

## **Municipal Partnership Opportunity**

to support community mitigation strategies, community resiliency and engagement strategies.

**Summary:** United Resource Connection would like to partner with your local schools and first responders (police and fire), to provide services to individuals and families in your municipality who are in need. The project description follows.

### **Project Description**

School counselors and first responders that serve your municipality often encounter individuals and families who are in need of health and/or economic assistance.

The proposed project provides a point of contact for your first responders and school counselors, when they identify such individuals or families in need. This point of contact will follow-up and provide these residents with community resource navigational support, and referral services, as needed.

The community resource navigators will be sourced by United Resource Connection, a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

The proposed program will be called “[your municipality] Connection”.

### **How will the project support community mitigation, resiliency, and engagement strategies within your community?**

The program will supplement the existing partnership between your police department and psychiatric emergency services, to cover less volatile emergency referrals for social service support of your residents in need.

It simultaneously addresses the national conversation on the importance of having partnerships between police departments and social service providers, as well as addresses the immediate needs of lower income residents. Even when counties are resource rich, these resources are often very difficult to navigate on one's own, especially when one is struggling with multiple issues. Providing one-on-one assistance in this area of navigation support is recognized nationally as a best practice.

The project proposes the provision of this type of assistance. Specific areas of focus include: drug and alcohol treatment referrals, mental health referrals, housing referrals, food & clothing resource assistance, primary medical care referrals, transportation and vocational resources, to name a few.

There are phone numbers people can call to get directory and referral information, but your program will provide one-on-one resource assistance to your residents in their home.

### **How will this project be sustainable beyond the grant funding?**

This project starts as a pilot project that will deliver very specific information about the level of need for this type of supportive service in our community. Information will be collected such as: the number of hours of utilization; number of individuals served; demographics of those served, like household size, income level, and ages of those in the household receiving this assistance; types of service referrals and assistance provided; and the very specific needs of those struggling in our community. This information will be reported to your municipality in quarterly reports, and provide the basis for your administration and council to determine whether the project is worthy of continued funding in your annual budget.

## **Project Budget**

The project budget will be used to contract with United Resource Connection, to create a program that connects your area schools and first responders to social service resource navigators.

“Your Municipality Connection” will provide a point of contact for first responders and schools in the community. The point of contact will consist of 2-3 community resource navigators that will follow-up with the identified individual in need, and provide resource connection assistance. Resource connection includes resource navigation and referral assistance.

Two thirds of the budget will be used to cover direct services, including the staffing and operations of the community resource navigators. Community resource navigators will be paid per hour of utilization, at a maximum of \$23/hour. Utilization hours will be documented (e.g., see data parameters outlined above).

Utilization will be rolled out in phases to manage the potential for over-capacity. We start by taking referrals from your local schools, then when an average monthly utilization estimate is established we phase into accepting referrals from your Police and Fire Departments. The accepted referrals will be for your residents only.

One third of the budget will be used administratively by United Resource Connection, to consult with local schools and first responders, and other interested partners within your municipality-- to design program protocols and promotional materials.

Please contact us if interested,

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