

SHARE Foundation

Building a Healthier Community



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 or have evidence based programs operating within Union County; or have evidence based programs that would have a direct impact on Union County;

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.

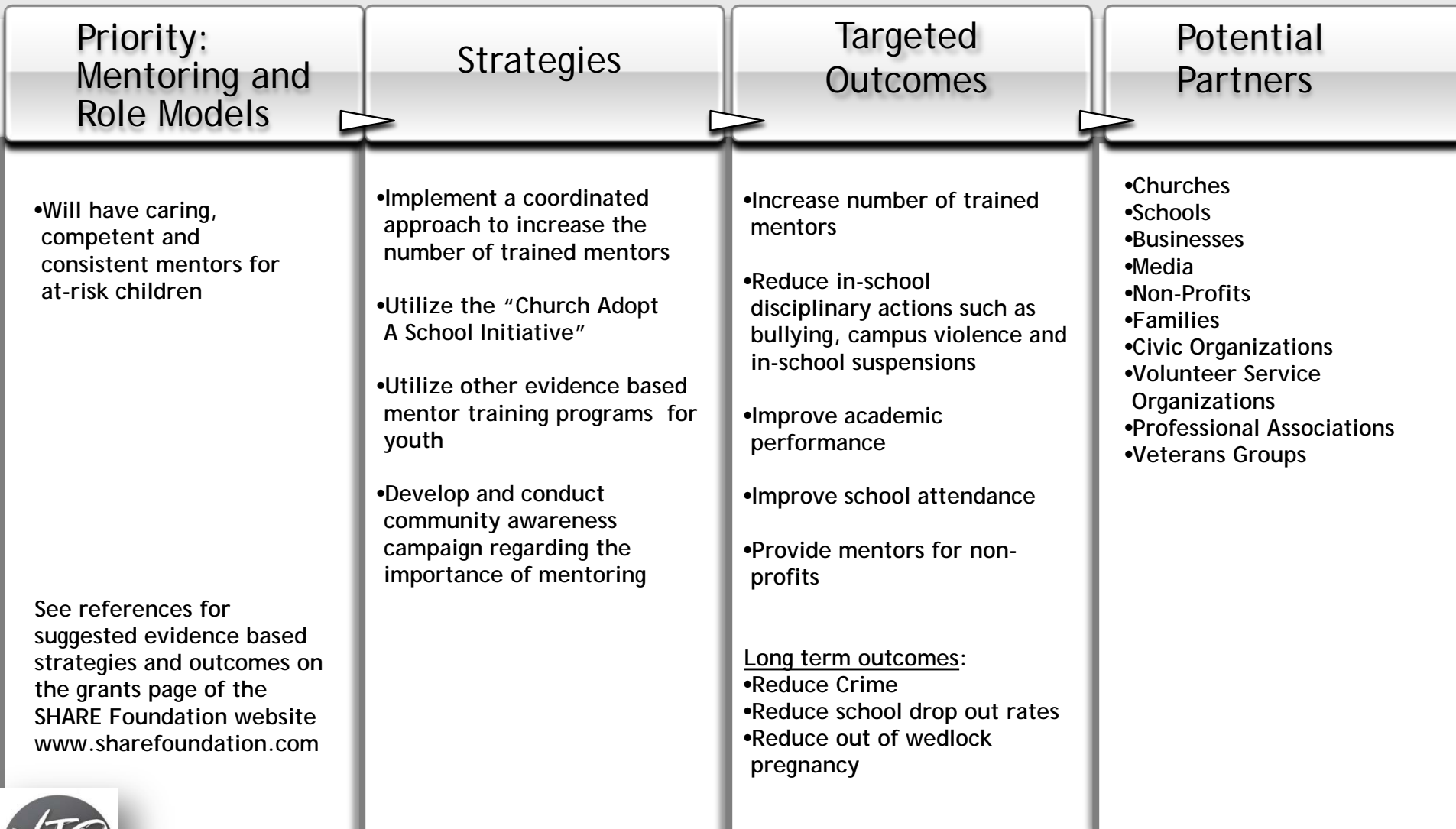
The SHARE Foundation Board of Directors has the power to give priority to and approve grants to any recipients qualified by Section 3. Paragraph II which furthers the mission of SHARE.

Section 5. Grant Application Process

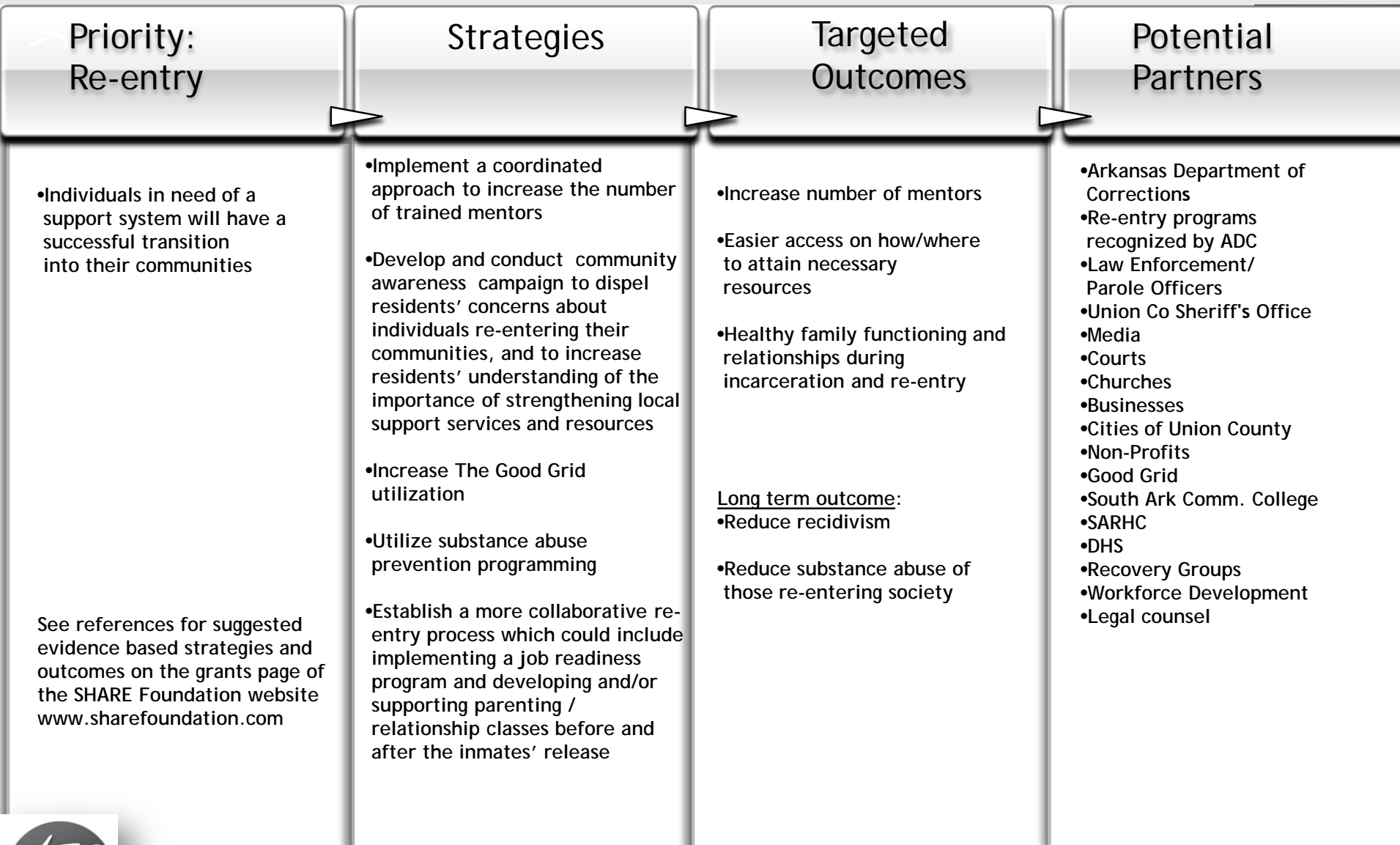
The completed application with all required attachments must be received at SHARE Foundation on or before October 31 during regular business hours.

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

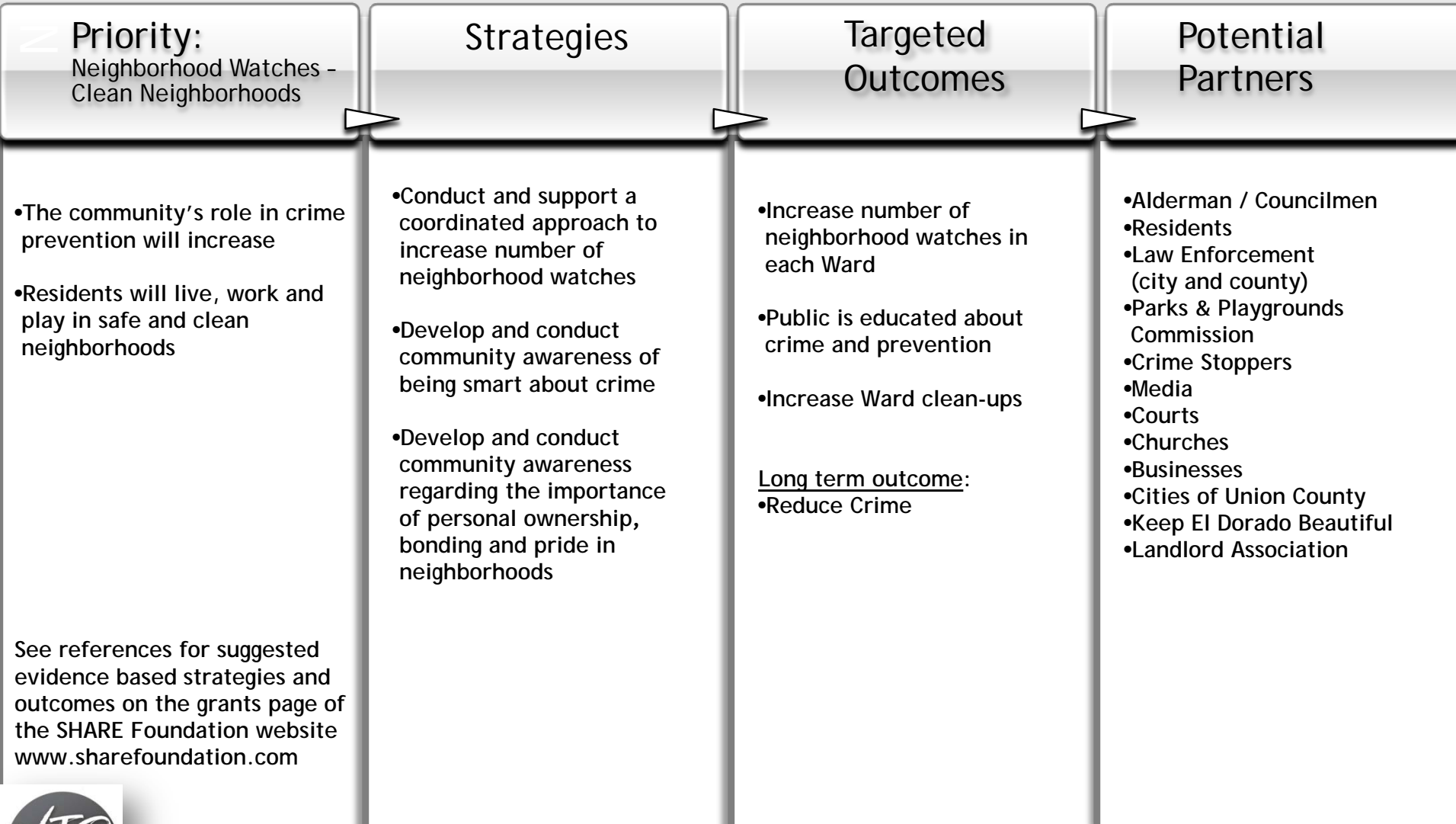
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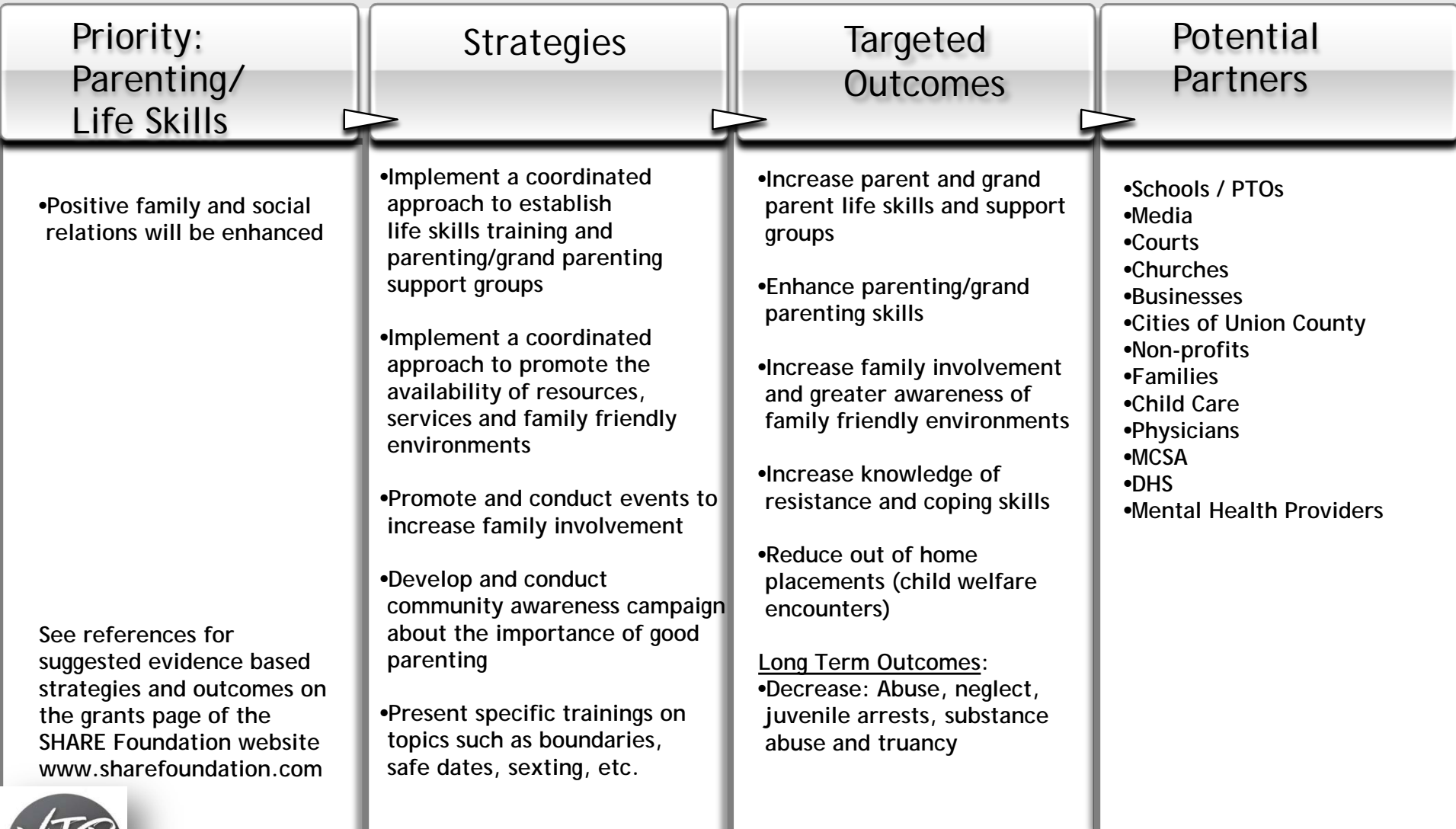
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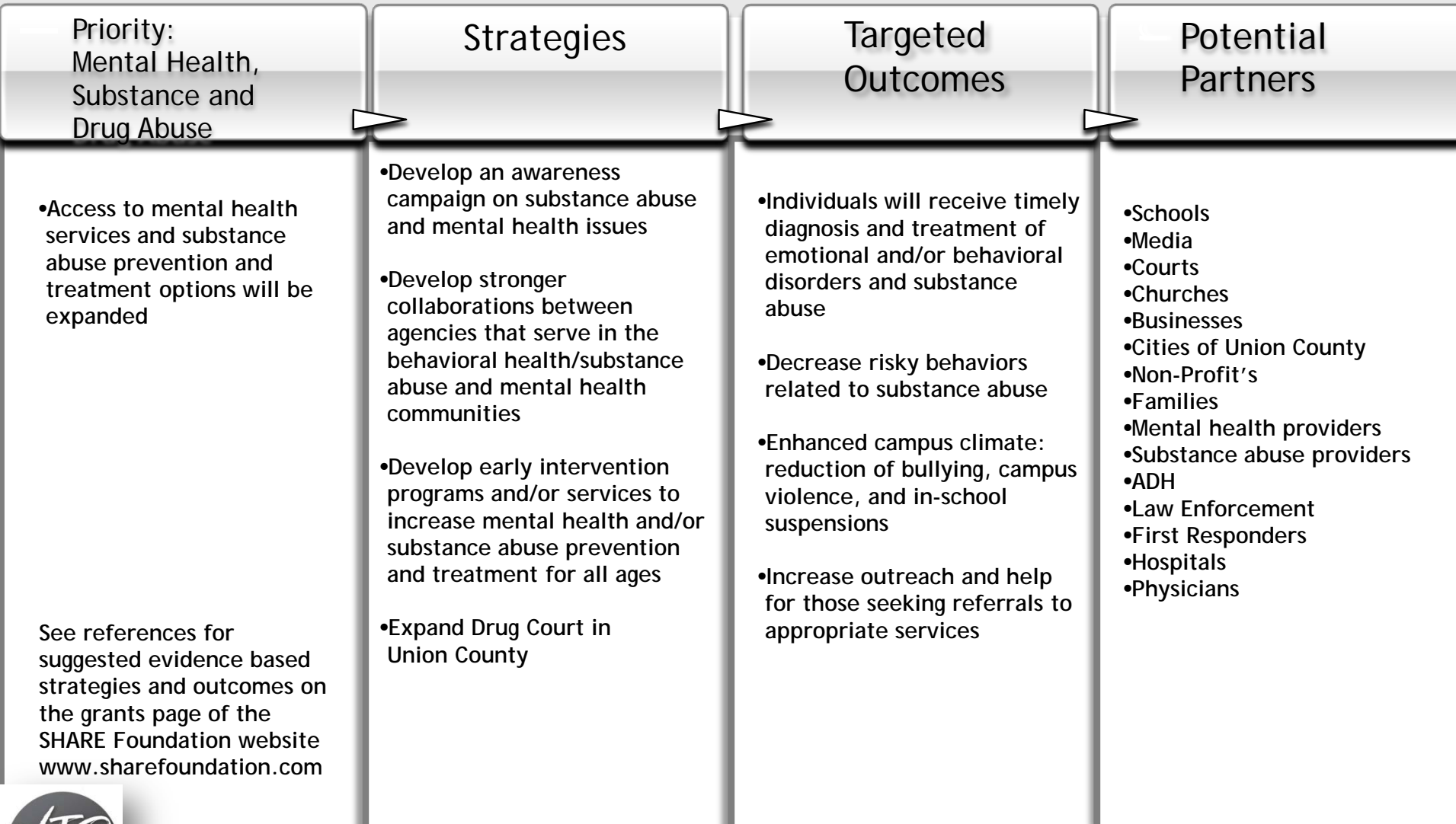
Family Support



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Before beginning the Grant Application, please review the RFP above to insure eligibility.

All answers should be concise. Please refer to the examples in certain sections of the following Grant Application Template but delete these examples from the actual application.

The Grant Application Template may be copied and pasted. All answers should be single spaced and in Arial font 11. Please note that the scoring grids at the end of Sections 2-5 must be included when being submitted but they do not need to be counted in the page limitation.

Please print and submit one copy of the completed application with ALL required attachments to SHARE Foundation, 403 W. Oak St., Suite 100, El Dorado AR 71730 during regular business hours on or before October 31 to be eligible for consideration. Also by the deadline, please email the completed Grant Application and attachments as two PDF or Word documents in one email to dwatts@sharefoundation.com. In the email subject line, please type the name of your organization and "2018 Grant Proposal".

For additional information or questions contact Debbie Watts at (870) 881-9015 or via email at dwatts@sharefoundation.com.