

Executive Summary for the ARPA Steering Committee
State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Name of Applicant: **Ozark Rape Crisis, Inc.**

Proposal Title: **COVID-19 Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Response and Community Engagement**

Total Amount of Request: **\$543,328.00**

Applicant Presenter: **Dorinda Edmisten, Executive Director and Kim Myrick, Board President**

Location of Applicant: **Clarksville, AR**

Number of Locations Serving the Public: **8 Counties**

Type of Service to be rendered:

- **Enhancing sexual assault prevention programs**
- **Increasing victim services coordination between:**
 - Law enforcement
 - Judicial
 - Healthcare
 - Mental Health care
 - Human Services
- **Community Engagement programs**

Location of Program Delivery with Budget Amount:

Location of Program	Budget Amount
Boone County	Amounts to be spent at Executive Level and to be allocated to various locations as needed.
Carroll County	
Johnson County	
Marion County	
Newton County	
Pope County	
Searcy County	
Yell County	
Total	

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

Ozark Rape Crisis Center, Inc. (ORCC), the nonprofit sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and response program for eight counties (Boone, Carroll, Johnson, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, and Yell) stretching from the mid-Arkansas River Valley to the Missouri border in west-central Arkansas, seeks funding from the American Rescue Plan (through the Arkansas State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Application process) as it works to address an increase in sexual assault and domestic violence resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and exacerbated by severe, statewide funding cuts tied to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). This funding will bolster victim services coordination between law enforcement, judicial, healthcare, mental health care, human service, and community engagement programming, all critical to effective crisis response for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, but which have been halted or slowed by the pandemic for an extended period. The funding will enhance sexual assault prevention programs that have been badly curtailed for children and young adults due to extended school closures. The total request is \$543,328.00 to be applied over five years. A detailed budget spreadsheet and narrative, and thorough COVID-19 crisis response plans are attached to this request. Third-party data and research citations are included as endnotes.

Program Delivery Dates: 5 years; January 1, 2022-December 31, 2026.

Budget Information:

Type of Expense	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salary – Community Engagement	\$44,955.00	\$45,854.00	\$46,771.00	\$47,706.00	\$48,660.00	\$233,947.00
Salary – Executive Director 25%	\$18,020.00	\$18,380.00	\$18,740.00	\$19,115.00	\$19,497.00	\$93,752.00
FICA (7.65%)	\$4,818.00	\$4,914.00	\$5,012.00	\$5,112.00	\$5,214.00	\$25,070.00
State Unemployment Insurance (1% of first \$12,000)	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$3,600.00
Worker’s Compensation (.98% of salary)	\$630.00	\$642.00	\$655.00	\$668.00	\$681.00	\$3,276.00
Employer Benefits	\$16,373.00	\$17,895.00	\$19,569.00	\$21,410.00	\$23,436.00	\$98,683.00
24 Hour Crisis Hotline	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00

Outreach Material	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
Travel – Staff and Victim Transportation	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500.00
Recording Equipment	\$10,000.00					\$10,000.00
Mental Health Services	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$37,500.00
Total	\$110,513.00	\$103,405.00	\$106,467.00	\$109,731.00	\$113,209.00	\$543,328.00

Eligible Per CTEH/Hagerty Review:

- ARPA offers support to specific community-based organizations to provide culturally specific activities for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, to address emergent needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- ARPA Interim Final rule defines as eligible programs which serve “Disproportionately Impacted Populations and Communities.” These programs include community violence intervention programs, which are provided to populations disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency,
- The project addresses increased sexual assault and domestic violence resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, as is common in natural disasters but now exacerbated by the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. The program activities generally align to address the urgent needs of survivors of domestic violence, whose situations have been exacerbated by the pandemic.
- This program is therefore eligible.

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