

Mental Health America of Indianapolis Awards \$3.9 Million to 15 Organizations for Mental Health Systems Reform and Juvenile Justice

Overview:

- The Vitality Grant Program, funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Relief funds, supports Mental Health Systems Reform and Juvenile Justice in Marion County, Indiana.
- Collaboration among grassroots and larger organizations was encouraged to find solutions that benefit the community.
- Thank you to the Indianapolis Mayor's Office, specifically the Office of Public Health and Safety and the City-County Council, for their commitment to improving mental health and juvenile justice in Indianapolis.

Vitality Grant Program Highlights:

- Total Grant Amount: \$3.9 million
- Total Applications Received: 70
- Total Amount Requested: \$17,649,168.10
- Organizations Selected: 15 (Grassroots and Larger Entities)
- VARC (Vitality Award Review Committee) Members:
 - Calvin Houston - RecycleForce
 - Corey Davis - Marion County Health Department
 - Maria Rusomaroff - NAMI Family Support Group Facilitator
 - Lakyah Berry - Community Youth Voice
 - Valerie Davis - CICF Ambassador - Near East Side
 - Annie Smith - CICF Ambassador - Far East Side

Future Opportunities:

- Awardees are eligible to apply for the Vitality Grant in 2024 for a two-year award to sustain their mission.
- Other organizations can apply in June 2024 for the remaining available funds.

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MHA of Indy's Commitment:

- Mental Health America of Indianapolis (MHA of Indy) is proud to support these organizations and will showcase their successes in Vitalizing Indianapolis in mental health and juvenile justice.

Awardees:

- 1 Place - \$274,200: On-site mental health staffing and programs at The Haven.
- Adult & Child - \$500,000: Staffing for a Crisis Stabilization Center.
- Cornerstone - \$281,600: Support for youth upon release.
- The Flanner House - \$499,950: Staffing for the new Morningstar African American Wellness Center.
- Focus Initiatives - \$208,517: Reentry and family support utilizing peers.
- Genesys Solutions, Inc. - \$219,644: PreVenture programming and wraparound for Indy students.
- Girls Talk - \$138,450: Empowerment and programming for female youth.
- HOPE Academy - \$281,325: In-house mental health services and middle school pilot program.
- Indiana Youth Group - \$251,029: In-house mental health staffing and programs.
- MCCOY (Marion County Commission on Youth) - \$89,700: Marion County Youth Violence Prevention Coalition.
- Mujeres Connectadas Inc. - \$143,330: Support and connection for Latina community members.
- New B.O.Y. - \$222,750: Sports programming and mentorship for youth in detention.
- The Ross Foundation - \$295,000: Alternative mental health therapies and restorative justice.
- S.L.E.D Corp. - \$279,925: Staffing and operational support for SUD/MI recovery house for men called Corey's House.
- Warren Arts and Education Foundation - \$214,500: Restorative Justice circles for youth.