Opioid Settlement funds, if awarded, will be used
9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met
10. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

Women's Health Center of West Virginia (WHC) seeks Kanawha County Opioid Settlement Funds to support a two-year clinical program that will prevent and reduce the number of opioid overdoses through naloxone distribution and training and expand access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases including HIV and HCV resulting from intravenous drug use. WHC requests \$250,000 in grant funds to:

1. Supplement the relevant portion of clinical and programmatic staff salaries that will execute the program including WHC's Medical Director, Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Practical Nurse, and Program Coordinator.
2. Purchase naloxone and facilitate training to various community support groups and families in Kanawha County to prevent and reduce opioid overdoses.
3. Purchase supplies to provide HIV and Hepatitis C testing to 800 uninsured individuals in Kanawha County.
4. Develop digital and print marketing materials for public awareness about the availability of free naloxone, training, and HIV and HCV testing and treatment for uninsured Kanawha County residents.
5. Incentivize completion of HCV treatment through provision of two \$25 gift cards to 40 Kanawha County residents.

The Core Strategy that will be met through this proposal is Strategy A - Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses. This will be achieved by expanding naloxone training for community support groups and families and increasing naloxone distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does cover needed services. This program will prevent overdose deaths and other opioid-related injuries by increasing the availability and distribution of naloxone for overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, and community outreach workers, and the general public and expanding access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and HCV resulting from intravenous opioid use. There have been no matching funds raised or committed for this project.

### Section Three: Proposal details

#### 1. Please describe the problem or need that your project seeks to address.

According to the West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy, from January to August 2023, EMS in Kanawha County responded to 1,011 suspected overdoses, the most of any county in the state. According to the West Virginia Health Statistics Center, from January to October 2023, Kanawha County had the most overdose deaths of all counties in the state, with 102 drug overdose deaths, 79 of which were opioid related. According to West Virginia Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services, in 2023, Kanawha County had 19 new HIV cases, the second highest of all counties in the state. In 2024 so far there have been an additional 5 cases diagnosed in Kanawha County. And in 2022, Kanawha County led the state in chronic Hepatitis C cases, with 415.

WHC's project seeks to significantly reduce opioid-related drug overdoses in Kanawha County through the distribution of free naloxone and necessary training for use. Our project also seeks to reduce the risk of HIV and HCV in Kanawha County with free rapid testing in a clinical setting so people who use drugs know their status and can promptly receive or be referred for treatment, so the chronic health conditions associated with this disease to not further negatively impact their health and improve community health outcomes and safety overall.

#### 2. Please describe the purpose and objectives of your proposal.

The purpose of our proposal is to prevent overdose and other opioid-related injuries. Our objectives are as follows:

- Provide free naloxone to anyone in the community.
- Provide training and education regarding naloxone to overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, and the general public.
- Provide testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and HCV resulting from intravenous drug use.

#### 3. Please provide details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal.

At the Women's Health Center, we offer free naloxone and opioid response training Monday through Friday on a walk-in basis. We also offer free and confidential point-of-care rapid testing for HIV and Hepatitis C Monday through Friday. Anyone who requires confirmatory testing, treatment initiation and ongoing treatment management are referred in-house for ongoing clinic-based care.

#### 4. Please provide your project timeline.

See attached.

5. Please provide your total proposed budget.

See attached.

6. Please list any partners in this proposal, the partners' roles, and your relationship with them.

Cabin Creek Health Systems – WHC refers program participants to CCHS for mental and behavioral health, comprehensive addiction recovery, primary care and for HCV treatment if the patient is uninsured or insured through Medicare.

Ryan White Program – WHC refers program participants here for wrap around care, if they have complex care needs, and for HIV treatment if they are uninsured or insured by Medicare.

First Choice Services – WHC refers program participants to First Choice for medication assisted treatment.

7. Please identify the anticipated leadership of the proposal and upload/attach their resume(s) or CVs.

See attached.

8. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

WHC plans to sustain this project beyond the grant period by continuing to solicit funding from other private foundations and federal grants and charitable contributions from individual donors to support the salaries and benefits of relevant staff and naloxone supplies. We will also sustain the HIV/HCV testing and treatment by allocating service fee revenue from insurance reimbursements.

## Section Four: Organization information

Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Women's Health Center of West Virginia envisions a world where all West Virginians have access to the information, services, and resources to obtain the sexual and reproductive healthcare and harm reduction they desire for themselves, their families, and their communities. Our mission is to provide high-quality, non-judgmental, accessible, and affordable sexual and reproductive healthcare and harm reduction to all West Virginia. Our values include autonomy, compassion, dignity, inclusion, integrity, and respect.

Describe the history of your organization.

WHC was founded in 1976 as West Virginia's first abortion provider. In our first year of operation, we provided first trimester procedural abortion and ultrasounds. The following year, we served as office space to the state's first intimate partner violence resource office. We quickly expanded our services to include annual exams, birth control, cancer screenings, pregnancy and parenting support, and STI testing and treatment.

We serve patients of all ages and incomes. Many of our patients are uninsured and low-income. We accept Medicaid and most private insurance, but we also are a family planning site that offers free and sliding scale reproductive health services for people of child-bearing age seeking to prevent pregnancy or become pregnant.

At the time of the Dobbs decision in June 2022, WHC was West Virginia's only remaining abortion provider. State legislators passed a total abortion ban in September 2022, and WHC was forced to stop providing this care immediately. WHC continued providing all other essential reproductive health services we offered. We also considered how we might continue to address unmet needs that existed in our community. In September 2022, we

began offering gender-affirming hormone therapy to trans and gender-diverse adults. To date, we have provided gender-affirming hormone therapy to over 200 patients.

In October 2023, we launched a harm reduction program to provide naloxone and overdose response training, rapid testing and treatment for HIV and HCV, fentanyl test strips, wound care, and referrals for primary care, mental and behavioral health care, and medication assisted treatment and recovery programs.

#### [Tell us about your current programs and activities:](#)

WHC provides a full range of sexual and reproductive health care including annual exams, birth control, breast and cervical cancer screening, emergency contraception, family planning services, pap smears and pelvic examinations, pregnancy tests, referrals for specialist treatment, ultrasound, and STI testing and treatment. Most recently, WHC added gender-affirming hormone therapy and harm reduction to our comprehensive service offerings to better meet the needs of marginalized community members. Our preventive health services are offered to uninsured patients on a sliding scale based on income and family size. Most of WHC's patients are low-income, uninsured, or Medicaid-insured and receive healthcare at our clinic free of charge.

List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Kanawha County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

#### State Grants

2023 WV Uncompensated Care Grant - \$81,258 – in progress

2022 WV Uncompensated Care Grant - \$100,816 - complete

2021 WV Uncompensated Care Grant - \$91,271 - complete

#### Kanawha County Grants

2021 MOECD CDBG - \$15,000 – complete

#### Private Grants

2023 Abortion Care Network - \$20,000 – complete

2023 The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation - \$25,000 – complete

2023 Mott Philanthropic - \$30,000 – complete

2023 Educational Foundation of America - \$75,000 – complete

2023 Richard Goldman Family Foundation - \$100,000 – complete

2023 Mel Wolfe Foundation - \$18,000 - complete

2022 Resources for Abortion Delivery - \$142,159 – complete

2022 Abortion Care Network - \$36,000 – complete

2022 Educational Foundation of America - \$50,000 – complete

2022 National Network of Abortion Funds - \$5,000 – complete

2021 Resources for Abortion Delivery - \$67,000 – complete

2021 Mel Wolfe Foundation - \$19,000 - complete

2021 Oak Hill Fund - \$50,000 – complete  
2021 The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation - \$50,641 – complete  
2021 Lalor Foundation - \$25,000  
2021 Abortion Care Network - \$12,000 – complete

Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.

WHC has taken significant strides in addressing critical healthcare needs within our community. Our initiatives, launched in the past three years, aim to fill the substantial gaps in healthcare access and improve the well-being of underserved populations, particularly transgender individuals, people who use drugs, and those at risk of HIV and Hepatitis C.

### **Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy and LGBTQ+ Health Program**

In 2022, WHC initiated gender-affirming hormone therapy services to address the alarming shortage of affirming healthcare providers in West Virginia. According to West Virginia University research, 61% of surveyed transgender individuals travel out of state for gender-related care, significantly impacting their physical and mental health. To date, WHC has provided gender-affirming hormone therapy to over 200 patients.

To further support this community, we hired our first LGBTQ+ Health Program Coordinator in May 2023. This role is crucial for navigating insurance denials, completing medication prior authorizations, and coordinating referrals for specialized care, including endocrinology, neurology, psychiatry, counseling, voice therapy, surgery, and primary care. By offering tailored care and support, this program significantly improves access to quality healthcare for transgender individuals, addressing disparities and enhancing overall well-being.

### **Harm Reduction Program**

In response to the escalating overdose crisis and the rise in infectious diseases in our community, WHC launched a harm reduction program in October 2023. Charleston's Quick Response Team (QRT) responded to 391 overdoses in 2023, 71 of which were fatal. Additionally, Kanawha County saw 19 new HIV cases and 415 chronic Hepatitis C cases in 2022. A recent study highlighted the increase in endocarditis rates over the past 30 years, underscoring the effectiveness of harm reduction programs.

Our harm reduction program provides overdose prevention training, naloxone, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, wound care, supplies, and more. We also offer referrals to housing assistance, behavioral health, and substance use disorder treatment. These services are free, low-barrier, and available on a drop-in basis. From October 2023 through May 2024, we recorded 684 program visits, with increasing monthly participation. This initiative has fostered a safe space for participants to discuss positive changes and receive support.

## **HIV and HCV Rapid Testing and Treatment**

WHC expanded its services in 2024 to include rapid testing and treatment for HIV and Hepatitis C, addressing a critical need identified by the CDC in Kanawha County's severe HIV outbreak. Hepatitis C, closely linked to HIV, remains a major health concern, with West Virginia's incidence rate being nine times the national average.

The West Virginia Drug Utilization Review Board's 2022 decision to remove barriers to Hepatitis C treatment enabled us to provide life-saving care to those previously denied treatment. Since the implementation of our testing and treatment services, we have enrolled three individuals in HCV treatment, with one patient successfully completing the treatment and achieving a cure. Our harm reduction program's trauma-informed approach has been instrumental in building trust and facilitating access to these essential services without judgment or bias.

WHC's initiatives—gender-affirming hormone therapy, harm reduction, and HIV/HCV testing and treatment—demonstrate our commitment to bridging healthcare gaps and improving the health and well-being of our community. Through these programs, we strive to create a more inclusive and supportive healthcare environment for all.

Please list your Organization's Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:

Board of Directors:

Brittni McGuire, President  
Cali Wesson, Vice President  
Sarah Mullens, Treasurer  
Jennifer Jordan, Secretary  
Russell Williams, Executive Committee Member at Large  
Johnna Bailey  
Elizabeth Brunello  
Samantha Facemire  
Angelica Gilleran  
Meredith German  
Nafeeza Hussain, MD  
Angelita Nixon, CNM  
Daya Masada Wright, JD

Senior Staff Members:

Katie Quinonez, MPA, Executive Director  
Danielle Maness, APRN, WHNP-BC, CNM, ADS, Medical Director  
Ramsie Monk, Development Director  
Carolyn Riggs, FNP-BC, Nurse Practitioner  
Vania Riddle, Office Manager

Other Key Staff Members:

Iris Sidikman, Program Coordinator  
Megan Turner, Operations Coordinator  
Iva Markicevic, Communications Coordinator

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

Katie Quinonez, Executive Director – provides all WHC administrative oversight; serves as direct supervisor to Medical Director and Development Director.

Danielle Maness, APRN, WHNP-BC, CNM, ADS, Medical Director – provides all WHC clinical oversight including developing and implementing clinical policies and procedures for all medical programs; serves as direct supervisor of entire clinical team and program coordinator.

Carla VanMeter, LPN - The LPN assists with Harm Reduction Program supply ordering

and operation. They manage orders for safer sex supplies and see Harm Reduction Program clients during drop-in hours when the Harm Reduction Program Coordinator is out of the office.

Shannon Conley, Medical Assistant - The MA assists with Harm Reduction Program supply ordering and operation, as well as providing rapid and confirmatory HIV and Hepatitis C testing. They manage supply orders through Henry Schein and see Harm Reduction Program clients during drop-in hours when the Harm Reduction Program Coordinator is out of the office.

Iris Sidikman, Program Coordinator - responsible for program design and implementation, supply management and inventory and daily operation of the Harm Reduction Program. They work alongside the Medical Director to establish new protocols for services like HIV and Hepatitis C testing and treatment, and alongside the development team to assess and apply for further funding opportunities.

Ramsie Monk, Development Director. - - oversees WHC's fundraising efforts including donations and grants. Ramsie will work with the Program Coordinator to complete necessary reporting requirements and provide programmatic updates for all funding sources.

Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable:

1. Cash flow statement
2. Two years of audited financial statements
3. Current operating budget

If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

N/A

### **Section Five: Supplementary information**

Please enter contact information for at least one third-party reference.

Jake VanHorn, PsyD  
Cabin Creek Health Systems  
Behavioral Health Provider  
Community Impact Officer  
[jake.vanhorn@cchswv.org](mailto:jake.vanhorn@cchswv.org)

Christine Teague, PharmD, MPH, AAHIVP  
Program Director  
Ryan White Program  
[christine.teague@vandaliahealth.org](mailto:christine.teague@vandaliahealth.org)  
(304) 388-8106

Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support) that you feel will be essential to the County's review.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): Katie Quinonez

Title: Executive Director

Date: 

➤ How to Submit an Opioid Settlement Fund Application to Kanawha County  
Applicants are encouraged to use the online grant portal located at  
[www.kanawha.us](http://www.kanawha.us).

If you prefer to submit a paper application, you may email it to [info@kanawha.us](mailto:info@kanawha.us) or  
mail to: Kanawha County Commission, PO Box 3627, Charleston, WV 25336. For  
questions, call 304-357-0101 or email [info@kanawha.us](mailto:info@kanawha.us)