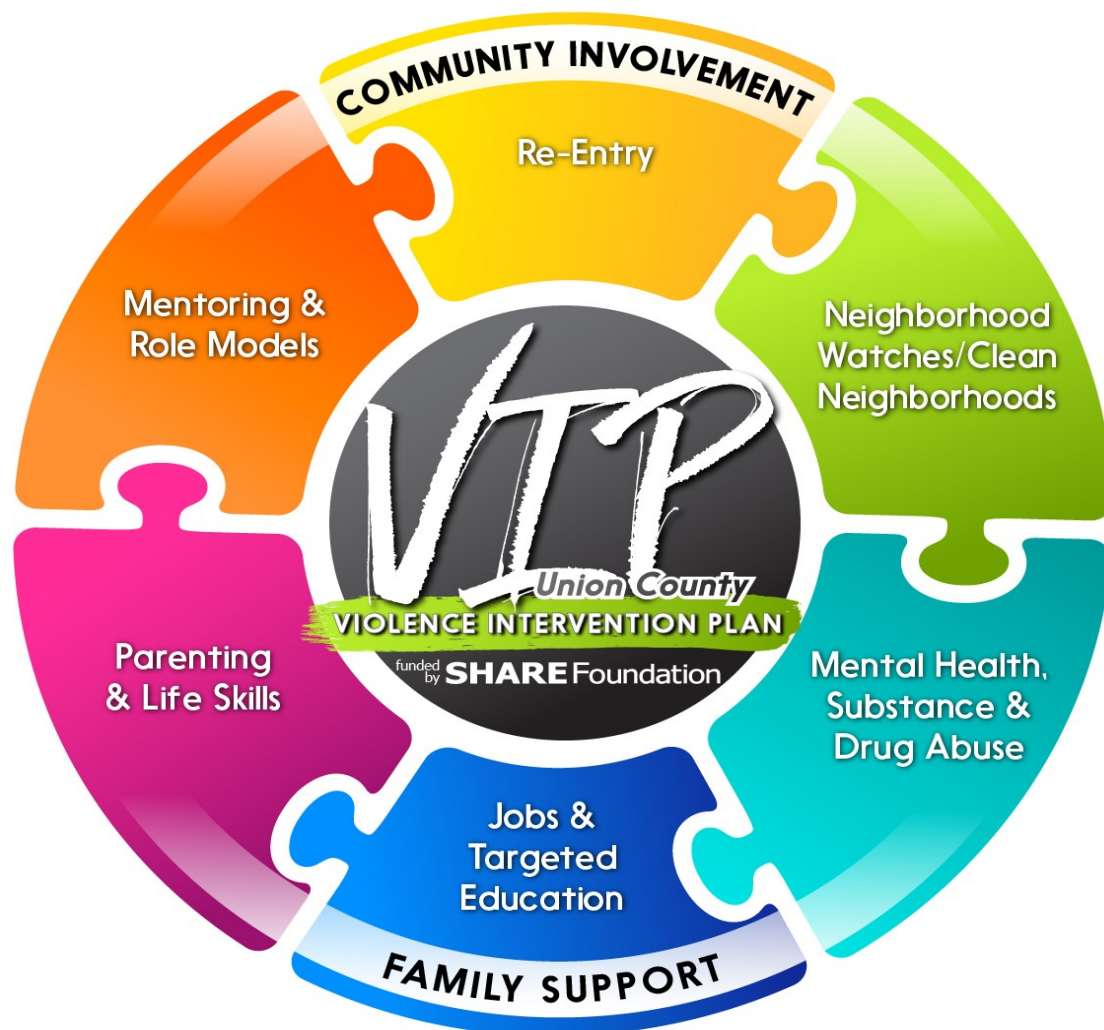




Request for Proposals (RFP)



Section 1: Background

From 1997 through January 2017 SHARE Foundation has provided funding in the form of grants as an outreach into the community. Over \$6.9 million has been awarded to 86 different qualifying not-for-profit organizations for grants and strategic initiatives. SHARE has partnered with numerous community leaders and organizations every four to five years to assess and reassess the health needs of Union County residents. In 2015 SHARE spearheaded a reassessment of community needs utilizing community forums and Union County surveys from UAMS, Centers for Disease Control, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Arkansas Department of Health to determine the latest trends. According to research that ranked the 75 counties in Arkansas with 1 being the best and 75 being the worst, Union County improved in health outcomes from 59th to 44th and declined in health factors from 34th to 38th. One significant area of concern was the increased incidence of violent crime. It is in response to this outlier that SHARE is working in collaboration with community partners to develop the Union County Violence Intervention Plan (VIP).

Section 2: Overview

The VIP is the result of community-wide efforts that began in the Fall of 2016. SHARE Foundation formed a small core group that convened monthly to discuss evidence based strategies and brainstorm ways to proactively address crime and violence prevention and intervention beginning with our youth and families. From these meetings and numerous other contacts, a list of over 75 people representing various community sectors including education, non-profit agencies, families, public and private sector leaders, healthcare and mental health providers, the justice system, law enforcement, government, media and faith-based groups were invited to join this collaborative effort.

In December 2016 Mr. Robert H. Holt, Executive Director of L.O.V.E. “Let Our Violence End” Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas was brought in as the facilitator and consultant. His experience includes 25 years of working on the streets, in schools and neighborhoods around the country with gangs, drugs and family dynamics. Beginning in 2017 the core group hosted a variety of community events and focus groups as a grass roots effort to discover some of the issues that lead to violent behavior. To date the input from over 200 individuals has been incorporated into the VIP.

Approximately 30 stakeholders from the community sector representatives were asked to continue to work with the consultant and core group to facilitate a process for change. We will continue to convene working groups focused around the six priorities that are identified in the Plan. These working groups will be charged with encouraging participation from the community partners in implementing the VIP.

As this VIP will serve as a catalyst for change in our efforts to positively impact outcomes for children, youth and families in our county, SHARE will utilize the VIP to focus its grantmaking.

If we as a community are truly committed to changing the odds for young people and families in need, we have to change the way we do business. No single organization or person can do it independently. We must work together like never before to generate a greater impact than anyone could ever achieve alone. For this reason funding preference will be given to collaborations.

In the words of Margaret Mead, “never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Section 3: Grant Administration Guidelines

The mission of SHARE Foundation is to identify, develop and foster programs and services that further the health and well-being of the people of our community and surrounding areas.

I. Grant Types

- A. Operations
- B. Project / Program
- C. Capital

II. Grant Recipients

Grants will be awarded to qualifying organizations which are:

- A. Public (governmental) agencies or tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code;
- B. Located in Union County and have evidence based programs operating in or having a direct impact on Union County;
- C. Willing to regularly attend and participate on a VIP coalition.

III. Grant Exclusions

SHARE Foundation does not fund:

- A. Direct support to individuals
- B. For profit entities
- C. Disease specific organizations seeking support for national projects and programs
- D. Hospitals
- E. Trips, tours or travel to professional meetings
- F. Projects or programs of religions, fraternal, athletic or veterans groups when the primary beneficiaries of such undertakings would be their own members
- G. Social events or similar fund-raising activities
- H. Telethons
- I. Grants awarded for an indeterminate period of time
- J. Social or political action programs that advocate a specific point of view.

Section 4: Grant Awards Process

Grant awards are made by the SHARE Foundation Board of Directors on an annual basis in January.

The SHARE Foundation Board of Directors has the power to give priority to and approve grants to any recipients qualified by Section 3. Paragraph II which furthers the mission of SHARE.

Section 5. Grant Application Process

Funding will be considered for projects which are evidenced based and implement crime and violence prevention and/or intervention strategies in the areas identified below for community involvement and family support.

Please review the Violence Intervention Plan below and the suggested evidence based strategies and outcomes link on the grants page of the SHARE Foundation website www.sharefoundation.com for additional insight into funding areas.

After verification that your program is eligible, please complete and submit your application with all required attachments on the grant portal by 11:45 p.m. October 15. The portal is accessible on the grants page of the SHARE Foundation website at www.sharefoundation.com.

Questions can be referred to Debbie Watts at (870) 881-9015 or dwatts@sharefoundation.com.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mentoring & Role Models

PRIORITY: Mentoring & Role Models



- Will have caring, competent and consistent mentors for at-risk children

Strategies



- Implement a coordinated approach to increase the number of trained mentors
- Utilize the "Church Adopt A School Initiative"
- Utilize other evidence based mentor training programs for youth
- Develop and conduct community awareness campaigns regarding the importance of mentoring

Targeted Outcome



- Increase number of trained mentors
- Reduce in-school disciplinary actions such as bullying, campus violence and in-school suspensions
- Improve academic performance
- Improve school attendance
- Provide mentors for non-profits

Long term outcomes:

- Reduce Crime
- Reduce school drop-out rates
- Reduce out of wedlock pregnancy



Potential Partners



- Churches
- Schools
- Businesses
- Media
- Non-Profits
- Families
- Civic Organizations
- Volunteer Service
- Organizations
- Professional Associations
- Veterans Groups

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Re-entry

PRIORITY: Re-entry	Strategies	Targeted Outcome	Potential Partners
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals in need of a support system will have a successful transition into their communities 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a co-ordinated approach to increase the number of trained mentors Develop and conduct community awareness campaign to dispel residents' concerns about individuals re-entering their communities, and to increase residents' understanding of the importance of strengthening local support services and resources Increase The Good Grid utilization Utilize substance abuse prevention programs Establish a more collaborative re-entry process which could include implementing a job readiness program and developing and/or supporting parenting/relationship classes before and after the inmates release 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of trained mentors Easier access on how/ where to attain necessary resources Healthy family functioning and relationships during incarceration and re-entry <p><u>Long term outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce recidivism Reduce substance abuse of those re-entering society 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) Re-entry programs recognized by ADC City Law Enforcement/ Parole Officers Union County Sheriff Office Media Courts Churches Businesses Cities of Union County Non-Profits The Good Grid South Arkansas Community College South Arkansas Regional Health Center (SARHC) Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) Recovery Groups Workforce Development Legal counsel

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Neighborhood Watches/Clean Neighborhoods

PRIORITY: Neighborhood Watches/ Clean Neighborhoods



- The community's role in crime prevention will increase
- Residents will live, work and play in safe and clean neighborhoods

Strategies



- Conduct and support a coordinated approach to increase number of neighborhood watches
- Develop and conduct community awareness of being smart about crime
- Develop and conduct community awareness regarding the importance of personal ownership, bonding and pride in neighborhoods

Targeted Outcome



- Increase number of neighborhood watches in each Ward
 - Public is educated about crime and prevention
 - Increase Ward clean-ups
- Long term outcomes:
- Reduce Crime
 - Reduce Litter

Potential Partners



- Alderman / Councilmen
- Residents
- Law Enforcement (city and county)
- Parks & Playgrounds Commission
- Crime Stoppers
- Media
- Courts
- Churches
- Businesses
- Cities of Union County
- Keep El Dorado Beautiful
- Landlord Association

FAMILY SUPPORT

Parenting & Life Skills

PRIORITY: Parenting & Life Skills



- Positive family and social relations will be enhanced

Strategies



- Implement a coordinated approach to establish life skills training and parenting/grandparenting support groups
- Implement a coordinated approach to promote the availability of resources, services, and family friendly environments
- Promote and conduct events to increase family involvement
- Develop and conduct community awareness campaigns about the importance of good parenting
- Present specific trainings on topics such as boundaries, safe dates, sexting, etc.

Targeted Outcome



- Increase parent and grandparent life skills and support groups
 - Enhance parenting/grandparenting skills
 - Increase family involvement and greater awareness of family friendly environments
 - Increase knowledge of resistance and coping skills
 - Reduce out of home placements (child welfare encounters)
- Long term outcomes:
- Decrease: abuse, neglect, juvenile arrests, substance abuse and truancy

Potential Partners



- Schools / Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO)
- Media
- Courts
- Churches
- Businesses
- Cities of Union County
- Non-profits
- Families
- Child care
- Physicians
- Medical Center of South Arkansas (MCSA)
- DHS
- Mental health providers

FAMILY SUPPORT

Jobs & Targeted Education

PRIORITY: Jobs & Targeted Education



- Citizens will be gainfully employed
- Barriers to employment will be broken down

Strategies



- Increase community awareness of job availability
- Increase community awareness of Adult Education and Workforce Development
- Promote The Good Grid awareness and utilization training
- Increase opportunities for job shadowing and apprenticeships
- Increase STEM focus (science, technology, engineering and math)
- Develop an awareness campaign emphasizing the value of education, life long learning and gainful employment

Targeted Outcome



- Students will be workforce ready
- Those wanting or needing employment know where to find the training and skills development they need
- Increase number of GEDs that are attained
- Increase number of individuals with industry recognized credentials

Long term outcomes:

- Decrease unemployment rate

Potential Partners



- Schools
- Media
- Courts
- Churches
- Businesses
- Cities of Union County
- Non-Profits
- South Arkansas Community College
- Chamber of Commerce
- Workforce Development
- AR Rehabilitation Services
- Legal counsel

FAMILY SUPPORT

Mental Health, Substance & Drug Abuse

PRIORITY: Mental Health, Substance & Drug Abuse	Strategies	Targeted Outcome	Potential Partners
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to mental health services and substance abuse prevention; and treatment options will be expanded 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an awareness campaign on substance abuse and mental health issues • Develop stronger collaborations between agencies that serve in the behavioral health/ substance abuse, and mental health communities • Develop early intervention programs and/or services to increase mental health and/or substance abuse prevention and treatment for all ages • Expand Drug Court in Union County 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals will receive timely diagnosis and treatment of emotional and/or behavioral disorders and substance abuse • Decrease risky behaviors related to substance abuse • Enhanced campus climate: reduction of bullying, campus violence, and in-school suspensions • Increase outreach and help for those seeking referrals to appropriate services 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Media • Courts • Churches • Businesses • Cities of Union County • Non-Profits • Families • Mental health providers • Substance abuse providers • ADH • Law Enforcement (City and County) • First Responders • Hospitals • Physicians