
Executive Summary for the ARPA Steering Committee
State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Name of Applicant: **Women & Children First: The Center Against Family Violence**

Proposal Title: **Family Peace Center**

Total Amount of Request: **\$1,754,107.00**

Applicant Presenter: **Angela McGraw**

Location of Applicant: **Little Rock (Serves the entire state of Arkansas. Refer to map.)**

Number of Locations Serving the Public: **One location**

Type of Service to be rendered:

Services provided at a Family Peace Center:

- Adult Protective Services
- Advocacy
- Behavioral Health
- Camp Hope
- Career Services
- Case Management
- Child Abuse Services
- Child Care
- Child Welfare
- Culturally Responsive Services
- Disability Services
- District Attorney
- Dog Kennels
- Domestic Violence Services
- Dress for Success
- Educational Support
- Emergency Shelter
- Employment & Training
- Emotional Therapy
- Family Nutritional Services
- Financial Literacy
- Hot Line, 24/7 hours
- Human Trafficking
- Integrated Healing Services
- Law Enforcement
- Legal Services
- Life Skills
- Medical Services
- Order of Protection / Court Advocacy
- Outreach Food Pantry
- Probation
- Prosecution
- Public Aid Assistance
- Sexual Assault Services
- Social Security Services
- Spiritual Support
- Statistical Funding & Outcomes
- Transitional Housing
- Vital Records

*It takes time to transform a community response to family violence. Implementing this model will be a process that will not happen all at once but in phases.

Program Description provided by the Applicant (from Executive Summary on Proposal Template):

Women & Children First: The Center Against Family Violence will be the first in the state to house holistic services for victims of domestic violence of all ages under one roof. In addition to moving our current shelter, Women & Children First, the 24-hour state hotline, and the Family Peace Center is joining several other organizations to locate at the new site. This will provide a more integrated system of services for adults and children who are impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Program Delivery Dates:

Budget Information:

Type of Expense	Grant Request
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for Shelter:	
Sleeping Rooms	\$159,575.00
Lobby/Soft Rooms/ Seating Areas	\$75,148.00
Offices and Advocates Areas	\$276,556.00
Donations Room	\$17,250.00
Children's Interior Playroom	\$16,514.00
Teens' Activity Room	\$28,520.00
Sleeping Rooms and Bathrooms Essentials	\$54,445.50
Cleaning Equipment & Supplies	\$5,330.00
Laundry Room	\$78,320.00
Kitchen	\$78,184.00
Dining Room	\$15,348.00
Outreach Food Pantry	\$347,259.00
Staff Lounges & Client Counseling Rooms	\$14,616.00
Fitness Room	\$9,448.00
Library	\$9,274.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for Family Peace Center:	
Offices	\$108,261.35
Computer Lab	\$25,402.00
Forensics Room	\$7,960.00
Multi-purpose room	\$25,020.00
Conference Room	\$30,800.00
Dress for Success Room	\$6,200.00
Salon	\$1,500.00
Satellite Courtroom and Video Conferencing Room	\$8,450.00
Staff Lounges & Client Counseling Rooms	\$14,616.00
Wellness Services	\$11,528.68

Shared Room of Silence/Chaplain	\$5,039.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$5,330.00
COVID Cleaning	\$91,944.00
Lawn Equipment for facility	\$9,639.00
Communication	\$57,205.00
TOTAL	\$1,594,643.00
10% tax (approximately)	\$159,464.00
TOTAL with tax	\$1,754,107.00

Eligible Per CTEH/Hagerty Review:

The proposal for Women and Children First is **eligible**, however this response is based on the current U.S. Treasury guidance, which is subject to change. This response does not constitute a determination of eligibility from the State of Arkansas and or CTEH/Hagerty Consulting. As a recipient of Federal funds, sub-recipients of State ARP funding are responsible for proper administration and compliance, including compliance with all Treasury guidance, as well as 2 CFR 200, and AR grant guidance and requirements.

The services are directed towards households or populations disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and are generally aligned with the ARPA funding guidance in the Interim Final Rule specifically in Section 35.6 Eligible Uses (b)(12)(i)(C) "Community violence intervention programs."

Here, the outfitting of this building with supplies and equipment would enable the facility to service the community.

A proposal enhancing the volume or quality of services provided by the organization is **eligible** if a proposal was provided by the applicant which could adequately justify they are serving the needs of a disproportionately impacted population or that the program is designed to prevent violence and mitigate the increase in violence during the pandemic.

DFA Proposal Status: DFA can support the approval of this program based upon the review completed by CTEH Hagerty.

The original request for the Women and Children First was for the construction of a building for approximately \$9.2 million dollars in Southwest Little Rock. ARPA funds did not allow for new construction projects. After discussions with the members of the Board, the decision was made

to change the request to cover only the furniture, fixtures, appliances and meal cost for the first year of operations.

The list was created and then revised several times to determine the best eligible list of purchases to support the home. Through this process, several emails were exchanged between Paul Louthian of DFA, Daniel White of CTEH and John Grathwol of Hagerty Consulting to finalize the list being reviewed today. This list of items is eligible under ARPA.

SUMMARY

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THE FAMILY PEACE CENTER MODEL:

The current process for helping victims of domestic violence can be confusing, complex, and difficult to access. Inefficiencies strain limited public and private resources and often force victims to recount their painful experiences to multiple providers. Women must find transportation to as many as 20 different offices to obtain orders of protection from their abuser and replace vital documents such as birth certificates, driver's licenses, and school records, so they can begin a new life, free from domestic violence.

The nationally recognized and proven Family Peace Center model enables us to transform our community's response to family violence. Ultimately, this helps make Arkansas a healthier, safer, and more peaceful place to live.

Little Rock needs this. Arkansas needs this.



ARKANSAS STATISTICS

- 40.8% of Arkansas women and 34.8% of Arkansas men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes.
- 453 victims in Arkansas were served by domestic violence shelters and programs in one day in 2019. 38 requests for services went unmet due to lack of resources.
- In 2017, Arkansas had the third highest rate in the United States of women murdered by men.
- In 2017, 56% of intimate partner homicides in Arkansas were committed with firearms.
- As of December 31, 2019, Arkansas had submitted 3,766 misdemeanor domestic violence records and five active protective order records to the NICS Index.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.
- On a typical day, local domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 19,159 calls, an average of approximately 13 calls every minute.
- In 2018, domestic violence accounted for 20% of all violent crime.
- 2020 there were 55 confirmed domestic violence deaths. 32 Women, 17 Men, 6 Children. 26 were Intimate Partner Violence
- 65% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 96% of the victims of these crimes are female.¹⁰

WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST (WCF) STATISTICS

- Pulaski County is the largest county in the state with a population of 391,911 and a median household income of \$50,093 with 16.7% (65,449) of residents live below

federal poverty. (July 1, 2019) Two out of three victims seeking WCF emergency shelter were unemployed and made less than \$10,000.

- The population of Little Rock in 2020 was 152,938. With 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experiencing domestic violence, that translates to a total of 25,521 female victims and 7,333 male victims, over the age of 18.
- During 2019 and 2020, WCF provided emergency safe shelter to 862 adult victims and their children (743). A third of their guests enter the shelter on the weekends.
- The WCF 24-hour crisis hotline answered 6,878 calls.
- The Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) reported in 2019, Pulaski County had 12 domestic violence-related homicides. In 2020, a preliminary report from ACIC, showed 22 domestic violence-related homicides. That is an increase of 83%.
- In 2019 and 2020, ACIC reported 506 forcible rapes and 335 reported cases of forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, incest, statutory rape, and human trafficking commercial sex acts in Pulaski County. During this same time, Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) reported 355 forcible rapes (70% total for Pulaski County).
- Children exposed to domestic violence may suffer both short-term and long-term effects, both behaviorally and developmentally. Children are 6 times more likely to commit suicide, 50 times more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol, and four time more likely to commit a violent crime. 76.2% of children ended up becoming perpetrators as adults. With children representing almost half of WCF shelter population, 470 children last year alone, the programs and needs of children have become a heightened priority.
- In 2019, the WCF program filed 676 Orders of Protections. In 2020, COVID-19 made it difficult to have access to the Pulaski County Courthouse, however, it opened back up in January 2021, and since then, the Court Advocate has assisted with 1,312 Orders of Protections.
- 80% of clients using WCF services have at least one unmet legal need.
- From October 2019-September 2020, the WCF Transitional Housing Program assisted 174 adults and 100 children make the transition to independent and a violence-free life.

Cost Incurred by Criminal Justice System per Domestic Violence Homicide in Pulaski County, AR							
Description		Cost		Source			
Four Police Responses		\$5,820		A			
Two Temporary Restraining Orders		\$1,400		B			
180-Day Jail Term		\$19,292		C			
Two Year's Probation		\$4,104		D			
One Emergency Room Visit		\$855		F			
Two Weeks in a Domestic Violence Shelter		\$2,094		G			
One Week at Department of Human Services? For 3 Children		\$4,200		H			
One Year of Foster Care for Three Children		\$18,756		I			
Two Coroner's Autopsies		\$5,510		J			
Homicide Investigation / Prosecution		\$1,500,000		K			
State Prison Sentence (Incarceration)		\$627,450		L			
Other?				M			
Total Domestic Violence Homicide Cost		\$2,189,481					
Domestic Violence (DV) Homicides and Costs Year in Little Rock							
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014 - 2019
# DV Homicides *	14	7	9	14	9	7	60
Total DV Costs	\$30,652,734	\$15,326,367	\$19,705,329	\$30,652,734	\$19,705,329	\$15,326,367	\$131,368,860

A – K “Dream Big: A Simple, Complicated Idea to Stop Family Violence” Casey Gwinn & Gael Strack

L Annual state prison costs in 2015 for incarceration in Arkansas is \$20,915. With a 30-year prison sentence/duration = \$627,450. SOURCE: Vera Institute of Justice, “The Price of Prisons”, 233 Broadway, New York, New York 10279

M Reflects costs associated with different cases

* Little Rock Police Department / Arkansas Democrat Gazette published October 28, 2019

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