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Opioid Settlement Funds

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Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages as needed. Applications will be accepted for up to \$100,000.00 for direct services and \$50,000.00 for indirect service projects. Funds are limited due to the amount of settlement received and projects may not receive full request. A 20% match of funds will be required for all projects; however, a waiver of match may be requested and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Waiver Request forms are available upon request. Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the City and the City reserves the right to deny any request for funds and/or waivers of match for any reason.

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

- CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED EXHIBIT A, SCHEDULE A - CORE STRATEGIES and SCHEDULE B APPROVED USES
- CERTIFY THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE CITY MAY MAKE VISITS DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DURING THE GRANT PERIOD FOR MONITORING PURPOSES *WITHOUT* PRIOR NOTICE.

**Section One: Contact Information**

Name of Organization and Contact Persons Name for application\*

Union Rescue Mission-Jacci Maier, Development Director

Address\*

107 Jefferson St.

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Website, if applicable:

urmwv.org

Phone Number\*

[Redacted]

Email address\*

[Redacted]

FEIN\*

[Redacted]

UEI\*

[Redacted]

Registration in SAM.gov  Yes  No

\*If yes, please list expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in good standing  Yes  No

**Section Two: Project Summary**

**Executive summary of the proposal\***

Please include details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal.

3.5 page maximum

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## **Section Two: Project Summary**

Since 2018, child poverty levels have increased. After spiking up to 25% in 2022, child poverty fell to 20.1% in 2023. But even with this decline, WV's child poverty rate ranked eighth highest in the country. Part of this problem is due to the opioid drug epidemic that has risen in WV.

In 2018, 65% of children in WV were reunified with their parents in less than 1 year, but the percentage is getting smaller; 57.9% were reunified in 2022.

WV's foster care system, like others, aims for reunification as the primary goal, and the success of reunification depends on various factors, including the parents' ability to address the issue that led to the child's removal.

WV has a significantly high rate of parental rights termination, especially compared to other states. The successful reunification of families in foster care can be affected by various factors, including the parents' willingness and ability to address the issue that led to the child's removal, as well as the availability of supportive services.

83% of child removals are linked to drug abuse.

2.2% of all children nationwide who entered foster care were from West Virginia, despite the state only having 0.5% of the total US population. This was in 2021.

In 2024, WV had 5,991 children in state custody who were or are still waiting to be adopted due to their parents' rights being terminated. 18% of aged-out foster youth have experienced homelessness, and 28% have experienced homelessness by the age of 21. The National Center on Family Homelessness reports that 1 in 4 children under the age of 6 in WV experience homelessness.

The numbers for how much time it takes to reunify families have fallen from 2018 to 2022. The percentage in 2018 was 65.7% and had dropped to 57.9% by 2022.

Ultimately, when a parent loses their children to foster care, they begin to spiral downhill.

85% of mothers in prison are separated from their children. 1 in 8 incarcerated parents have their rights terminated when their children are in foster care. The Adoption and Safe Families Act requires states to expedite the process of finding a permanent home for the child/children.

While reunification is the goal, not all children can be safely returned. Mostly due to parents losing hope, their way and not fulfilling compliance. WV permanently terminates parental rights more often than any other state, at a speed of nearly 40% faster than the national average.

A lot of times, the state rushed to terminate the parental rights because of the time we know it takes to recover. Research on addiction recovery supports the idea that it takes anywhere from 1 to 5 years or even longer to achieve stable and lasting recovery. But if the state is terminating parental rights in 11 months, we are almost setting parents up to fail.

We believe that we can make a difference in the reunification process by offering a program to help and support those individuals.

The state spent \$70 million dollars last year sending foster children to out of state group homes.

If we could get a jump on this process by giving the parent/parents a plan and a better outlook, we may see a decline in this expense.

So we are needing a 15 passenger van that will be used to transport parent/s, families to and from meetings , court hearings and transporting released individuals directly to the URM Parent Reunification Program.

**Which of the following Core Strategies and Approved Uses will be met?**

Please check all that apply:

**Schedule A Core Strategies \***

- Naloxone or other FDA -Approved Drug to reverse opioid overdoses.
- Medication Assisted Treatment ("MAT") Distribution and other opioid related treatment Pregnant & postpartum women.
- Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- Treatment of incarcerated population
- Prevention Programs
- Evidence based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies Law Enforcement
- Research

**Schedule B Approved Uses\***

- Treat opioid use disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment and recovery.
- Other

**Provide specific information on how your project will meet the Core Strategies and Approved Uses. \***

3.5 page maximum

With Case Manager, Family Coordinators and Certified Peer Counselors in place, the Parent Reunification Program will rehabilitate parents through specific counseling steps to regain custody of their children, bringing the family unit back together. This will begin to reduce the high statistics we are seeing in WV for foster children not returning home and back to a safe environment with their parents. The funds requested for the transportation vehicle needed will help to facilitate these

**Key anticipated outcomes\***

Because this program will be a pioneer effort of sorts in paving a way for families to reunite, we anticipate waits to get into this program, as we have limited space and will be on a first come first serve basis.

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**Individuals or communities served\***

The individuals we serve with our program are those who have lost their children due to drug abuse and addiction, and individuals who have lost their homes, jobs, everything due to drug addiction.

**Describe your organization's connection to the City of Fairmont\***

The Union Rescue Mission has been in the heart of Fairmont since 1937, with over a million people who have come through our doors in need of help since opening. We serve 3 meals a day, 365 days a year, we provide low barrier emergency shelter to anyone in need 365 days a year, we offer the Genesis Life Recovery Program designed to help people recover from addiction and return to their lives.

**Amount of funding requested\***

\$50,000.00

**Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization\***

\$

**Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization\***

**Project timeline\***

Include how long it will take you to implement and complete the project if awarded funding. *The project period is 12- months. 3.5 page maximum*

Our timeline for this specific project, The Parent Reunification Program, will be in place by November 1, 2025 as we are fully engaged in implementing resources and connections to begin program.

**Describe your organization's connection to the City of Fairmont**

The Union Rescue Mission has been in the heart of Fairmont since 1937, with over a million people who have come through our doors needing help. We serve 3 meals a day 365 days a year, we provide over night emergency shelter to anyone in need 365 days a year, we provide the Genesis Life Recovery program designed to help men and women recovering addicts needing help getting a reset to get back on their feet, we provide shelter for single parents coming from abusive relationships. These are the many ways we have been connected to Fairmont.

**Section Three: Proposal Details**

**Describe the problem or need that your project seeks to address \***  
3.5 page maximum

The problem and need we are addressing is the high rate of foster care in the state of West Virginia with an even higher rate of no reunification for the children removed from their homes here in WV.

**Total proposed budget\***

\*\*Include the following:

- ❖ A detailed proposed budget

Example:

Category	Amount	Purpose	Source(s) of Funding
Personnel			
Contracts			
Travel/Training			
Equipment			
Other			

- ❖ Proposed budget narrative\*

Describe how you will use the requested funding to complete the proposed project.

3.5 page maximum

We will use the funding for a 15 passenger van that we will use to transport individuals, families and children to and from respective court appointed visits, appointments, counseling and any other court required visits needed.

**List any partners in this proposal, the partners' roles, and your relationship with them. \***

3.5 page maximum

n/a

**List leadership/key personnel\***

Identify the anticipated leadership/key personnel of the proposal and attach resumes for each person.

3.5 page maximum

Pastor Jeff Bonadon- Executive Director of Union Rescue Mission Patrick Bostado- Men's Coordinator of Union Rescue Mission Daniela Bostado- Women's Coordinator of Union Rescue Mission Sandra Cumberland- Case Manager of Union Rescue Mission

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**List leadership/key personnel**

Pastor Jeff Benedict- Executive Director of Union Rescue Mission

Patrick Bostedo- Men's Coordinator of Union Rescue Mission

Danielia Bostedo- Women's Coordinator of Union Rescue Mission

Sandra Cumberledge- Case Manager of Union Rescue Mission

**Describe your plan for sustainability after the grant award has been exhausted. \***

*3.5 page maximum*

**Section Four: Organization Information**

**Provide your organization's mission statement. \***

At Union Rescue Mission, our mission statement has always been to help the least, the last and the lost.

**Describe the history of your organization. \***

Our mission was established in 1937 with the clear directive of helping those in need and those who had lost their way. And through this time we have had a million people come through our doors. By continuing what was set by our forefathers of our mission, we still provide 3 meals a day, 365 days a year, provide emergency low barrier shelter to those who need a bed to sleep, and in more recent decades, focusing on helping men and women recovering from addiction with our Genesis Life Recovery Program. And these services have always been provided through donor funding.

**Tell us about your current programs and activities. \***

Currently, we offer the Genesis Life Recovery Program to those who are recovering from addiction. This program is for men, women and families with children. This program provides extensive group and individual counseling, life skills training teaching responsibility and accountability along with money management and the importance of saving which we provide to them through the stipend program. For those who have not earned their high school diploma, we set them up with the Adult Learning Center to acquire their GED and if they have learning deficiencies such as reading. Once they have completed and graduated the program, we help them find housing and employment.

**Describe your plan for sustainability after the grant award has been exhausted**

We will maintain the Transport Van with regular maintenance, repair and care through our regular mechanics service.

**Tell us about your current programs and activities:**

Currently, we offer the Genesis Life Recovery Program to those who are recovering from addiction, those who are recovering from abuse, those who have fallen on hard times and have lost their way, single parents who have children who don't have a home. This program provides extensive counselling, group and individual, extensive Bible study, life skills training to help them learn or relearn the elements of responsibility and being accountable, provides them with small jobs to do that they earn a stipend which they then learn to manage their money with. They are required to save a portion of their earnings to have savings for when they graduate from the program and get back on their feet. For those who have not earned their high school diploma, we set them up with the adult learning center to earn their GED, if they have learning deficiencies such as reading, they are set up with reading specialist to help them read, and for those wanting more education, we will help facilitate college education through Pierpont Community and Technical College. Once they have gone through our program, we will help them find housing and employment.

**Describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years. \***

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1. We have established a stipend program for residents of Genesis Life Recovery Program to help them learn money management and responsibility.
2. We have had our first ever graduating class of Genesis Life Recovery Program.
3. We have added a Case Manager position to our staff, specifically set up to help our residents and the homeless community coming to our mission with such things

**All sources of funding\***

List all funds received by your organization from any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last year and the current status of those funds.

**Organization Members\***

- List your Organization's Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, and other key members of your organization.
- List the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:

\* Board Members: Susan McCollum, Danny Rosenberger, Dr. Phil Wilmoth, Anthony Horten, James Seaman, Stephen Callen  
\*Senior Staff Members: Jeff Benedict, Executive Director, Drew Burkett, Finance Director, Jaci Maier, Development Director, Sandra Cumberledge, Case Manager, Patrick Bostedo, Men's Coordinator and Danielia Bostedo, Women's Coordinator  
\*Staff involved with the Parent Reunification Program: Jeff Benedict, Sandra

**Attach the Following:**

**Certifications \***

- Certifications of good standing with the Secretary of State
- All licensures required from the city
- All licensures and certifications for all individuals that will be working on this project.
- All special licensures and certifications required by the state

**Describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.**

We have established a stipend program for the residents of the Genesis Life Recovery Program to help them learn money management and responsibility.

We have had our very first graduating class of our Genesis Life Recovery Program with five men and five women coming to full fruition with their hard work and dedication.

We have added a Case Manager position to our staff specifically to help our residents and the homeless coming to our mission with obtaining medical care, proper identification and housing.

## **Organization Members**

### **Board Members:**

Susan McCollum

Danny Rosenberger

Dr. Phil Wilmoth

Anthony Horten

James Seaman

Stephen Callen

### **Senior Staff Members:**

Jeff Benedict, Executive Director

Drew Burkett, Finance Director

Jacqueline Maier, Development Director

Sandra Cumberledge, Case Manager

Patrick Bostedo, Men's Coordinator

Danielia Bostedo, Women's Coordinator

Pastor Jeff Benedict-Executive Director, Sandra Cumberledge-Case Manager, Patrick Bostedo, Men's Coordinator and Danielia Bostedo, Women's Coordinator will be the play key roles in implementing the Parent Reunification Program and bringing individuals to the program for help.

**Audited financial statements\***

Attach one year of the most recent audited financial statements.

**Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, & Appropriations and Cash Flow\***

Attach your organization's most current monthly Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, & Appropriations and Cash flow statement

**Current operating budget\***

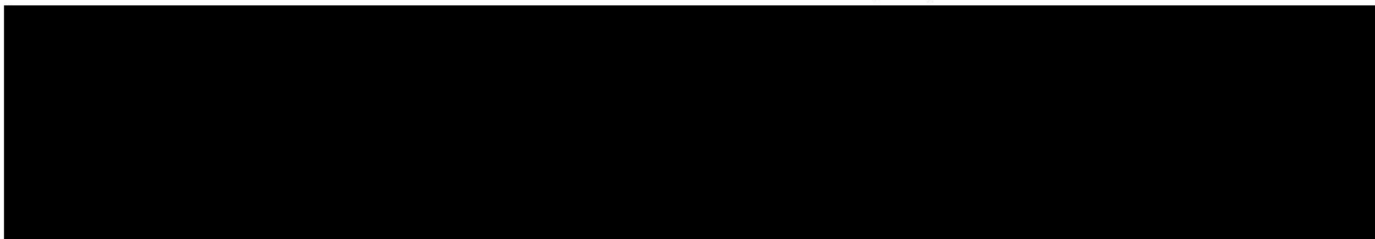
Attach your organization's current operating budget.

**\*\*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.**

**Section Five: Supplementary Information**


**Third-party reference\***

*Enter contact information for at least one outside third-party reference.*



**Supplementary information or documentation**

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

  
Signature

Jacqueline Mayer  
Name (Print)

Development Director  
Title

7-31-25  
Date

*While we are unable to help you complete this application, we are more than happy to provide you with clarification. Please contact Rene Graves, Grant Administrator, with any questions at [rgraves@fairmontwv.gov](mailto:rgraves@fairmontwv.gov) or 304-366-6212 x 321.*

*All projects will run for 12 months from the time of the signed contract with the ability to apply for a one-year no cost extension.*