



## Request for Proposals (RFP)



## **Section 1: Background**

From 1997 through July 2021 SHARE Foundation has provided funding in the form of grants as an outreach into the community. Over \$8.25 million has been awarded to 92 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. One significant area of concern was the increased incidence of violent crime. It was in response to this outlier that in 2017, SHARE collaborated with community partners representing education, non-profit agencies, families, healthcare and mental health providers, the justice system, law enforcement, government, media and faith-based groups to develop the Union County Violence Intervention Plan (VIP). Annually we continue to monitor the County Rankings and Roadmaps issued by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to reassess and revise our direction.

## **Section 2: Overview**

The VIP broadly and proactively addresses crime and violence prevention and intervention in six priority areas beginning with our youth and families. Those priority areas are: mentoring/role models, re-entry, neighborhood watches/clean neighborhoods, parenting/life skills, jobs/targeted education and mental health/substance & drug abuse. SHARE foundation provides backbone support for the VIP and community coalitions for priority areas meet regularly to build participation, promote awareness and to implement strategies developed for targeted outcomes.

The VIP serves as a catalyst for change in our efforts to positively impact children, youth and families in our county and SHARE utilizes the VIP to focus its grant making dollars and efforts.

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 religious, 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 implement crime and violence prevention and/or intervention strategies, are evidenced-based, measurable related to impact, and have long-term impact in the areas identified below for community involvement and family support. New grantees are encouraged to apply.

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](http://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 at <https://sharefoundation.com/our-agencies/grants-vip/grants-application.html> between August 15 and October 15.

Questions can be referred to Debbie Watts at (870) 881-9015 or [dwatts@sharefoundation.com](mailto: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:<br>Re-entry  | Strategies   | Targeted<br>Outcome   | Potential<br>Partners  |
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|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Individuals in need of a support system will have a successful transition into their communities</li></ul> |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement a co-ordinated approach to increase the number of trained mentors</li><li>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</li><li>Increase The Good Grid utilization</li><li>Utilize substance abuse prevention programs</li><li>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</li></ul> |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase number of trained mentors</li><li>Easier access on how/ where to attain necessary resources</li><li>Healthy family functioning and relationships during incarceration and re-entry</li></ul> <p><u>Long term outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduce recidivism</li><li>Reduce substance abuse of those re-entering society</li></ul> |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)</li><li>Re-entry programs recognized by ADC</li><li>City Law Enforcement/ Parole Officers</li><li>Union County Sheriff Office</li><li>Media</li><li>Courts</li><li>Churches</li><li>Businesses</li><li>Cities of Union County</li><li>Non-Profits</li><li>The Good Grid</li><li>South Arkansas Community College</li><li>South Arkansas Regional Health Center (SARHC)</li><li>Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS)</li><li>Recovery Groups</li><li>Workforce Development</li><li>Legal counsel</li></ul> |

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## Neighborhood Watches/Clean Neighborhoods

### PRIORITY:

Neighborhood  
Watches/ Clean  
Neighborhoods

### Strategies



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



- 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

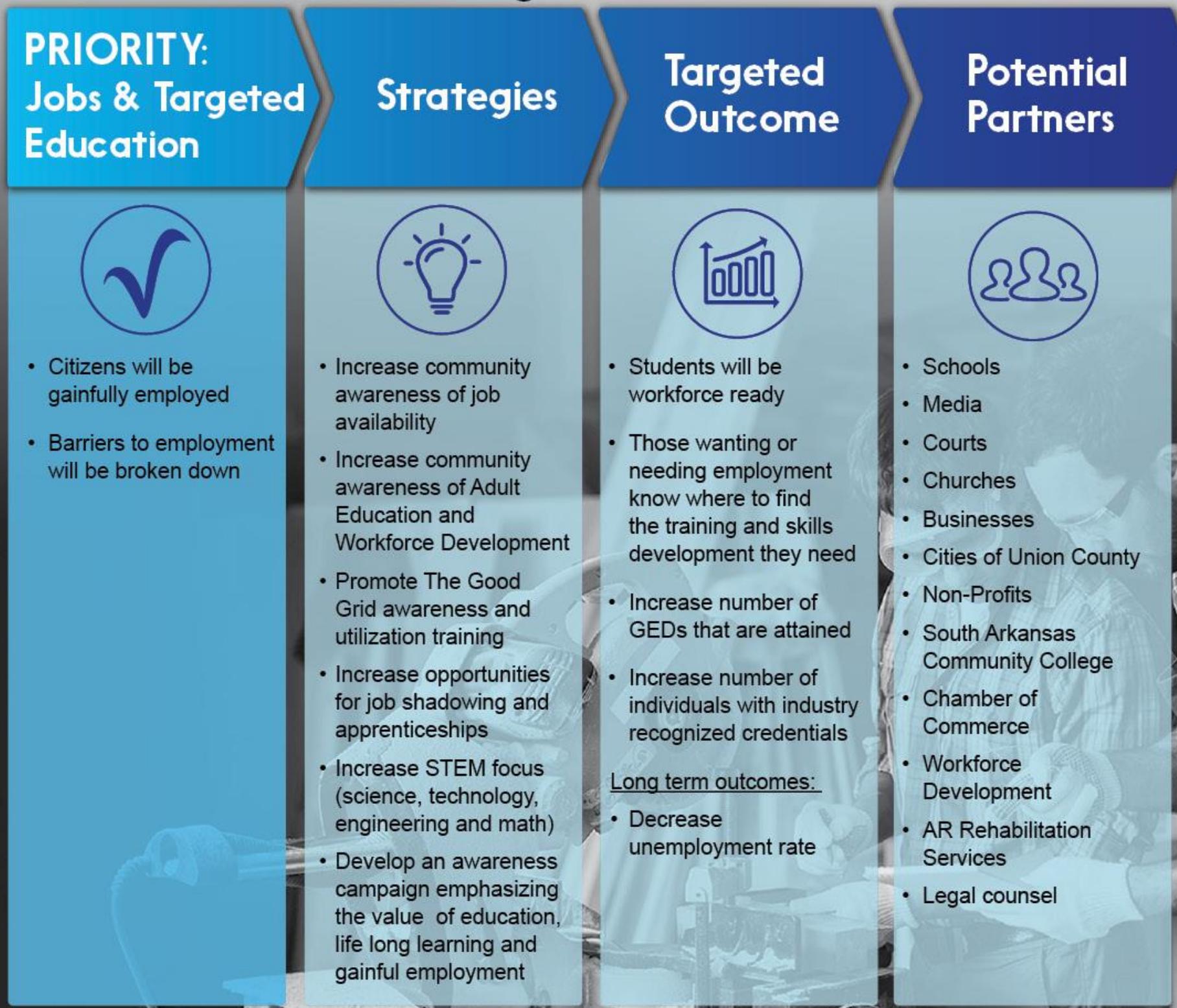
#### Long term outcomes:

- 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



- Access to mental health services and substance abuse prevention; and treatment options will be expanded

### Strategies



- 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

### Targeted Outcome



- 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

### Potential Partners



- 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

