



Arkansas Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Committee  
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Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration

RE: CARES Act Request

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Greetings,

Natural State Recovery Centers (NSRC), based in Central Arkansas, offers an effective three-pronged program combining inpatient detox/outpatient addiction treatment for men and women, enhanced sober living for men and women, and life skills training.

Our mission is to treat the whole person by providing individuals in the early stages of recovery a structured, disciplined, and loving environment while attending treatment. Combining medical and recovery services to build a solid foundation for a complete transformation. Focusing on four aspects of a person's spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional well-being in order to create a life worth living.

COVID-19 has greatly impacted our organization and those we serve. The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, especially behavioral health. Natural State Recovery Center provides care to individuals suffering with addiction and co-occurring disorders. Researchers have observed increases in substance use and drug overdoses in the United States since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a national emergency in March 2020.

We appreciate your consideration of the attached request.

Respectfully,

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**Natural State Recovery Centers**  
CARES Request

Facility	Description	CARES Amount	Included in SFRF
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Personal Protective Equipment</b> Protective face coverings meeting CDC recommendations will be distributed amongst clients, their families, and staff. NSRC will also purchase necessary linen, cleaning, and sanitizing supplies. A ventilation system will be installed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.</p>	\$37,500.00	\$7,500.00
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Job Training</b> NSRC is planning on providing clients necessary job training. This training would include ServSafe, a skill that has been proven essential throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Cafeteria</b> Many clients lack independent life skills, such as cooking meals, preparing and cleaning after meals and making healthy food choices. All of which are essential sober living skills. Having a fully functional cafeteria will allow our clients to socially distance and serve as a teaching platform by offering additional life skills.</p>	\$401,000.00	\$1,235,000.00
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Architecture</b> Create a covered outdoor area for meditation, meetings, groups, and classes while ensuring social distance and safer learning precautions.</p>	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Payroll</b> Behavioral Health employees are frontline workers and have been affected by this pandemic. COVID-19 escalated the challenges faced in hiring, deploying, retaining, and protecting adequate well-trained, supported staff.</p>	\$130,000.00	\$0.00
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Community Assistance</b> COVID-19 has increased the hunger population, globally. 75% of students in our community are in need of food. With this funding, we can greatly reduce that percentage. We can provide a "backpack program" that allows us to provide backpacks and immediate food within our community.</p>	\$77,700.00	\$77,700.00
Natural State Recovery Centers	<p><b>Furniture</b> Sanitizable furniture for clients, visitors and staff to maintain social distancing and ensure a safe learning environment.</p>	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$821,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,445,200.00</b>