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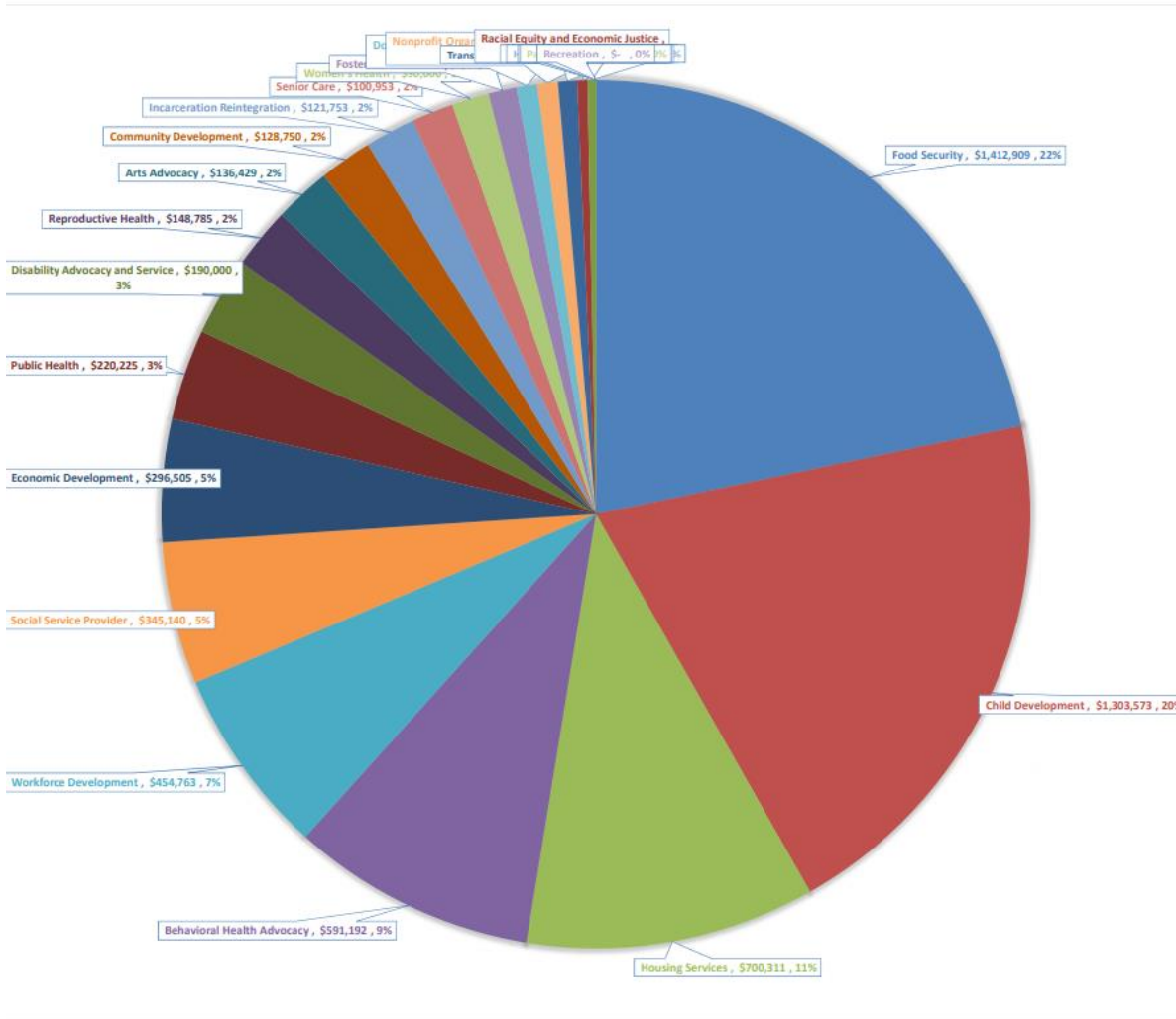
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## ORGANIZATION BY RECOMMENDED FUNDING

Name of Organization	Description	Recommended Funding
<b>Family Promise of Tulsa County</b>	Housing Services	\$318,333
<b>Goodwill Industries of Tulsa</b>	Workforce Development	\$272,857
<b>Mental Health Association of OK</b>	Behavioral and Mental Health	\$272,857
<b>Tulsa Dream Center</b>	Child Development	\$272,857
<b>Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce</b>	Economic Development	\$240,114
<b>Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma</b>	Food Security	\$227,381
<b>HCSI, Inc. (TCF)</b>	Food Security	\$227,381
<b>Iron Gate</b>	Food Security	\$227,381
<b>Meals on Wheels of Metro Tulsa</b>	Food Security	\$227,381
<b>Tulsa Day Center</b>	Housing Services	\$213,738
<b>YMCA of Greater Tulsa</b>	Behavioral and Mental Health	\$181,905
<b>YWCA Tulsa</b>	Workforce Development	\$181,905
<b>Arts Alliance Tulsa (TCF)</b>	Arts Advocacy	\$136,428
<b>Family and Children's Services</b>	Behavioral and Mental Health	\$136,428
<b>Lilyfield</b>	Child Development	\$136,428
<b>MetCares Foundation</b>	Child Development	\$136,428
<b>South Tulsa Community House</b>	Social Service Provider	\$136,428
<b>Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance</b>	Child Development	\$136,428
<b>Tulsa Responds</b>	Social Service Provider	\$136,155
<b>The Opportunity Project</b>	Child Development	\$130,000
<b>MyHealth Access Network</b>	Public Health	\$129,272
<b>Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma</b>	Food Security	\$127,333
<b>Amplify Youth Health Collective</b>	Reproductive Health	\$112,784
<b>Food on the Move</b>	Food Security	\$90,952
<b>LIFE Senior Services</b>	Senior Care	\$90,952
<b>Modus, Inc.</b>	Public Health	\$90,952
<b>Operation Hope Prison Ministry</b>	Incarceration Reintegration	\$90,952
<b>Restoration Collective</b>	Food Security	\$90,952
<b>Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care</b>	Child Development	\$68,214
<b>Tulsa Advocates for the Protection of Children dba Fostering Connections</b>	Foster Child Advocacy and Support	\$68,214



<b>University of Central Oklahoma (Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute)</b>	Child Development	\$68,214
<b>Hunger Free Oklahoma (TCF)</b>	Food Security	\$63,666
<b>Revitalize T-Town</b>	Housing Services	\$63,666
<b>Urban Strategies, Inc.</b>	Social Service Provider	\$57,554
<b>Kendall Whittier Main Street</b>	Economic Development	\$53,996
<b>Lindsey House</b>	Housing Services	\$54,571
<b>501Tech (TCF)</b>	Nonprofit Organization Technical Assistance	\$50,000
<b>A New Leaf</b>	Disability Advocacy and Service	\$50,000
<b>Community ShareHouse</b>	Housing Services	\$50,000
<b>Domestic Violence Intervention Services</b>	Domestic Violence Survivor Advocacy	\$50,000
<b>EDUREC Youth and Family Fun Center</b>	Child Development	\$50,000
<b>Emergency Infant Services</b>	Child Development	\$50,000
<b>Growing Together</b>	Community Development	\$50,000
<b>Oklahoma Mothers' Milk Bank</b>	Women's Health	\$50,000
<b>Sia Mah Nu: Assisting the Burmese Community (CSC)</b>	Community Development	\$50,000
<b>Pathways Adult Learning Center</b>	Disability Advocacy and Service	\$45,000
<b>Family Hope House</b>	Child Development	\$40,000
<b>Oklahoma Project Woman</b>	Women's Health	\$40,000
<b>One Hope Tulsa</b>	Child Development	\$40,000
<b>Parent Child Center of Tulsa</b>	Child Development	\$40,000
<b>Surayya Anne Foundation</b>	Child Development	\$40,000
<b>TulsaRISE</b>	Food Security	\$40,000
<b>Global Gardens</b>	Food Security	\$39,478
<b>Resonance Center for Women</b>	Incarceration Reintegration	\$30,800
<b>NewView Oklahoma</b>	Disability Advocacy and Service	\$30,000
<b>TSHA Inc</b>	Disability Advocacy and Service	\$30,000
<b>Oklahomans for Equality</b>	Community Development	\$28,750
<b>Neighbors Along the Line</b>	Food Security	\$27,000
<b>Blessings to Share Foundation</b>	Disability Advocacy and Service	\$25,000
<b>New Hope Oklahoma</b>	Child Development	\$25,000
<b>Terence Crutcher Foundation</b>	Racial Equity and Economic Justice	\$25,000
<b>Comunidad de Esperanza Lutheran Church</b>	Food Security	\$24,000
<b>Planned Parenthood Great Plains</b>	Reproductive Health	\$21,000

<b>This Machine dba Tulsa Bike Share</b>	Transportation Services	\$20,500
<b>Fab Lab Tulsa</b>	Entrepreneurship	\$20,000
<b>Not Forgotten Children</b>	Child Development	\$20,000
<b>The Pencil Box</b>	Child Development	\$20,000
<b>Tulsa Hope Academy</b>	Child Development	\$20,000
<b>Harvest House</b>	Social Service Provider	\$15,000
<b>Health Outreach Prevention Education, Inc.</b>	Reproductive Health	\$15,000
<b>Building All Children</b>	Child Development	\$10,000
<b>RSVP of Tulsa, Inc.</b>	Senior Care	\$10,000
<b>Special Olympics Oklahoma</b>	Disability Advocacy and Service	\$10,000
<b>Organizations Recommended for Funding</b>		74
<b>Total Funding Recommended</b>		\$6,500,000

## ARTS ADVOCACY

### Arts Alliance Tulsa

**Project: Arts Recovery Tulsa Fund**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Tulsa's creative sector was among the first and hardest hit by the pandemic. Arts Alliance Tulsa (AAT) will establish the Arts Recovery Tulsa Fund to provide a path to restart Tulsa's cultural sector. Funds would be used to establish a 1:1 match for any dollars contributed to the Arts Recovery Tulsa fund to benefit AAT's 43-member alliance with annual budgets of \$400,000 or less. This fund will provide unrestricted grants to member agencies and a portion of the funds will also be used for design and marketing costs. These grants will be restricted to grants for purposes of economic development.

## BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

### Family and Children's Services

**Project: Virtual Health Care Connectivity to F&CS Services**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

To ensure the safety of our clients and employees, we rapidly moved most services and operations to a remote work environment in March of 2020. Staff checked in frequently with clients to ensure social connectedness remained between F&CS and those that we serve. To continue supporting Tulsans' personal and financial health, development, and resilience, F&CS respectfully requests \$195,385 in City of Tulsa grant funding to help us continue to meet the client needs described below:

- Technology (iPad Support Staff and Data Plans) - To maintain F&CS' telehealth connectivity with clients, we are requesting support for Client data/iPad connectivity support staff to provide IT support for clients using iPads and our staff who are working to keep clients connected.
- Client Medications (Courier Delivery and Mail Services) - During the pandemic, the F&CS Pharmacy has moved to mailing or using courier services to deliver patient medications. Not only does this maintain the

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safety of staff and clients by following social distancing protocols, it enables clients to maintain their medication adherence, thereby positively impacting clients' mental health.

## Mental Health Association of Oklahoma

### Project: Supported Employment for COVID-19 Recovery

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is an expansion of the Supported Employment Program of Mental Health Association in Tulsa, Inc. DBA Mental Health Association Oklahoma (MHAOK) that was begun in 2017. Based on the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) employment model, the program is twofold. Activities include *services and support* (as needed) such as job development, job coaching, job placement, job counseling, and other vocational services and *employer development* to constantly increase placement opportunities. IPS is an evidence-based practice that is proven to yield positive outcomes for individuals with barriers to employment. COVID 19 has had a devastating impact on thousands of Tulsans and their families due to lower paying jobs in the service sector being cut or eliminated while there is still demand for a qualified, reliable workforce in other sectors. The goal of this program expansion would be to prepare individuals to return to the workforce at a livable wage who suffered a loss of employment due to the pandemic. The benefits for individuals are primarily to sustain their lives and the lives of their families, but the broader-reaching impact of investing in the workforce would have a ripple effect and help jump start our recovery from COVID 19. Through the last 3 years the Supported Employment Program has served 79 individuals and there have been 30 employers where an individual employee has been placed. Over 330 different employers were contacted about placing an employee in their business. This proposed funding would enable us to expand our staff, publicize our program and reach approximately 80 more individuals experiencing challenges becoming unemployed with the opportunity to obtain work at a sustainable wage, to learn the skills necessary to gain and retain their jobs, and become valuable assets to their employers. Employers would also benefit from having access to a pool of qualified candidates who have job coaches, if needed, to promote reliable and productive work habits. This expansion speaks directly to the categories 1 and 2 in the RFP – Supporting Tulsans' personal and financial health, development, and resilience and Enabling secure resumption of economic and community activity in the aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic.

## YMCA of Greater Tulsa

### Project: Spirit, Mind and Body Support Service

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We are requesting funding for wrap around mental health services to our existing signature out of school time educational support program for youth. We have served children and their families throughout the pandemic and seen a significant and alarming increase in mental health support needs for parents and their children. Families are struggling; our child abuse and neglect reports are rising at a devastating rate.

The YMCA of Greater Tulsa will utilize a full-time mental health professional in partnership with Family and Children's Services to provide families, children ages 5-18 and adult caregivers the highest quality, evidence based youth development programming, mentoring, and enrichment activities including critical mental health services, nutritious meals, virtual learning tools and other resources. Students will also receive valuable support throughout the partnership. Indirect Costs will be capped at 10%.

Students will participate in educational groups focusing on: COVID Stressors, Life, Coping and Mindfulness Skills, Individual, Group and Family Therapy for Current "New Normal" Stressors. In addition, adults, parents, and staff will receive the same in support groups.

Along with one mental health professional, the YMCA would like to hire two Family Engagement specialists, working with families to connect them to community resources such as food, housing, medical, transportation. As well as building relationships with GO families, sports and aquatics and school sites.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### Building All Children

#### **Project: Building Child and Family Development**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Building All Children (B.A.C.) hosts developmental playgroups at various childcare facilities across the city of Tulsa. These playgroups, designed by our Playgroup Specialist, and carried out by staff and volunteers, involve sensory play, fine and gross motor skills building, social interaction, adaptive skill building, cognitive development building, S.T.E.M., and early literacy skills. Playgroups are held twice a month and serve approximately 400 children and 160 families per month. B.A.C. provides all supplies including development-building activities, books and literacy items, and creative tools to continue building development in each home. When our host facilities closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, B.A.C. created a unique opportunity for families to continue receiving services and tools needed for building development by offering safe and creative "Drive-Thru Playgroups" around the metro-Tulsa area. Building All Children staff and volunteers map and set up the facility premises with flow signage and 6-8 stations, each of which includes supplies for 200+ children. We wish to use the granted funds to continue providing unique, development-building services and supplies through these drive-thru playgroups and to resume in-person playgroups when facilities safely allow.

## EDUREC Youth and Family Fun Center

**Project: Operation Safe Reopening**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

With the exception of 2020, we have offered Spring Break Camp and Summer Camp every year for the past eight years. We provide breakfast and lunch for approximately 50 students and we provide supervised activities for the kids from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We offer math, reading, science and life skills in our summer camp, as well as educational field trips every Friday. We want to safely reopen our facility and not charge parents full price as many of the parents we serve have lost jobs or are in financial crisis as a result of the pandemic.

## Emergency Infant Services

**Project: Grocery Essentials and Seasonal Clothing Program**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Our Grocery Essentials and Seasonal Clothing Program will help fill the gaps in our grocery bags and provide new seasonal clothing to the families we serve. Currently, we partner with the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma to receive grocery items. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic we were able to obtain meat protein, produce, and a better-balanced meal offering on a consistent basis. Due to the ever-growing need in our community, the items we receive can be limited and lack the components necessary to build a balance family meal.

Additionally, we offer the ability for families to shop our boutique for seasonal clothing for their children. While we do receive in-kind support for our boutique, the need for new seasonal clothing continues to grow. We receive donations from several civic organizations, along with our Junior and Young Professional Boards holding school and corporate donation drives.

## Family Hope House

**Project: Family Advocacy Program**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

An organization that seeks to improve the stability and permanency of foster and adoptive care placement in Oklahoma, Family Hope House will respond to the increased mental health needs created by the pandemic through the initiation of the Family Advocacy program. This program will help children and their families achieve optimal functioning within a community setting by providing Family Advocate Services in various settings to determine the most effective programs, perform needs assessments, monitoring services, facilitation of interdisciplinary approaches to health care treatment and crisis intervention. Funding is specifically requested for program personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies, and administrative costs.

## Lilyfield

**Project: Lilyfield EmpowerTulsa Hope Community Center Renovation**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

An organization providing foster care and childhood trauma services, Lilyfield's EmpowerTulsa program provides holistic, trauma-informed services for at-risk children and their families. To become a stand-alone service provider, Lilyfield will use funds to renovate Hope Community Center located at 2625 N. Peoria Ave. Using a local architect and contractors, the Center will renovate this building located in their central service area to provide services such as mental health counseling, case management for families, youth life skills groups, social-emotional learning kits and groups, educational support, mentoring, and food distribution to clients.

## MetCares Foundation

**Project: LevelUp Tulsa**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The LevelUp Tulsa initiative is a continuation of an effort from The Met Cares Foundation to expand access to upward economic mobility to families across North Tulsa struggling with poverty. The initiative provides parents across North Tulsa with fixed, weekly stipends to take career training courses from our partner organizations (including Tulsa Community WorkAdvance, Workforce Tulsa and Goodwill Industries). These stipends alleviate financial barriers to access by supplementing needed income which may be lost by taking time off from work to attend a training. These parents are supported to and through job placement, with many immediately entering new jobs making at least \$2-4/hr more than they were before becoming a LevelUp participant. This increase in wages helps them improve their financial wellness raise their families out of poverty. This CARES Act grant funding will ensure the continuation of this initiative and financially support no fewer than 36 parents in completing job training and placement between March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

## New Hope Oklahoma

### **Project: After School Programs for the Children of Incarcerated**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

New Hope Oklahoma is a Tulsa-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing services to children enduring the emotional and developmental hardship of having a parent in prison. All programs are offered at no cost to qualifying families. Despite unprecedented circumstances in our 28th year serving children of incarcerated parents, we have pivoted to meet the individual and collective needs of our young people.

New Hope's most immediate need is funds to support our after-school programs. Now more than ever, social and emotional learning is vital for all young people, but it is especially important for children affected by parental incarceration. There are few groups addressing the needs of our vulnerable population. Children of prisoners already face immense risks when compared with their matched peers, and they are now disproportionately affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Furthermore, in addition to their existent, numerous risks, children of prisoners are currently faced with the hardship of having no contact with their incarcerated parent(s). This project would allow New Hope to expand our vital services to six additional Tulsa Public Schools sites. By working with existing school staff, we will maintain safety restrictions and limit exposure for all students. These new programs, as with our existing after-school programs, will focus on social and emotional outcomes and improving the overall mental health of our clients during this difficult time.

## Not Forgotten Children



## Project: Common Ground Community Garden

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Common Ground Community Garden will provide agricultural education to children and families in North Tulsa who will receive hands on training to grow and prepare their own vegetables, encourage social interaction and self-esteem, receive moderate exercise, relieve stress, improve psychological well-being, and have a greater understanding of healthy eating. Located in one of the hardest hit, lowest income areas in Tulsa and with over 80% African American residents, we anticipate more than 500 children from low-income families will participate and gain the knowledge and skills to build eco-friendly gardens and prepare what they produce. The Common Ground Community Garden will be open after school and on weekends with curriculum and leadership. At 319 E 31<sup>st</sup> Street North, it is directly across the street from the North Mabee Boys & Girls Club and within walking distance of several apartment complexes. After completion of the Common Ground Community Garden program, participants will have the skills and confidence necessary to grow and produce food for themselves and learn interpersonal relationship skills that will improve their life overall. Before the project begins, the organization will provide a complete budget.

## Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care

### Project: Foster Family Supports

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As the largest private provider of foster care services in the state of Oklahoma, Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care maintains an agency-wide ethic of going above and beyond for the foster families we serve. This has never been truer than in the last year, as our clients have faced what is easily the most difficult year of providing foster services in the history of our program. Besides the regular challenges all families have faced during this crisis—disruption of school routines, loss of employment, health concerns—foster families have also faced added challenges such as slow-downs in the court system meaning longer placements for children. The challenges faced by all parents during the COVID-19 pandemic, have contributed to a 30% increase in foster care placements through our agency across the state and a 34% increase in the number of foster placements in Tulsa County. This increase, and the educational challenges faced by our foster families is the target of our request for funding. Because of the pandemic, one of the most pressing needs our families have faced relates to the added burden parents face overseeing online school for school-aged children and teens. While all families in Tulsa have struggled under this additional parenting burden, foster families have been especially hard hit for a number of reasons. Many children in foster care come into their foster homes already behind in school, due to family instability and trauma. Additionally, foster homes may not have the necessary technology needed for multiple children to access online classes and assignments. Extra children in the home creates a need for additional devices and increased Wi-Fi capacity. Further, our parents have expressed a need for after-school and summer

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tutoring for their students who continue to struggle academically because of the school routine disruptions caused by COVID-19. With this additional funding provided by the City of Tulsa, we will be able fund family supports for the increased numbers of foster families we are serving in Tulsa and add two new supports for these families:

- Financial support for families to purchase necessary technology for students participating in online learning, such as Chromebooks, Wi-Fi Hotspot devices, and/or Wi-Fi booster/extenders, up to \$400 per school-age child.
- Financial support for families who seek tutoring for struggling students, up to \$150/month from April-August, in order to help students improve skills and confidence they may have lost during the challenging 2020-21 school year

## One Hope Tulsa

### Project: One Hope Sports and Arts Clinics

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We will provide sports and arts clinics free of charge for kids in or near lower-income apartment complexes, particularly in the neighborhoods near the Rose Bowl (our center for sharing hope), with a target of reaching 100 kids weekly with the healing and resilience building impact of sports and arts. The clinics will give kids choices of sports activities (basketball, football, and soccer) and art activities, as well as lunch and snacks, in a relationally dense, trauma-responsive environment. Each participant will receive supplies/equipment to take home to encourage continued interest/engagement in sports/arts. Free physicals will also be available for kids who need them in order to participate in school sports. Additionally, as a follow up to each clinic, we will install sports equipment and gathering spaces for art (likely soccer goals, basketball hoops, and/or picnic tables within safe walking distance for the apartment complexes served by the clinic. The clinics will connect kids to the resilience building power of sports and arts and create pathways for continuing impact by sending kids home with sports equipment and art supplies and by installing sports equipment/gathering spaces to facilitate opportunities for kids to engage in sports/arts in an accessible community context. Kids and families will also leave clinics with the confidence and know how to engage in sports/arts programming through their schools and Tulsa Parks program. Our staff, volunteers, and summer interns will staff each clinic as well as install equipment after clinics. This would be an approximately 7-week summer program.

## Parent Child Center of Tulsa

### Project: PCCT's Family and Child Therapy

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Parent Child Center of Tulsa (PCCT's) Therapy program offers treatment to abused and neglected child and their parents or caregivers to heal trauma and build healthy relationships. To meet the increased in referrals caused by the pandemic, PCCT seeks will used funds to supplement their therapy program and provide individual, parent-child, and group therapy, as well as home-based services to clients.

## Surayya Anne Foundation

**Project: One Hope Sports and Arts Clinics**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The organization has been providing long-term on-site housing, emergency housing, eviction prevention, utility bill assistance, food, clothing, medical, and transportation assistance, and case management to a culturally diverse and vulnerable population in Tulsa since 2007. We have stepped up these efforts in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The proposed project will enable Surayya Anne Foundation to expand these services to more families in dire need and to increase assistance to fill a critical gap in local services.

## The Opportunity Project

**Project: The Opportunity Project: Return to Learning 2021**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Opportunity Project (The Opp), Tulsa's citywide intermediary for expanded learning, on behalf of its youth-serving partner organizations, seeks to fund engaging learning opportunities for youth focused on pandemic learning loss and re-engagement post-COVID school closures to be launched in Summer 2021. A sample of offerings listed below is not inclusive of all programs supported with proposed funds. Partner youth-serving organizations who meet The Opportunity Project's criteria set out in a forthcoming request for proposals (RFP) process may also be supported. Offerings by developmental stage include:

- Elementary
  - Tulsa Parks summer camp at 6 locations
  - *Super Summer* camp experience for McClure and Whitman Elementary school communities
- Middle
  - Tulsa Parks counselor-in-training program at 6 locations

- High school
  - Summer internships
  - Up to 30 youth in 2 cohorts
  - Partner with local workforce development nonprofit
  - 1 day per week – goal-setting, career exploration, employability skills, “adulting”
  - Meaningful paid internship with local nonprofit organizations (businesses will engage in phase 2 in fall 2021) 3 days per week, up to 15 hours
  - Advisors will support youth and employer partners throughout the week
- All youth
  - No-cost swimming at all Tulsa Parks locations for youth

Now more than ever, expanded learning programs have the power to be a game changer for everyone. Summer programs are uniquely positioned not only to address learning loss, but to help youth make social, emotional, and academic learning gains that are essential for their recovery. Research proves that summer learning programs are effective at increasing students’ school attendance, course credits, and on-time graduation, as well as improving performance in subjects like math and English.

## The Pencil Box

### Project: The Pencil Box

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pencil Box is more than pencils and paper. It’s about preparing children for the future, breaking the cycle of poverty and giving hope. Access to school supplies is critical in causing students to feel engaged, that they belong to the school and identify with the learning experience. Having school supplies empowers students to recognize they have choices and opportunities to make decisions and pursue their dreams. The Pencil Box is a free store for teachers that exists to empower students and equalize the classroom by providing essential school supplies to low wealth students and their teachers in grades pre-K through 12. We partner with public schools in Tulsa County where 70% or more of the students live at or below the Federal Poverty Level. There are currently 62 eligible schools, all of which we have invited. The schools are in Tulsa Public Schools, with 53 eligible schools, Union Public Schools, with 9 eligible schools, and Sand Springs Public Schools, with 2 eligible schools. Our facility resembles a retail space where teachers select supplies specific to the needs of their students and classrooms throughout the school year. We manage and track supplies using a point-of-sale inventory data system. We send monthly and semester reports to partnering school principals and district superintendents. We depend on the generosity of businesses, foundations, organizations and individuals for money and product to stock our shelves. We purchase core students supplies not donated at reduced prices from partnering local and national manufacturers and retailers. We are a member of the Kids In Need Foundation Network that connects us with major national manufacturers and retailers who donate supplies to us. The Pencil Box is the only

organization providing supplies to eligible schools in all 15 public school districts in Tulsa County, the only organization giving supplies in grades pre-K through 12, the only organization providing supplies throughout the school year and the only free store for teachers in Oklahoma that is a member of the Kids In Need Foundation Network. Since our first school supply distribution on October 6, 2015, we have given \$1,910,000 worth of supplies to low wealth public-school students and their teachers in Tulsa.

## Tulsa Dream Center

**Project: Continuation of Support and Empowerment Programs**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

For our Support & Empowerment Programs, our primary focus will be on supporting Tulsan's personal and financial health, development and resilience by meeting tangible needs including food and household items, education, and empowerment services. Funding from this grant would allow us to continue our community support efforts as well as empowerment services at the Tulsa Dream Center. This grant would provide much-needed equipment to carry out our food distribution services more effectively as well as dry goods, dairy, meat, and other food-related costs. This grant will also provide equipment and cover costs associated with our education and empowerment programs including educational programs for children and adults. COVID-related costs are also included in this project in order to provide safe spaces for our recipients, volunteers and staff.

## Tulsa Hope Academy

**Project: Hope4Kids Reading Intervention**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Two hundred Tulsa Public School teachers will be trained in an effective phonics instructional method entitled Secret Stories. Teachers, parents, and students have been greatly affected by the lack of in-person instruction this past year due to Covid19. As the reading gap continues to widen, Tulsa students' educational development

and resilience suffer. Many students in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade struggle to read on grade level and fail to engage effectively with the online curriculum. Teachers will be trained by two professionals to use a phonics method which can be incorporated with the present curriculum. The skills will help teachers provide a fun, visual, auditory, and kinesthetic method which will enhance students' ability to read. All the needed materials will be provided to the teachers in order for them to begin immediate implementation.

## Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance

### Project: North Tulsa STEM Hub

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance (TRSA) proposes a collaborative project focused on economic development and educational access for students in North Tulsa. In partnership with, and located on site of, the Tulsa Dream Center, TRSA will utilize CARES Act funding to develop and staff a STEM Hub, providing high level academic programming, while promoting community involvement and introducing underserved students to promising careers. We envision a STEM Hub equipped with relevant technology, run by TRSA staff who combines a deep subject knowledge with a passion for culturally competent education, where students who attend Dream Center programming can strengthen academic skills, while engaging with potential career paths that have historically lacked representation from Black and Latinx students. TRSA staff, specifically K20 Manager and North Tulsa Native Dr. Wil Brown, and curriculum expert and Computer Science Manager Kristen Tanner, have advanced training in STEM technologies and can select long-lasting equipment that will serve the center for years after purchase. The equipment paid for through this grant may include but will not be limited to, Chromebooks, lab equipment, science classroom kits, and subscriptions to relevant software for computer science and coding education. With an initial investment in technology, Dream Center students will have access to equipment needed in booming careers in the fields of computer science, biomedicine, digital design, and chemistry. Dream Center students would also participate in other annual events and projects coordinated by TRSA, including drone competitions, autonomous underwater vehicles, architectural competitions, and a regional science fair among many others. The STEM Hub will act as a daily lab for creative and scientific thinking, as well as a center for structured long-term activities and a space to encourage collaboration and exploration. TRSA partners including the Urban Coders Guild, and 'Don't Be Scared,' a chemistry program directed by TCC Professor Dr. Ryan Johnson, have agreed to facilitate programming at the STEM Hub. As public schools moved to virtual programming for the safety of students and staff, the Dream Center took on a larger burden and moved to a needs based model rather than a supplemental model. Launching and developing a STEM Hub at the Dream Center addresses the loss of high-quality extracurricular programming caused by limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic, while also building potential economic opportunities for the entire community as North Tulsa youth learn about high impact vocations. Beyond student opportunities, this Hub will also be a local option for North Tulsa teachers to congregate for STEM professional development sessions, encouraging participation for teachers who may be located miles from the main locations where PD is generally implemented.

## University of Central Oklahoma (Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute)

## Project: SAIL Box

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SAIL Box was conceived by Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute at UCO (OKA+) during the pandemic, with the intent to provide at home “unplugged” learning activities, with additional enhancements and extensions, that are grounded in Oklahoma Academic Standards, but are also fun and engaging for a student to enjoy as well for a family to do together. With the prevalence of distance learning for school, students have had increased time in front of screens and have also had to deal with the mental effects of not being in school, not being with friends, and having less access to diverse learning experiences. OKA+ wants to provide engaging activities with hands-on projects to get students and families away from devices, engaging with other materials and one another, all while exercising creativity as they learn. Monthly, a SAIL Box (Simply Arts Integrated Learning box) will be delivered to 400 students in Tulsa. There are nine OKA+ member schools in Tulsa which represent diverse populations. The schools will be the distribution avenue for the boxes. Beginning in April 2021, boxes will be distributed to students who are currently in second grade. These students will then receive a box monthly, even through the summer months, and into their third-grade year, through March 2022. This year of continuity will help to reengage students in effective, challenging, and fun learning experiences without a gap. With third grade being a key year for readiness and development, the boxes will be an added benefit to help support state learning standards in a fun, at home format. It is also noted that one of the nine schools, one site serves adults with intellectual disabilities, and the boxes will provide cognitive extensions and learning for their students and families. The infrastructure for this project is already in place. An Integrated Project Specialist, Kelly Carter, is employed by OKA+ Schools Institute to oversee the SAIL Box project. She is supervised by the OKA+ Program Director, Rosalynn Wade, who helps to ensure that timelines and details of the project take place as proposed. The Executive Director, Sandra Kent, of OKA+ will oversee the budgets, metrics, reports and overall responsibility of the project. Anne Holzberlein, the President of the UCO Foundation, will work closely with the staff of OKA+ and be responsible for the oversight of the funds of the grant project.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Growing Together

#### Project: Building Latino Community Development Supports

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

According to a recent study of Growing Together's work over the past decade, Kendall-Whittier has been the only inclusively grown neighborhood in the city of Tulsa thus far. Due in large part to drastic improvements in the areas of mixed-income housing and educational outcomes in KW public schools, there has been a surge of interest in the neighborhood's economic development opportunities.

However, these opportunities have been taken advantage of by largely external groups and less by the community members themselves. For example, in the KW business district, previously only 35% occupied, is now 100% occupied, but only four of the businesses are Latinx-owned and only one of those owns their storefront property.

The economic challenges posed by the pandemic have highlighted what we have observed for years--that black and brown business-owners and families are far less likely to gain meaningful access to financial resources being provided by various public and financial institutions, even in the context of COVID-19 relief initiatives.

In response, Growing Together raised \$450k in funds to provide 0% interest loans to Latinx business owners and private contractors who were excluded from the Federal Payroll Protection Program, resulting in 74 supportive loans to help their businesses and families stay afloat during this difficult time. Throughout the process, it became exceedingly clear that there is a dire lack of access to financing products and educational supports to keep these small businesses sustainable and successful long-term.

Growing Together met extensively with Latinx business leaders and it was concluded that Tulsa needed an entity focused solely on Latinx community development, for which they have committed \$50k in matching funds.

## Oklahomans for Equality

### Project: Equality Business Alliance

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Increase outreach and recruitment of new and emerging businesses into the existing 450+ member Equality Business Alliance. Offer free memberships in the Alliance and free development of graphics, videos, and marketing materials for at least 25 new and emerging businesses. Inclusion of these new members in monthly collaborations with existing members – thus marketing their businesses and expanding their knowledge. Offer existing free services at OkEq, including mental health counseling, Life Counseling, targeted referrals for business or personal needs and use of the CyberCenter.

## Sia Mah Nu: Assisting the Burmese Community



## Project: Sia Mah Nu: Assisting the Burmese Community

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Sia Mah Nu program is a community peer educator program developed in 2018 and administered by CSC's Healthy Women, Healthy Futures Oklahoma program. Sia Mah Nu means "woman who teaches" in the Zopau/Zomi dialect. The Zia Mah Nu program is designed to support Tulsa's Burmese women and families. The majority of Tulsa's 10,000 Burmese residents are refugees who experienced persecution in Myanmar under military rule. Sia Mah Nu program staff train bilingual Burmese women who then provide health promotion education in Zopau/Zomi to Burmese community participants in various settings (libraries, apartment complexes, schools) and with COVID, through virtual methods. Classes include information about COVID and prevention, and most recently, vaccine portal information. Basic family financial management is taught, as is family safety and disaster preparedness.

## DISABILITY ADVOCACY AND SERVICE

### A New Leaf

## Project: Comprehensive Employment Solutions Plan for People with Developmental Disabilities

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, social disparities have been magnified for the public that people with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) face on a regular basis. Isolation was increased, unemployment rates amplified, and overall mental health dwindled. A New Leaf (ANL) has worked diligently to continue to provide supports and services that help people with DD and ASD to live a life out of poverty and be contributing members of our community while COVID-19 has continued to exasperate all the barriers they traditionally face and further exclude them from society. The primary effect of the Global Pandemic was greatly reduced employment opportunities for everyone. Because of the overall impact of reduced employment opportunities, a secondary effect of COVID-19 became evident for people with DD: a marginalization of job opportunities as the world began to try to recover from the Pandemic. One in five with DD was laid off during COVID-19 (opposed to one in seven for the general population) which led to a 3% increase in unemployment (to 88%).

ANL's primary mission is to help ensure marketable job opportunities for people with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). There are a multitude of barriers that prevent people with DD and

ASD from obtaining employment resulting in reliance on a multitude of social services rather than building self-sufficiency. These barriers include a critical and pervasive lack of resources post-high school to prepare people with DD and ASD for employment. ANL has developed a Comprehensive Employment Solutions Plan to combat these statistics, elevating these valuable members of the community so that they can participate and be successful in the community. The plan begins with Autism Works, a pre-vocational training program for 180 middle and high school students with ASD that teaches pre-vocational and life skills to prepare them for post-graduation employment.

Post high school, they can enroll in the Transition Academy, coming early 2022 with ANL's expansion, The Village. The Transition Academy is a two-year comprehensive program designed for young adults with high functioning ASD and DD to live and work independently.

## Blessings to Share Foundation

**Project: Services for Tulsans with Intellectual Disabilities**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Blessings to Share (BTS) will expand their CARES program for the intellectually disabled created in partnership with Oral Roberts University (ORU). Through the program individuals will have access to professionals who will help them navigate the pandemic and gain life skills and resilience needed to sustain them into the future to live as independent citizens. Funds will be used to serve an additional 50-75 new participants and will be specifically utilized to hire and onboard additional staff, purchase equipment, and transportation for program participants.

## NewView Oklahoma

**Project: Rehabilitation for Tulsans with Vision Impairment**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

NewView will provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to Tulsa citizens, of all ages, with vision impairments. Services will be offered in the Tulsa Center for Low Vision and Blindness, located in Legacy Plaza, at 31st and Yale. As needed, some services are provided in an individual's home. Service activities include specialized low-vision optometric and occupational therapy, orientation and mobility training, assistive technology education, and any needed life skills education. Resources utilized for all services are primarily staff wage and benefit expenses, but also include equipment costs, utilities/overhead/administration/accounting, and mileage expenses. Funds will be provided for residents of Tulsa only.

## Pathways Adult Learning Center

**Project: Expanding Day Services for Adults with Intellectual and Development Disabilities**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This organization serves individuals 18 and older, with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This population is susceptible to COVID-19, faces challenges with mitigation measures, and their support systems have incurred economic hardships. With the funds, the organization will expand their current services so that families have the choice to return to in-person programming or continue with virtual programming, depending on their need. To offer these services simultaneously, the organization will use funds to partially fund additional personnel and technology purchases.

## Special Olympics Oklahoma

**Project: Return 2 Play**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

*Return 2 Play* is a multi-phase, safe approach to getting Special Olympics athletes back to practicing in small groups of 10 or less that includes PPE, to eventually participating in small regional competitions that will resemble local scrimmages and/or league play. Our constituents have been socially isolated during this pandemic and are ready to get back to the playing field.

## TSHA Inc.

## Project: Community Resources

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Our Community Resource project includes the following activities:

- Business outreach – Increase outreach in Tulsa allowing us to better serve our city and clients as it pertains to interpreting services, ADA compliance and how to work with Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.
- Educational presentations – These presentations include steps to take if you suspect hearing loss, sign language classes, police training, and on demand presentations.
- Children’s Summer Camp – We are looking to enhance our children’s summer camp. Due to the distance learning during the pandemic, learning gaps for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children have increased greatly. We hope to help reduce these gaps by offering an additional week of camp, extended care, and transportation for field trips.
- Children’s Holiday Party – The pandemic has reduced funding from local civic groups and this grant would allow us to continue this event for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. It is an opportunity for children to see a signing Santa, spend time with their peers and connect with adults that are just like them.
- Children’s Hearing Aid Program (CHAP) – We have a waiting list for children in need and offer free hearing aids to families. The families selected for this program are without insurance or have high deductible plans.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR ADVOCACY

### Domestic Violence Intervention Services

#### Project: DVIS

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc. plans to use COVID-19 response funds to focus on funding our programs that provide integral advocacy and counseling to survivors and their children during the pandemic. This includes PPE supplies, computer equipment (for remote access and services,) and equipment to ensure stable working conditions for those services. These are necessary functions of our organization that cannot otherwise rely on fundraising support due to the pandemic. This will enable us to serve those who are most impacted by the

pandemic due to violence and abuse. Ultimately, it will enable us to support survivors in their personal and financial health, development, and resilience, as well as aid survivors in resuming their economic and community activity. Funds will be used on personnel expenses.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce

#### **Project: Project GEM: Accelerating Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Economic Resiliency for Black Businesses**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

*“Thriving and resilient communities, at their core, imbed racial equity into their investments in order to address economic mobility and to eradicate income inequality in communities of color”.*

Incorporated in 2019, the Black Wall Street Chamber's (BWSCC) vision is to educate, create, and inspire economic vitality in the African American community in Tulsa. With over 170 members, BWSCC has supported the creation and expansion of 450 jobs resulting in \$3 million of economic activity, leadership, and impact. Central to its mission and vision, the Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce (BWSCC) provides education, mentorship opportunities and capital access to startups, entrepreneurs, and small businesses throughout the City. Focused on four goals, the BWSCC's programs and supports:

- Provide equitable access to capital
- Strengthen and promote a Black entrepreneurial ecosystem of opportunity within the City of Tulsa and surrounding communities
- Stabilizes, seeds and scales Black businesses for long-term success
- Fosters economic resilience in Black businesses that allows them to meet the challenges of the future and build Black wealth

In doing this, the BWSCC uniquely catalyzes Black ingenuity and builds on Tulsa's original Greenwood blueprint of collective wealth and economic freedom. By investing in local talent, Project GEM is an immediate, culturally responsive, and innovative economic engine focused on driving resilience, growth, and sustainability for those most impacted by the pandemic.

## Kendall Whittier Main Street

### Project: Comprehensive District Support and Stimulus

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Comprehensive District Support & Stimulus includes three key activities, plus administrative costs to further enhance Kendall Whittier Main Street's response to the district, residents, business owners and property owners. Business owners are still feeling financial constraints due to COVID-19 closures and have been for nearly a year now. Add in the additional costs of PPE and sanitation for employees and customers, and things are even more challenging. In addition, the current situation has left community members desperate, and more businesses have experienced break-ins and thefts, something they can ill afford at such a time. Our three-point approach provides direct support through grants and loans, financial relief through rehashing a successful Rent Relief Program and stimulating the economy through encouraged buying power. The three parts are 1) Relief & Capital Improvement Revolving Loan, 2) Renewed Rent Relief Program, 3) Kendall Whittier Bucks/District-wide Gift Certificates. The grant would also help fund a new employee to further extend the organization's impact on the community. The Relief & Capital Improvement Revolving Loan would be available for businesses or property owners to apply for to use for COVID, crime or other relief, PPE purchases or capital improvements within the Kendall Whittier Main Street boundaries. Since times are tough, 50 percent of the loan would be forgivable at the conclusion of the project, while the other 50 percent would be paid in monthly installments, no interest, over the next 12-18 months, beginning six months after the loan was given. As payments roll in, the loan could be used again for another business, lengthening the effectiveness of the dollars. The Renewed Rent Relief Program would run like the Rent Relief Program KWMS instituted last spring and summer, except the grant would cap out at half rent or \$750, whichever is higher. Grants would be paid directly to the property owners by the applicant's due date. Once relief is felt, we can focus on stimulating the district's economy through a gift certificate program. These universal gift certificates/Kendall Whittier Bucks could be used at any KW business like cash. The organization (KWMS) would then reimburse the business in the full amount. Certificates could be purchased at a 25 percent discount yet used in full. This grant could cover the difference. To further stimulate the economy, KWMS would purchase \$5,000 worth of gift certificates to give out – perhaps to hospital employees, first responders, teachers, or our undocumented neighbors – those who need our support the most right now! Funds will be provided for Relief and Capital Improvement Loans, Renewed Rent Relief Program and Kendall Whittier Bucks.

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### Fab Lab Tulsa

## **Project: Workforce Development Program in Digital Fabrication**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Manufacturing is undergoing a digital transformation that is changing the future of work with smart manufacturing that relies on high-tech systems. With this change, a new type of worker, coined “new collar” by IBM CEO Ginni Rometty, is needed for the factory of the future. The Workforce Development Program in Digital Fabrication at Fab Lab Tulsa prepares workers for the technological disruptions shaping the future of work, specifically in CNC machining and additive manufacturing. The four-week program will include two cohorts (Spring and Fall), serving 8 students each (reduced to meet COVID-19 social distancing requirements), with hands-on learning utilizing a project-based approach where students document their work and build a portfolio to share with future employers. New manufacturing technologies demand different skills. Our objective is to jump start their careers by preparing them with the high-value skills to be operators and technicians, allowing them to enter the workforce at a “living wage” of \$15 per hour, with just one month of instruction and no fees or debt. When complete, participants receive a Certificate in Digital Fabrication from Fab Lab Tulsa. Participants must be residents of Tulsa.

## **FOOD SECURITY**

### **Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma**

#### **Project: Bridging the Supply of Food to Those who Lack Access**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Catholic Charities of Eastern is the largest distributor of food to people in need in the state. This past year, we have seen unprecedented growth in need and at the same time have made a significant shift from providing shelf stable food to refrigerated and frozen food, especially fresh fruits and vegetables. Our food distribution program has been running hard and fast since last March at 400-500% of pre-COVID levels (up to 400-600 families each day at our main campus in North Tulsa). Additionally, through the Farmers to Families Food Program, we have distributed more than seven million pounds of fresh produce and dairy (delivered by 175 various semi-trailers) through 13 non-facility-based parking lot food drops throughout Eastern Oklahoma. We have numerous trucks to move millions of pounds of food annually and are also renting a 53' refrigerated trailer to store fresh produce at our main campus. Our equipment has been hammered and this radically increased demand is putting tremendous strain on our existing fleet. Two new refrigerated box trucks to move food into and around Tulsa County will have to be purchased and soon. Our friends at the Food Bank have consulted with us to determine the best options and then assisted in obtaining quotes from their vendors. We are hopeful that grant funding from the City of Tulsa will help us purchase these two trucks.

## Comunidad de Esperanza Lutheran Church

**Project: Food Distribution to our Latinx Neighbors**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project will provide for a much-needed expansion of *food quality* for our current weekly Food Distribution Program which we have been doing for the last 4 years. Before COVID we were regularly serving around 40 families/week. The demands for food have dramatically escalated as COVID-19 has ravaged employment opportunities for the Latinx people and generally is greater than our resources can meet. We now serve around 140 families/week, *3 times as many as before* COVID. We continue to increase food availability as demand

increases...as our funds allow. Currently, our resources come from cash and in-kind donations to our congregation through our members and other faith communities. The requested resources would allow us to expand our program to serve more people with basic food items and to purchase more nutritious, perishable items we are currently not able to provide such as milk, eggs, & meat and necessities such as facemasks, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies. This will add to the foundational resilience for those we serve.

## Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

**Project: Providing Food Assistance to Food-Insecure Tulsans**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma collaborates with a network of Partners to feed people struggling with food insecurity and hunger in eastern Oklahoma. Our network consists of 350 Partner Agencies and more than 380 direct feeding program sites. Feeding programs include on-site feeding programs, emergency shelters and pantries, children and senior feeding programs, veteran initiatives, and disaster relief. Our direct programming includes Mobile Pantries, Culinary Center/Mobile Eatery food truck, Food for Kids initiatives (Backpack Program, School Break & Summer Feeding, Free Family Farmers' Markets, School Pantries), Senior Servings, College Campus Pantries, and Veterans Outreach Initiatives. Our work also includes innovative alliances to increase success rates of people returning to self-sufficiency, such as GED testing prep programs, prison diversion programs, substance abuse treatment centers and low-income health clinics. In addition, as a small part of our growing focus on the Produce Project, we have a container box farm and vegetable gardens on our property.

Last year the Food Bank provided nearly 33 million pounds, the equivalent of 27.3 million meals, to children, women, families, seniors, veterans, and adults who are struggling with poverty, hunger, and food insecurity.



Thanks to the support of hundreds of food donors, financial contributors, and 10,000 volunteers, we can make a substantial impact in the community. The Food Bank would like to use the requested funding to purchase and distribute more than 950,000 pounds of high protein food and meal items.

Project activities include:

- Identifying highly needed food from the Food Bank's Partner Agencies in Tulsa
- Ordering and purchasing food
- Storing food until Tulsa agencies can receive it
- Distributing food to Tulsa agencies
- Providing food assistance to Tulsans struggling with hunger and food-insecurity

Resources that will be used include:

- Staffing
- Transportation costs
- Warehouse storage space
- Supplies

## Food on the Move

### Project: D&D Food Distribution

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Food on The Move designed a low-touch safe COVID-19 Relief Program in March of 2020. The program provides groceries to those living in a food desert or food insecure areas also supports local restaurants by directing a stipend for meals prepared by partnering local restaurants. Our COVID-19 Relief Program serves 2400 families every week with a box of groceries (containing dairy, produce, protein, and milk), family restaurant meals, and local resources from several of our over 70 community partners. In 2020, we server over 550,000 individuals with over three million pounds of food. Currently we host events at OSU-Tulsa in Greenhouse and in Turley.

- The box of groceries originates from a local distributor, Go Fresh, and are delivered to our locations the day of the event. The grocery box contains fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy items, protein, and a gallon of milk. This model is given by the USDA Farmers to Family Box program. Most of the food is an in-kind donation from the USDA. However, there are gaps in service, and during those gaps, we purchase the food directly from Go Fresh to continue to serve the community without interruption.
- Restaurant meals are purchased from a local Tulsa restaurant with a two-fold purpose. Guests can pick up their groceries at the event and have a hot meal to eat when they arrive at home while supporting the local

restaurants. We provide the restaurant with a \$15 stipend per family meal, and restaurants are to source as much of their supplies from local vendors as possible.

- We provide community resource packets to every family we serve. The packets include information such as food preparation, recipes, health care access, health benefits, rent assistance, government benefits, and other vital community resources. The following organizations help us provide various educational handouts: OSU Extension Office, OSU, Morton Health Services, Caring Van, Ascension St John, City of Tulsa, and a variety of others.

We follow all COVID safety precautions for our volunteers, and we do not come in contact with our guests. Guests drive up to the line, hand the volunteer a family registration card, and pop their trunk. Volunteers load the vehicle while the guests remain inside.

## Global Gardens

### Project: Gardening for Health and Resilience

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will promote nutritional health, healthy development, and resilience for TPS students in grades K-6 who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Global Gardens will use the requested funds to sustain its Alliance gardening initiative at Emerson Elementary and expand this initiative to four new sites in north Tulsa: Hawthorne Elementary, Walt Whitman Elementary, Mitchell Elementary, and Tulsa Public Schools' Child Nutrition Services. Participating students at these sites will engage in hands-on gardening, harvesting, and cooking experiences that will change their attitudes about preparing and consuming fresh vegetables. In addition, they will be exposed to Global Gardens' methods of inquiry-based science and peace education, which have been shown to build confidence, coping skills, self-regulation, and perseverance among students. At each site, Global Gardens will install raised garden beds and provide one year of program consultation (8 hours per month) for participating teachers or staff members. Consultation will be customized for each site and may include garden planning and troubleshooting, coaching, modeling garden-based activities, lesson development, and creation of printed or digital resources. Staff at participating sites will also have access to quarterly professional development workshops. At Mitchell, Hawthorne, and Emerson, GG will support classroom teachers in providing 60-80 students per site with seed-to-plate experiences and science-based gardening lessons during the grant year. At Walt Whitman, GG will assist school partners with engaging 100 after-school students in hands-on gardening and cooking activities. At TPS Child Nutrition Services, GG will support CNS staff members in planning, planting, and tending gardens and will deliver garden-focused lessons to the 3rd-4th graders who attend semi-annual "Farm to Market" days at this site (each event hosts 500 students, typically from schools such as Dolores Huerta, Owen, McClure, and Kendall Whittier). Altogether, the project will serve approximately 800 students during the grant period and more than 1,300 students annually in subsequent years. Any surplus garden produce will be distributed to food-insecure families within the targeted school communities.

## HCSI, Inc.

### Project: RG Foods COVID-19 Relief

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

We propose to extend and expand RG Foods Covid19 Relief program utilizing our capacity and infrastructure to bridge the gap in the food supply chain to get food to those who are experiencing hardships due to the pandemic, to other partner agencies and to position food security as an opportunity for entrepreneurial growth to bring back locally owned neighborhood grocery stores. RG Foods acts as the backbone to procure, receive, store and bag 50,000 lbs. of groceries each week for over 20 partner churches and agencies to pick up and distribute to ten different zip codes within Tulsa. We will purchase a membership to Associated Wholesale Grocers for better access to retail sized packaging and pricing. This membership will allow us to aggregate food needs for direct assistance programs, for other organizations food programs struggling to access the wholesale market and provide better efficiency to expand our mobile and micro store programs. The project will also include funds to expand the current food distribution hub infrastructure to increase capacity and outreach. It will allow us to assist new and emerging urban farming initiatives to get produce into neighborhood markets by creating a consistent supply chain and overcome the largest barrier for small store formats bringing back opportunities for local ownership in the community. We will replicate and scale new micro stores within Tulsa's most vulnerable populations by increasing access to healthy, affordable food right in their own neighborhoods.

## Hunger Free Oklahoma

### Project: Tulsa Community Outreach and Promotion

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Many Tulsa residents are unaware that they qualify for federally funded nutrition campaigns, in fact, only 35% of eligible Tulsans currently participate. Hunger Free Oklahoma will launch a public outreach and education campaign so that Tulsans can find nutrition resources faster to alleviate immediate and long-term hunger. The multi-media campaign, available in English and Spanish, seeks to maximize the impact of hunger outreach programs in three areas: Summer Meal Sites, SNAP outreach, and Pandemic-EBT education.

## Iron Gate

## Project: Iron Gate Grocery Pantry

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2020, Iron Gate was there for those in Tulsa who suddenly found themselves in need, as the pandemic and the economic downturn raged. Iron Gate has continued to see a 25% increase in meals served, but our most dramatic spike occurred in our grocery pantry program with demand ballooning by 99% over 2019. A CARES act grant would help fund our grocery pantry program and help us continue to meet that need in 2021. Iron Gate offers a grocery pantry three times a week and recipients can take advantage of the program once a month. We have worked hard to ensure that everyone gets a well-balanced supply of groceries, including fresh produce, meat, eggs, milk, as well as canned goods, pasta, and rice. In 2020, Iron Gate provides groceries to 57,762 individuals, almost 40% of them are children under the age of 17. Iron Gate is also providing 200 meals a day to

the overflow shelter the city established at the old juvenile justice building to safely shelter those experiencing homelessness and provide social distancing.

## Meals on Wheels of Metro Tulsa

### Project: COVID-19 Response

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The COVID-19 Relief Meals project will deliver meals to homebound seniors in disadvantaged communities most affected by the pandemic in Tulsa. The \$500,000 requested will be used to make and deliver 71,736 nutritious meals at \$6.97 each. The cost per meal includes indirect and direct costs, as well as wrap-around services through Care Navigation case management.

## Neighbors Along the Line

### Project: Neighbors Food Pantry Program

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of our Food and Nutrition program is to address hunger and food insecurity issues in the Charles Page neighborhood by providing food assistance to underserved individuals and families. The elevated levels of food insecurity experienced by our neighbors have compounding effects on their ability to lift themselves from poverty.

The coronavirus pandemic is exacerbating the challenges facing those living in an underserved community, making the need for more food help increasingly vital. By continuing our food program, we expect to further increase the food security of our low-income neighbors. Our success is directly correlated with the number of families and individuals we can serve in our program. Also, the number of pounds of food distributed as it relates to the client's ability to prepare meals with food from our pantry.

## Restoration Collective

### Project: Tulsa Market Food and Farm Incubator

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Tulsa Market Farm and Food Incubator (MFFI) provides an apprenticeship type of new farmer and food producer training. It includes value-added food production (VAFP) vocational education, farmers market sales, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) marketing training. The MFFI leverages available land, facilities, and volunteer resources to reach out to hard to employ individuals and sustain an environmentally responsible local "farm-to-fork" food system. The COVID-19 Relief grant will help fund expanded farm and food production work-study programs. We will sell fresh produce and VAFP products such as sauces, salsas, chow chow, and pickled cucumbers and okra. Incubator participants will gain a basic understanding of how to grow cash crops for local sale and the fundamentals of small-scale market farming and food production from crop planning to food safety. Farmers and food producers must succeed as entrepreneurs, business managers, producers, marketers, and more. Some individuals may thrive as a farmer, others may succeed in career opportunities in VAFP, or as a family subsistence food farm. Our project provides an innovative social enterprise to grow new food businesses and occupations, while reducing local food insecurity. First, the incubator is placed in a food insecure community. Second, it offers training opportunities by providing hands-on apprenticeship training to new farmers and producers of healthy, local food products. Third, the project places local nutritious food into the distribution channels of area nonprofit and faith organizations.

## TulsaRISE

### Project: TulsaRISE Food for our Neighbors

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

TulsaRISE is partnering with Vernon AME Church to help fill their food pantry for people experiencing food insecurity. We propose to engage the Community Resources Bank (CRB), an agency of the Eastern Oklahoma Community Food Bank (EOCFB), to secure non-perishable food through the EOCFB and transport the food to the church for packaging and distribution. The CRB will utilize volunteers to deliver food for 600 bags of groceries

each month, in two deliveries to accommodate the limited storage space at Vernon AME. Each bag will include 4 units of entree and 5 units of side dishes. This will help alleviate hunger for approximately 7,200 households over the year. The food will be distributed through weekly grocery events on Saturday mornings and to walk-in clients as needed. We are uniquely suited to partner with the church, since the CRB has access to low-cost bulk food as an agency of EOCFB, and the church and neighborhood needs have moved beyond what they can supply through their resources.

## FOSTER CHILD SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

### Tulsa Advocates for the Protection of Children dba Fostering Connections

**Project: Essential Connections**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The mission of Tulsa Advocates for the Protection of Children (dba Fostering Connections) is to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Tulsa and contiguous counties by providing resources and building community. Our Essential Connections project will provide the City of Tulsa's children in OKDHS custody and the families who provide for them essential items and resources needed to continue to maintain healthy, safe, and stable homes during the pandemic. Utilizing the brick-and-mortar foster family resource center, large mobile unit (a renovated former city bus) and online resources, Fostering Connections will provide essentials to the client base. On average, there is approximately a \$20/day disparity between the cost to raise a typical child, and the reimbursement families receive to support a child in foster care. With the additional hardships the pandemic has created, plus the existing challenges of raising a child with increased emotional, behavioral, and medical needs, foster families are struggling now more than ever to normalize the lives of the children in their home while attempting to reduce the amount of trauma the child experiences.

## HOUSING SERVICES

### Community ShareHouse

**Project: Furniture for Housing Relocated Families and Homeless**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Sharehouse, Tulsa's primary source of donated furniture, is dedicated to serving individuals and families in poverty or who need assistance in establishing a safe home environment with basic furniture needs. We pick up donated furniture from homes throughout the Tulsa area. Many of our donors are referrals from Mathis Brothers and the area Ashley stores. Our partnership with Mathis has been an important part of our program since our founding in 2010. We partner with 25 local agencies to provide gently used furniture to over 500 families and individuals each year. About one third of our clients are veterans. Many of the needs are met through our partnership with local agencies (such as the Tulsa Day Center) to provide furniture to homeless individuals and families who have been provided an apartment. Our proposed project would provide for the purchase of mattresses and dressers – two items that are always in high demand. Single bed mattresses for single adults and for children are always needed. This project would also provide for increased deliveries to clients reducing the need for them to have to arrange for someone to haul the furniture for them.

## Family Promise of Tulsa County

### **Project: Family Shelter and Transitional Housing**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Family homelessness is more common than one could possibly imagine and unfortunately, COVID-19 has only intensifying the problem making it more difficult to maintain housing during this difficult time. Family Promise of Tulsa County (FPTC) offers a holistic approach to family homelessness by providing shelter, food, transportation, and intensive case management to families in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Since the beginning of the pandemic, FPTC has successfully doubled the number of families we serve, however, and unfortunately, that is still not enough to keep up with the demand for our services. FPTC is requesting \$350,000 from City of Tulsa COVID-19 Relief Grant to join with others in our community to purchase the existing Lindsey House building in downtown Tulsa and increase our services for up to 13 families at a time potentially impacting 52 families per year. The facility would give FPTC the opportunity to expand our services and offer transitional housing to families who need extra time to ensure their success. In addition, this project will engage our 1,000 community volunteers currently committed to support guest families. Funds are contingent on Family Promise raising the remainder of the funds needed (\$1.2M) for Lindsey House purchase.

## Lindsey House

### **Project: Lindsey House Expansion**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Lindsey House will expand its program staff to meet the ever-growing need of supporting Tulsa families on their journey to financial independence. As part of the Lindsey House program, families are provided with a furnished apartment and supportive services needed to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency and independence. In addition to adding a staff person, Lindsey House will also purchase financial literacy materials for our library that is open for use to our participants and alumni. We will also establish a COVID Relief day camp during the summer which will provide a childcare option for working mothers while teaching children age-appropriate financial literacy skills and life skills that will help to alleviate poverty in a multi-generational approach.

## Revitalize T-Town

### Project: Home Repairs for Low-Income Tulsa Homeowners

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Revitalize T-Town (RTT) provides free home repairs year-round for low-income Tulsa homeowners. RTT's need has grown through the health crisis. Due to the spread of the Covid-19 Virus, Revitalize T-Town paused home repairs during the city-wide stay at home order. In addition to the 129 homeowners that were already on the waiting list prior to the stay-at-home order, Revitalize T-Town received an additional 32 applications for home repairs. RTT has begun repairs again with extra safety measures and PPE for homeowners and contractors but will need to grow capacity to meet the growing waiting list number with these critical repairs. The average cost of repairs per home is \$7,005. Revitalize T-Town received funding from the TEDC Reset grant, which provided home repairs for 7 of the 32 homeowner applications that were received during the stay-at-home order. This leaves a gap in funding of \$175,125 to reach the remaining 25 homeowners who applied during the time RTT was not providing services during the pandemic. With 15% added for operating expenses to reach these homeowners, Revitalize T-Town would like to request \$201,393. If granted, funds would be utilized to provide free home repairs for low-income Tulsa homeowners in our three home repair focus areas: Roofs, Safe at Home and Energy Efficiency. All repairs focus on safety, security and weatherproofing and are done at no cost to the homeowner. Repairs will be completed by RTT staff and licensed contractors.

## Tulsa Day Center

### Project: Housing and Homeless Prevention Expansion Services

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Through a full range of services, the Tulsa Day Center provides clients with all the tools they need to overcome anticipated, situational, and chronic homelessness. The COVID-19 pandemic has critically affected Tulsa's



homeless population, leaving even more vulnerable individuals on the streets as shelters have struggled to meet mandated social distancing requirements. During the upcoming year, as the pandemic shows slight signs of retreating while Tulsa's homeless individuals remain fragile, the Day Center requests assistance to expand its rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention programs, providing homeless and at-risk clients with the skills and resources to navigate the pandemic and become more prepared for the anticipated recovery period. Grant funds will be used to provide increased housing opportunities for Tulsa's homeless and at-risk individuals and families. Essential to these increases would be the addition of two staff positions: a housing navigator who would assist individuals and families who are literally homeless with locating and applying for appropriate housing; and a housing stabilization case manager who would provide case management and rehabilitation services for former Day Center clients who have been recently housed. \$10,000 will be used for admin, while the remainder is used for expansion.

## INCARCERATION REINTEGRATION

### Operation Hope Prison Ministry

**Project: Better than Ever – Turning Obstacles into Opportunities**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Due to COVID-19, recently incarcerated individuals face increased obstacles in navigating and obtaining new employment and housing. To reduce recidivism, OHPM will expand its intake services to Tulsa-bound inmates within one-year of their release from 25 Oklahoma Correctional Facilities by establishing a professional Re-Entry Department for OHPM. Procuring professional staff, training, and purchasing technology will provide for a higher level of client advocacy by contacting employers, connecting employers with state and federal benefits, incorporating vocational rehabilitation assessments, pre-employment costs, mental health services, and job coaching.

### Resonance Center for Women

**Project: Social Enterprise Expansion**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Resonance Center for Women helps justice-involved women rebuild their lives and create a new future. Our portfolio of services includes intensive outpatient addiction treatment in lieu of incarceration, reentry services to help women successfully release from prison and get back on their feet, and transitional housing and employment through Take 2: A Resonance Café. Take 2 is a workforce social enterprise for women needing immediate employment upon release from prison. Take 2 offers on-the-job training and a stable work and living environment, enabling them to establish a positive work history and improve life and work skills during their first six months outside prison walls. Take 2 is a cafe located in downtown Tulsa and, like many restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic, has struggled financially while so many downtown businesses have kept their employees working from home. But keeping our doors open is critical, as we provide more than just a delicious lunch to Tulsans—we provide women released from prison a pathway to a better life and to becoming a productive citizen. To expand our offerings and provide additional work hours for our clients who live and work at Take 2 and in our new transitional living facility, Resonance House (opening in April), we are branching out to begin offering pre-made soup packets, herb rubs, and dips. The additional products will provide more skills training for our transitional resident clients and supplemental income for our restaurant to help keep the doors open. Products will be sold at our restaurant, local establishments, and at local farmer’s markets.

## NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### 501Tech

**Project:** COVID-19 Technology Response Grant

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

With the COVID-19 pandemic, affordable, high-quality technology has become immediately critical for the success of Tulsa’s nonprofits. For many organizations, remote work has become necessary, but some organizations do not have laptops or the cloud-based software to effectively make this transition. For organizations providing necessities, demand for services has also surged, leaving them wondering how to fund their programming expenses while increasing operational efficiencies. Since the pandemic began, 501tech has provided nonprofits across Tulsa advanced technology that allows remote workers to stay connected with their workplaces and use mobile devices to perform many tasks that were once possible only from traditional offices.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

## Modus, Inc.

### Project: Modus – Access to Community Services through Equitable Transportation Services

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

During the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of transportation to essential services or the inability to get to a vaccination site can mean the difference between life and death. Modus is the only nonprofit in Tulsa (and the nation) that exists solely to provide access to the social services provided by nonprofit organizations, remove obstacles for folks who experience transportation vulnerability, and reduce costs of transportation for nonprofit organizations. Because of this, it is essential that Modus use its expertise and programming to support the resiliency of Tulsa and its citizens by increasing access to essential services and vaccinations. To accomplish this, Modus, in coordination with community partners, will provide transportation to essential services and vaccination sites for those without access to reliable quality transportation. Modus believes that equitable access to safe and reliable transportation can be the difference between getting a job, getting to that appointment, reuniting with your family, and just getting back to the community that defined us before this pandemic changed everything.

## MyHealth Access Network

### Project: MyHealth CARES COVID Assistance Project

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is an expansion of the existing Accountable Health Communities (AHC) cooperative agreement by providing services to those outside of the current model (non-Medicaid and non-Medicare beneficiaries) who are struggling to meet basic needs due to COVID-19. The screening assesses an individual's food, housing, utility assistance, transportation needs, and risk for interpersonal violence and then provides tailored referral services based on the screening. MyHealth estimates this project will be able to screen over 15,000 Tulsans, provide community resource referrals for over 6,000 reported needs, and provide on-going individualized navigation services to approximately 250-300 uninsured Tulsans. Funds will be used for various items includes personnel, marketing, navigation services, texting services, hosting and technical support, and contract analytics services.

## RACIAL EQUITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

## Terence Crutcher Foundation

**Project: Safety for Communities Impacted by the Pandemic**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project revolves around rebuilding and strengthening community safety through mentorship, trauma-informed support services and educational training. One program under this umbrella is A Mother's Love Initiative which is a community-based project that provides counseling services and support circles to mothers of individuals who have experienced violence in communities throughout Tulsa. This initiative values the role that mothers play in providing safety in their communities while constantly having to play several roles; this initiative centers the needs and trauma that these mothers have endured and allows them to release and unpack their experiences in an inclusive and welcoming environment so they can resume being there for their family and larger community. In our work to address the intergenerational trauma within Tulsa communities TCF is working to build safe neighborhoods through connected entities working to provide resources without a reliance on state violence. Through this project we will build out community-based solutions to harm and violence through community accountability and transformative justice training. The purpose of this program is to center the needs of communities who have long been traumatized by institutions built on oppression. Combating harm within neighborhoods with violence interruption, addressing this violence through restorative and transformative justice will begin the generational aim of building truly safe neighborhoods where needs are met, and violence is not perpetuated by community members nor state officials. TCF is also building on our partnership with Tulsa Community College to create a bridge program for people leaving prisons and jails to get back on their feet and begin working towards educational and job opportunities that have not been consistently present in the past.

## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

### Amplify Youth Health Collective

**Project: COVID-19 Impact on Youth Sexual Health**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

For many teens, losing access to in-person learning also included losing access to trusted adults and critical sexual health information and clinical resources. To address this need, the program includes funding for a community needs assessment, the creation of sexual health resources in English and Spanish, and technology

and technical assistance to enhance and continue virtual sexual health education implementation and relevant training.

## Health Outreach Prevention Education, Inc.

### **Project: HIV and STI Testing Outreach and Education**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

COVID-19 has resulted in a dramatic reduction in STI clinical services, challenging providers' ability to rest and treat individuals who might not otherwise have access to health care. To adapt to the changing nature of service delivery due to COVID-19, H.O.P.E. will use funds to engage at-risk and underserved populations, an online scheduling tool and appointment reminders, an updated phone system, additional new technology, and a two-way communication for clients.

## Planned Parenthood Great Plains

### **Project: Supplementing Public Health Resources During a Health Crisis**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

As many of the public health resources in our community have been redirected to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, patients seeking care for other services traditionally offered by community health organizations, such as sexually transmitted disease and infections (STD/STI) testing and treatment, have encountered new obstacles to getting care. The proposed project will provide no-cost (to patient) STI testing and any additional exams or necessary follow-up to 100 uninsured Tulsan patients. More specifically, Planned Parenthood Great Plains (PPGP) will provide eligible patients: 1) early detection of sexually transmitted infections, 2) connection to follow-up treatment resources, and 3) education about safer sex practices and regular preventive care. PPGP will work with community partner organizations to recruit potential participants of this no-cost, safe, and non-judgmental sexual health service. The impact of these comprehensive visits is direct, and our goal is clear: to test and treat patients needing STI care and create a path to prevention in the future. Ultimately, our goal is to maintain a healthy Tulsa community.

## SENIOR CARE

### LIFE Senior Services

**Project: LIFE's Active Senior Center**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Thanks to the generosity of Ruth Nelson, LIFE Senior Services will expand upon its vital senior programming and services at a newly acquired property, *The Roma Berry Center for Seniors*. This 39,000 SF facility is located at 4821 S. 72nd E. Avenue. This center will allow even more seniors and caregivers to take part in LIFE's comprehensive resources. The center will anchor LIFE's signature programs: Adult Day Health, LIFE PACE (Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) and LIFE's Active Senior Center. The nine-acre property allows dynamic plans to serve adults in all levels of aging. With the acquisition of the property complete, LIFE is seeking support toward a \$5,000,000 campaign to renovate the building and implement programming significantly improving the physical and mental health of seniors in the Tulsa area. The Roma Berry Center for Seniors will have three overarching signature programs, Adult Day Health, PACE, and the Active Senior Center. We are seeking support through the COVID-19 Relief Grants toward the Active Senior Center.

### RSVP of Tulsa, Inc.

**Project: Tulsa Senior Friends**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Tulsa Senior Friends will be a program of RSVP Tulsa, Inc., which will provide outreach service to senior citizens facing an increase in loneliness and isolation due to the lockdown precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Senior Friends consists of three main components. 1- Volunteers age 55 and older will make well-check calls to seniors in independent living and assisted living situations. Referrals for these calls will be made by activities directors and the facilities or local case management programs. All volunteers will receive training prior to any assignment. 2- Pandemic Packs, a care package, will be made by volunteers and distributed to assisted living centers, to then be given out to residents who they identify as in need of possible outreach services. 3- Comfort cards will be made by local groups and be delivered to area nursing homes, to be given out to residents the staff identifies as in need of outreach services.

## SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER

### Harvest House

**Project: Vision Care 2021**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Harvest House is a 25-year-old independent nonprofit charitable services agency serving primarily those households whose income is less than 185% of the federal poverty line based on household size. We are the third largest such agency in Northeast Oklahoma, based on 211 calls referred and based on outcomes achieved. We provide a wide range of programs for those individuals who are marginalized or handicapped, financially, or otherwise, and we rely heavily on referrals to all the other wonderful charitable agencies to fill in where our services leave a gap. We deliver seven days' worth of groceries, three outfits of clothing, utilities assistance and many other services to our guests. Increasingly during 2020 we saw a new population, those impacted directly by COVID, that we have not seen before.

At Harvest House we initiated a new, leading edge program not provided by any other agency among Tulsa's active non-profit community. Within the last three years we have begun to provide eye care for our guests. To date, over seven hundred individuals in the greater Tulsa area have received custom made prescription eyeglasses in frames of their selection at no cost to the guest through this program. Leveraging our partnership with New Eyes in New Jersey, we can provide subsidized eye exams and new eyeglasses installed in frames selected by the guest. We believe we can help about 400 (or more) guests with the gift of clear vision during the period and the amount of money covered by this grant.

Here is how it works: the guest visits Harvest House with an appointment including Vision Care. Our program specialist interviews the guest to confirm the necessity for an eye exam and gives the guest a voucher that will pay for the eye exam at our partner Optometrists' offices. And the guest selects the frames during this interview. Then the guest makes an appointment with the selected Optometrist where the eye exam takes place. At the end of the exam the Optometrist's office faxes the prescription to Harvest House. Our specialist accesses the New Eyes website to set up the guest as eligible for the new eyeglasses, then the prescription is entered into the system. The eyeglasses are then manufactured by New Eyes and mailed directly to the guest's home address. The whole process can take as little as three weeks. There is no cost for the New Eyes services because they are a charity, and they have their own sources of funding. We have been operating this program for three years with great success.

### South Tulsa Community House

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**Project: Expanded Community Engagement, Improvement and Capacity Strengthening**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

South Tulsa Community House serves the Riverwood Community, which includes the 61<sup>st</sup> and Peoria quadrant. Our community, of extremely low income and high poverty, has seen a significant increase in demand for food and non-food provisions due to COVID. This has meant South Tulsa Community House having to procure additional quantities of these supplies beyond what we were doing prior to March 2020. As the number of clients requiring our support has increased, mainly due to job losses and children staying home from school, we have had to double the allocations for food and provide personal hygiene products not previously on our distribution list. In addition, we have had to provide special meals for seniors to ensure they could have a nutritious hot meal. To meet the demand, we used our own vehicle, a preowned donation from 2011, which now has over 210,000 miles and then also rented a U-Haul van, both for food purchase as well as distribution. Between November to January, we had to conduct outreach food services into the community, for those not able to come to the House, as transport is a major constraint. This new target population (2600 individuals) were not previously accessing STCH services. We therefore need to put in place a community engagement associate, who can help to identify needs more actively in the community. Our request is therefore, for 1. A second vehicle (Cargo Van); 2. Adding to staff, the services of a community engagement associate; and 3. Purchase of additional Food and Hygiene products for clients, due to increased demands. This would allow us to support and expand our community services operations (Food and Nutrition; Health and Wellbeing; and Financial Stability and Workplace Enhancement) more effectively.

**Tulsa Responds**

**Project: GetYourRefundTulsa**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

*GetYourRefundTulsa*, a growing coalition between Tulsa Responds, Goodwill Tulsa, and various partner agencies, is aimed at increasing awareness and reducing the participation gap of Tulsa households claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). With access to free quick and quality tax preparation services, those who qualify are encouraged to file their taxes and receive the EITC benefit. Requested program funds will be used to further the reach of advertisements, create more capacity for pop-up events, provide technology and safety for frontline staff for the 2021 and 2022 tax seasons. It is estimated if this program assists just fifty-eight (58) households in filing their tax returns, their refunds will likely total more than the grant itself.



## Urban Strategies, Inc.

### Project: Stable Families, Thriving Futures

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Stable Families, Thriving Futures program will supplement the family support services already being provided to 320 extremely low-income households directly impacted by the Choice Neighborhoods project in the RiverWest Neighborhood of Tulsa. This program will create increased outreach and communications to families through the addition of two part time Resident Ambassadors. This program will also provide direct emergency financial and health-related assistance to families. This financial assistance will be used to provide needed resources to address housing instability challenges like past due utilities and rent, phone and internet service, and other basic household essentials. The health-related assistance will focus around providing information and access to nutritious food options, preventative healthcare options, information about the COVID vaccine, and stress reduction and mental health management. Throughout the pandemic, clear and frequent communication with the families we serve has been even more critical. USI's family support model has been in place as part of the Choice project in the Eugene Field neighborhood (now RiverWest) in Tulsa since 2018 and provides a holistic approach to supporting families to reach stable and thriving. This holistic case management approach focuses not only on the stability of families during COVID, but also supports families with goals around education, economic mobility, health & wellness, and overall housing stability. These COVID-19 Relief resources will temporarily increase our capacity to meet the increased needs our participants are experiencing, provide the necessary financial resources to directly address housing instability challenges within our program population in very targeted ways in real time, and support the overall well-being and resiliency of our participants.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

### This Machine dba Tulsa Bike Share

#### Project: North Tulsa ZIP Code Targeted, African American Outreach and Service Area Expansion

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This Machine intends to address the issue of equitable access by increasing bicycle visibility and availability in the North Tulsa community with bike share system expansion, community partnerships and outreach, and

programming for traditionally underserved and low-income community members targeting zip codes 74110, 74106, 74123, and 74130. The funding will support purchase of bike racks, signs, bicycle equipment, staff support, culturally conscious and neighborhood outreach events, and social medial and marketing expenses.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

### Oklahoma Mothers' Milk Bank

**Project: Oklahoma Mothers' Milk Bank Support for Tulsa Milk Donors**

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Oklahoma Mothers' Milk Bank (OMMB) provides safe, pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM) to hospitals and outpatient babies statewide. OMMB screens healthy breastfeeding mothers with healthy babies and extra milk and approves them as milk donors. They then deliver their frozen milk to OMMB depots around the state, including Tulsa. The pandemic has made donor recruitment more challenging as donors are concerned about going to the Tulsa Oklahoma Blood Institute for their one blood screening and to OMMB depots for milk drop offs. Breastfeeding support, particularly in African American communities, has also declined due to lack of in-person lactation consults and support groups. This project would enable OMMB to focus more resources to support Tulsa milk donors by providing a van for milk pickup and/or delivery from Tulsa donors' homes, Tulsa milk depots and hospitals. In addition, it would cover OMMB staff support to work in Tulsa, expand depots in the Tulsa area with emphasis on proximity to underserved populations, contract with a phlebotomist for donor blood draws in the home setting and provide virtual support groups for Tulsa milk donors, with a focus on African American breastfeeding mothers and Tulsa area bereaved donors.

### Oklahoma Project Woman

**Project: Breast Healthcare for the Uninsured**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Oklahoma Project Woman (OPW) is a statewide non-profit agency that provides access to free mammograms, biopsies and surgeries for women and men with no health insurance and limited financial resources. Oklahoma Project Woman is built on the belief that the early detection of breast cancer requires access to screening, follow-up, and timely and appropriate evaluation of symptoms.

OPW serves people of all ages with a primary focus on women 40 years and older, who possess income levels that are no more than 185% of the poverty level. These women do not have private health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

These COVID-19 Relief funds (\$46,000) will be used to provide free breast healthcare to Tulsa residents that delayed their breast healthcare due to COVID and/or lost their job and health insurance during the pandemic. OPW estimates that the number of people in this category is approximately 2,000 women. Funds will provide free breast healthcare for approximately 200 women (with an average medical cost per patient of \$230 each)

OPW can provide access to the complete continuum of breast healthcare because of hundreds of contracts with healthcare facilities throughout the state. OPW has agreements with 105 clinics (in 43 counties) and 56 hospitals (in 32 counties) as well as the corresponding radiology, surgical, anesthesia, and pathology group for each hospital. OPW has agreements with 26 clinics and 12 breast centers/hospitals in Tulsa County.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Goodwill Industries of Tulsa

#### Project: Opportunity Accelerator for Financial Resilience

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This proposed project will leverage the programs and services that Goodwill currently offers with the addition of funding to expand and enhance access for Tulsans. The current programs and activities shown above are part of both a menu of choices and a progression through Goodwill; individuals can access many of these programs individually or can work through all Goodwill has to offer, depending on their needs and circumstances. The programs and services outlined in the chart above are currently offered by Goodwill. With the proposed website improvements for Goodwill's Job Board, mobile-friendly website, chat capabilities, online appointments and support for other languages, Goodwill's goal is to become more accessible to those in the community who need affordable services which we offer. Providing loaner hot spots and laptops for adults who are accessing Goodwill's online classes will help to bridge the digital divide. There is additional funding for marketing that will allow us to inform and educate those who are unemployed or underemployed and those who have been



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disproportionately harmed by COVID-19 to learn how to take advantage of the many ways Goodwill can assist them on their journey to financial resilience.

## YWCA Tulsa

### Project: YWCA Tulsa Job Development and Healthy Meals

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic impact on employment, YWCA Tulsa will expand their current employment services to offer pathways for job development for women of color. This will include a job development program for medical interpreters aimed ultimately at increasing health equity outcomes in Tulsa. YWCA will also expand their English Language Learner (ELL) classes to include job-specific English and digital skills classes. Finally, YWCA Tulsa will address the immediate food needs through the Healthy Meals program. In total, the programs will serve 300 women and their families in the first year and build scaffolding for sustainable programs in the future. Program costs include personnel, meal kits, textbooks and instructional material, language assessments, printing, and marketing costs. Indirect Costs will be capped at 10% of award funding.

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