

Executive Summary for the ARPA Steering Committee
State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Name of Applicant: **Arkansas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs**

Proposal Title: **Boys & Girls Club of Saline County**

Type of Service to be rendered:

- Using evidence-based strategies and best practices, the Boys & Girls Clubs will promote social and emotional wellness through a program called “Positive Action”, which is a nationally recognized model for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- Ventilation-Facility Health Upgrades/Adaptations to minimize COVID and other viruses and enhance the safety of the facilities
- Clubs support children’s food and nutrition needs through food, weekend backpacks, nutrition instruction, supplies and transporting food to communities where kids’ needs are high
- TRANSFER Virtual Reality technology and services, providing programming for youth to enhance career preparation
- Roadmap to Careers, a digital product to begin preparing young people from the age of six years old to develop essential knowledge, skills, and learning experiences they need to succeed in life and in work
- The opportunity for older Club teens to earn a Retail Credential through partnership with the National Retail Federation and support of Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Applicant Presenter: Chris Richey

Location of Applicant: Benton, AR

Number of Locations Serving the Public: 23 local Boys & Girls Clubs

Location of Program Delivery with Budget Amount:

Location of Program	Budget Amount
1 Arkansas River Valley	\$344,400.00
2 Ashley County	\$196,400.00
3 Benton County (6 sites)	\$440,900.00
4 Bryant	\$262,900.00
5 Central Arkansas (6 sites)	\$440,900.00
6 Crittenden County (5 sites)	\$329,400.00
7 Diamond Hills	\$359,400.00
8 Donald W. Reynolds/Fayetteville (5-6 sites)	\$395,900.00
9 Drew County	\$138,000.00
10 El Dorado	\$277,900.00
11 Faulkner County	\$277,900.00
12 Fort Smith	\$440,900.00
13 Jacksonville	\$138,000.00
14 Jefferson County (2 sites)	\$196,400.00
15 Magnolia	\$138,000.00
16 Malvern & Hot Spring County	\$196,400.00
17 McGehee	\$196,400.00
18 Phillips County	\$138,000.00
19 Saline County	\$410,900.00
20 Scott County	\$138,000.00
21 Siloam Springs/ Western Benton County (4 sites)	\$329,400.00
22 South Logan County	\$277,900.00
23 Van Buren	\$277,900.00
TOTAL	\$6,342,200.00

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has created numerous negative outcomes for our most vulnerable citizens – our children, especially those living in disadvantaged circumstances and economically distressed areas. Boys & Girls Clubs in communities across the State can step into the gap and help encourage more equitable recovery for kids who need us most by supporting youth in the following ways: 1) Provide evidence-based academic support in afterschool and summer programs that supplement school efforts to address lost learning; 2) Strengthen social-emotional and behavioral skills for kids who have struggled with issues exacerbated by COVID; 3) Secure more opportunities for career preparation among teens who have been set back by economic impacts of COVID; 4) Supplement feeding programs that ensure better nutrition for youth in communities experiencing health inequities along socioeconomic lines; 5) Improve ventilation upgrades and adaptations in Club facilities (congregate settings) to address COVID

mitigation; and 6) Support costs of personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, health professional screenings and related costs for ensuring safe environments for kids.

Support from COVID relief funds for the “Club Ready” project will support essential services provided at 23 Club organization (at up to 50 program sites) and serve vulnerable youth, predominantly from low-income communities, who have disproportionately been impacted by the effects of COVID-19.

Total Amount of Request: \$6,342,200

Program Delivery Dates: October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Budget Information:

Type of Expense	# of Clubs / Units	Grant Request
Academic Outcomes	51	\$2,040,000.00
Social Emotional Learning	23	\$1,110,000.00
Career Preparation – Virtual Reality Career Exploration	18	\$1,771,200.00
Career Preparation – Roadmap to Careers	5	\$200,000.00
Upgrades to HAVA, filtration and ductwork	40	\$600,000.00
COVID Screening & Cleaning	23	\$111,000.00
Food, Nutrition programming & Related Support	51	\$510,000.00
Total		\$6,342,200.00

* Staff and administrative expenses are included in program costs

Eligible Per CTEH/Hagerty Review:

- The programs outlined in this proposal are likely eligible because they address the COVID-19 needs of disproportionately impacted populations of children. The Interim Final Rule specifically acknowledges that “The negative impacts of COVID-19 also include significant impacts to children in disproportionately affected families and include impacts to educations, health, and welfare, all of which contribute to long-term economic outcomes.” The design of the specific program components of the Boys and Girls Club proposal are all generally aligned with the Interim Final Rule eligible activities:
 - Academic Programs: Designed to reverse the pandemic’s impact on widening the economic disparities and worsened economic outcomes for low income students;
 - Social Emotional Wellness Programs: Designed to meet the behavioral health needs of children exacerbated by the pandemic;

- Career Preparation Programs: Designed to reverse the pandemic's impact on widening the economic disparities and worsened economic employment and career outcomes for low income students;
- Ventilation-Facility Health Upgrades/COVID Cleaning: Designed to support for the COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, or other services as well as upgrades to ventilation improvements in congregate settings, health care settings and other key settings like schools;
- Food & Nutrition Programs: Designed to address the food insecurity challenge faced by children in communities severely impacted by the pandemic's economic impact.

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