

Opioid Settlement Fund Application

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Applicant

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Certification

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Contact Information

Organization Name

1225 Ohio Ave. BDA Serenity Club

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Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal

We are requesting an allocation from The Opioid Settlement Fund to ensure the continued operation for the Serenity Club of Dunbar, WV, a 501(c)(3) organization, to fund needed improvements in our physical plant, and help with the cost of inflation in our operation expenses. We estimate a total yearly operating expense of \$48,000 and anticipate the additional expenses of a new HVAC system and repair/replace our current roofing. We are funded by nominal membership dues and the generosity of the attendees of the 12-Step Recovery meetings we currently host via a voluntary collection basket. Unfortunately those donations have not kept pace with operating expenses.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

The anticipated outcome of the allocation will be the ability remain viable and to keep our doors open for a safe and secure place for the 12-Step Recovering Community (and those seeking recovery) of the Kanawha Valley.

3. Individuals or communities served

We serve the 12-Step recovering community of the Kanawha Valley and those seeking recovery, particularly those affected by SUD/ODU/MH issues in a safe location. Many of our attendees come from sober living facilities like Kanawha Valley

Felloeship Home, Recovery Point of Charleston, Anchor Project, Shirley Temple as well as many short and long term treatment centers including WVU/Thomas Hospital and others.

4. Amount of funding requested

250000

5. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable

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6. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

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7. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

Membership dues and voluntary donations

8. How Opioid Settlement funds, if awarded, will be used

Our need is to remain viable to continue to provide access for persons seeking Recovery through 12-Step programs. Individual donations have not kept pace with operating expenses of the Serenity Club.

9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met

We intend to meet core strategies A and C-15 by engaging with other non-profits to support outreach of their clients. We provide a safe and secure haven to more than 25 weekly 12-Step meetings. We also facilitate regular social activities for an average of 125 participants which help develop healthy activities outside of those associated with active SUD/OD behaviors.

10. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

We estimate that if awarded the total amount requested, it will keep us operating for the next four years.

Proposal Details

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

We are funded by nominal membership dues and the generosity of the attendees of the 12-Step Recovery meetings we currently host via a voluntary collection basket. Unfortunately those donations have not kept pace with operating expenses. We have been operating at a loss for the past several years and have found it exceedingly difficult to maintain our facility. This award would put us in a position to maintain current services and perhaps expand services to even more persons living with SUD/OD.

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

As evidenced by our financial statements, we are finding it more difficult to maintain adequate funding to continue to keep our doors open. In recent years, the people we serve with SUD/OD are having harder times financially, which means they have less money to contribute. We rely on Membership Dues and contributions to remain open. Allocation of Settlement funds to us would ensure we could continue our important work.

3. Please provide your project timeline

With the allocation of funds requested, we could address pressing issues like a new HVAC system immediately, remodeling of handicap bathrooms and a new roof within the next 10 months and the ability to serve the Kanawhay Valley for the next four years.

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.

Monthly expenses estimate at 4000.00 (Utilities, custodial services, Insurance and consumables). Physical plant facility improvements estimate at approximately 50000.00 (remodeling bathrooms, new roof)

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

N/A

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

Our Board Members are our governing board and are as follows: Ben Davis, President; Rick Wisman, President Elect; AJ Carroll, Immediate Past President; Mark Payne, Secretary; Cheryl Taylor, Treasurer; Jacob Parsons, Treasurer Elect; Glenda Hawley, Trustee; Ken Hudnall, Trustee; David Patridge, Trustee; Tom Mainella, Grapevine Chairman

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

The serenity Club has been in service to the Recovery community of the Kanawha Valley since its founding in 1980. We have a current Board Member who has served on the board of various organizations and who has a new plan on yearly fundraising. Activities will include a Fundraising auction, proposed annual dinner, and several monthly social-based activities to generate income for the future.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

The purpose of this corporation is to advance the spiritual, mental and physical welfare of all those recovering from alcoholism and/or the disease of addiction. To that end this corporation declares itself to be a nonprofit organization and that, to that end, any monies or funds received by the corporation in any form whatsoever shall be used for the benefit of the corporation, The Serenity Club or its members. No officer, director or member shall receive financial remuneration for his services to the corporation of The Serenity Club, other than reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred. The Corporation and the Club vows to use guidelines of The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our primary purpose, as a corporation and through the Serenity Club, is to help our members stay sober and clean and help other alcoholics and addicts achieve sobriety and sustained recovery.

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities

Founded in 1980, The Serenity Club operates to help make recovery from SUD/ODU/MH issues happen in a safe and secure environment. With more than 25 weekly meetings, we help thousands of persons seeking recovery each year. We host various social activities designed to break the old habits associated with active addiction and form new healthy behaviors.

3. 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).

N/A

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

Ben Davis, President; Rick Wisman, President Elect; AJ Carroll, Immediate Past President; Mark Payne, Secretary; Cheryl Taylor, Treasurer; Jacob Parsons, Treasurer Elect; Glenda Hawley, Trustee; Ken Hudnall, Trustee; David Patridge, Trustee; Tom Mainella, Grapevine Chairman

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

We have no paid staff as we are a volunteer based organization.

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

Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year
3629

Two years of audited financial statements
3630

Current operating budget
3631

If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant

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7. 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

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

1. Continued to operate to service the recovery community of the Kanawha Valley despite yearly losses and hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the additional influx of persons trying to recover from SUD/OD

2. Continued to host holiday related activities as many of our attendees are unable to maintain their path as a person seeking recovery due to unstable homelife situations.

3. Hosted several free Naloxone distribution and instruction events

Supplementary Information

1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for at least one third-party reference.

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2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

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