

## South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Assistance Agreement

The South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board (SCORF Board), 1201 Main Street, Suite 420, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, (803) 898-3655, [contact@scorf.sc.gov](mailto:contact@scorf.sc.gov) and Greenville County Sheriff's Office -4 McGee St., Greenville SC 29601 enter into this agreement for the disbursement of South Carolina Opioid Recovery Funds.

Whereas, Awardee has represented to the SCORF Board that it is qualified to implement and administer the approved opioid abatement strategies in accordance with the representations set forth in Awardee's application for Discretionary Subfunds ("Attachment A") and as required in this agreement in a professional and timely manner, and is recognized as so qualified, and

Whereas, the SCORF Board has relied upon the above representations by Awardee,

Now therefore, in consideration of the premises of the mutual covenants herein set forth, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

### 1. **DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is effective as of October 1, 2023, and shall, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, continue in full force and effect through September 30, 2024.

### 2. **FUNDING AMOUNT**

SCORF will remit Awardee funds not to exceed \$ 561,953.93 (five hundred sixty one thousand, nine hundred fifty three dollars and ninety three cents) for the sole purpose of administering the approved abatement strategies as outlined in the application contained in "Attachment A."

### 3. **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**

The SCORF Board Program Administrator for this Agreement is Roberta Braneck. The contact information is: telephone: (803) 898-3655, e-mail: [Roberta.branneck@scorf.sc.gov](mailto:Roberta.branneck@scorf.sc.gov). After execution of this Agreement, Subgrantee shall provide the name and contact information for its program manager for this Agreement. Each party shall notify the other if their respective contract manager changes during the term of this Agreement.

### 4. **SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES**

Awardee will provide services and deliverables as outlined in "Attachment B – DSF Expenditure Reporting and DSF Performance Measures".

### 5. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Awardee shall provide such financial and programmatic reports on at least a quarterly basis, or as requested by the Program Administrator, in such format as required by SCORF Board. Reports of expenditures shall include for each expense the amount, the recipient(s) of the funds, the date of the payment, the reason for the expense, the approved abatement strategy to which the expense relates, and any other information requested by the Program Administrator. Failure to provide such reports shall be considered a breach of this Agreement.

### 6. **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Budget adjustments which will not cause a line-item to increase or decrease by more than 10 percent may be made by Awardee by providing the Program Administrator with a written explanation as to why an adjustment was made.

Proposed budget revisions within a budget period that exceeds 25% of the approved total budget, or \$250,000, whichever is less, must be requested in writing by or e-mail to the Program Administrator prior to incurring expenses that exceed this variance. Proposed budget revisions should include an explanation for the needed change. Written approval must be received from the Program Administrator prior to implementing the proposed budgetary changes.

**7. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**

- a. Awardee represents that it is knowledgeable about and experienced in performing the work required in this Agreement and warrants that they will use their best skills and attention to provide the responsibilities described in this Agreement in a professional, timely manner, pursuant to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies.
- b. Awardee warrants and represents that they shall be responsible for all subcontracts working directly for, as well as for their work product, as though Awardee had performed the work itself. All terms herein, which bind Awardee, will also bind any contractors, subcontractors, and the like. Awardee will ensure that such terms will be incorporated in all sub-contracts and subcontracts with contractors, subcontractors, and the like.

**8. ACCURACY OF DATA AND REPORTS**

Awardee agrees that all statements and reports, financial and otherwise, shall be certified as true, accurate, and complete.

**9. PERSONNEL**

Awardee will secure all personnel required in performing the services under the terms of this Agreement. All services specified in the Agreement will be performed by Awardee or under the supervision of Awardee, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and authorized under state and local law to perform such services.

**10. NON-SUPPLANTATION**

Awardee agrees that the funds made available under the terms of this Agreement will be used by Awardee to fund the Agreement's specified area only. Funds received under the terms of this Agreement should not supplant any other projects.

**11. RECORDS**

Records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement shall be made available to the SCORF Board and/or their duly appointed representative (upon request) upon notification for audit inspection or monitoring. Accounting records must be supported by source documentation such as canceled checks, paid bills, payrolls, time and attendance records, and contract documents.

**12. RECORD RETENTION**

Records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement shall be made available to SCORF Board and/or their duly appointed representative for audit inspection or monitoring. All pertinent information including but not limited to supporting documents, statistical records and client records shall be retained for a minimum of three years after the final expenditure report.

**13. HIPAA AND 42 C.F.R., PART 2, HITECH ACT SUBTITLE D**

- a. Awardee agrees that to the extent that some or all of the activities within the scope of this Agreement are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, P.L. 104-91, as amended or its implementing regulations, it will comply with the HIPAA requirements as well as Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act), enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and will execute such agreements and practices as SCORF Board may require to ensure compliance.
- b. Awardee agrees that to the extent that some or all of the activities within the scope of this Agreement are subject to the provisions of 42 CFR, Part 2 as well as Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act), enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (regarding the confidentiality of alcohol and drug client treatment records), the Awardee will comply with the requirements of 42 C.F.R., Part 2 as well as Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act), enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and will execute such agreements and practices as SCORF may require to ensure compliance.
- c. All employees and associated staff of Awardee are responsible for ensuring and maintaining the confidentiality, privacy, and security of all protected health information (electronic, written, verbal, or in any other format) that is provided or made available to any employee or staff or that is obtained, handled, learned, heard, or viewed in the course of work or association with the Awardee.
- d. Confirmed violations of client confidentiality, privacy, or information security provisions of HIPAA or 42 CFR, Part 2 may result in immediate or 30-day termination of this Agreement.
- e. In addition, an entity which violates the confidentiality, privacy, or security requirements of the applicable federal and state regulations or laws may be required to pay civil or criminal fines.
- f. Also, an individual who violates the confidentiality, privacy, or security requirements of the applicable federal and state regulations or laws may be required to pay civil or criminal fines (or may be imprisoned).

#### **14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Personnel and other officials connected with this Agreement shall adhere to the requirements given below:

No official or employee of Awardee shall participate personally through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or otherwise in any proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, grant, cooperative agreement, claim, controversy, or other particular matter in which these funds are used, where to his knowledge he or his immediate family, partners, organization other than a public agency in which he is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee or any person or organization with whom he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment, has a financial interest.

In the use of these grant funds, officials or employees of state or local units of government and non-governmental grantees/subgrantees shall avoid any action that might result in, or create the appearance of:

- a. using his or her official position for private gain;
- b. giving preferential treatment to any person;
- c. losing complete independence or impartiality;

- d. making an official decision outside official channels; or
- e. affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the government or the program.

## **15. PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH**

To the extent funds are used to conduct or assist in conducting any research projects, the results of such research, including the underlying data, shall be open access and made available to the public at no cost. Awardee agrees that SCORF Board may republish or otherwise use the research, including the underlying data, without notice to, approval by, or compensation to Awardee.

## **16. POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under this Agreement shall be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

## **17. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

Awardee agrees to comply with the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 11-58-10, *et seq.*, as well as all applicable court orders pertaining to use of relevant opioid settlement funds.

## **18. ASSURANCES**

The duly authorized representative of the Awardee certifies that the Awardee:

- a. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain; and
- b. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of opioid recovery funds.

## **19. CERTIFICATIONS**

### **a. Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension**

Awardee certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that Awardee, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, and its principals:

- i. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency;
- ii. have not within a three- (3) year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- iii. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph ii above; and
- iv. have not within a three- (3) year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

“*Principals*,” for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business

entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment; and similar positions). For the purpose of this certification, the term “*Principals*” includes both present principals as well as individuals who served in the capacity of principals within a three (3)-year period preceding this Agreement.

Awardee shall provide immediate written notice to the Program Administrator if, at any time prior to contract award, Awardee learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

If Awardee is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraph (a), Awardee must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Awardee’s responsibility. SCORF will make a binding determination of responsibility in every case where the Awardee or other certifying party is unable to make the certification after review of the written explanation and such determination will be communicated by the Program Administrator. Failure of the Awardee to furnish additional information as requested by the Program Administrator may render the Awardee nonresponsive.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Awardee is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

Awardee agrees by signing this Agreement that it will include, without modification, the clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions” in all lower tier covered transactions (i.e., transactions with subgrantees and/or Awardees) and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76. Subgrantee may search the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) website located at <http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/exclusions.asp> for individuals or entities that are debarred or suspended. Anyone who hires an individual or entity on the LEIE may be subject to civil monetary penalties.

The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making awards under this Agreement. If it is later determined that the Awardee, or a subcontractor of Awardee, knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available, SCORF may terminate this Agreement for default.

**b. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the Awardee’s organization) certifies that the Awardee will comply with the requirements of South Carolina Drug-Free Workplace Act (SC Code Ann § 44-107-10, et seq.).

**c. Certification Regarding Lobbying**

Awardee certifies that:

- i. No funds provided to Awardee pursuant to this agreement will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any government official or agent of any government official in connection with the awarding of the opioid recovery funds.
- ii. Awardee shall notify the SCORF Board prior to execution of this Agreement, if any funds other than the funds provided to Awardee pursuant to this agreement have been

paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any government official or agent of any government official in connection with the awarding of these opioid recovery funds.

- iii. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, and contracts under contracts, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed with this transaction was made or entered into. Compliance with the certifications contained in this section is a prerequisite for entering into this Agreement.

**d. Certification Regarding Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (PFCRA)**

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the Awardee organization) certifies that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge, and that he or she is aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject him or her to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

**20. AUDITING**

The SCORF Board reserves the right to conduct periodic audits and compliance reviews of the Awardee and any Subgrantee regarding the programmatic and financial aspects of this Agreement. Awardee will comply with all such audits and compliance reviews.

**21. NON-WAIVER OF BREACH**

The failure of SCORF Board at any time to require performance by Awardee of any provision of this Agreement, or the continued payment to Awardee by SCORF shall in no way affect the right of SCORF to enforce any provision of this Agreement, nor shall a waiver by SCORF Board of any breach of any provision hereof be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision or as a waiver of the provision itself.

**22. SEVERABILITY**

Any provision of this Agreement prohibited by the laws of the State of South Carolina shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

**23. VENUE OF ACTIONS**

Any and all suits or actions for the enforcement of the obligations of this Agreement and for any and every breach thereof, or for the review of a SCORF final agency decision with respect of this Agreement or audit disallowance(s), and any judicial review sought thereon and brought pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. 1-23-380 (1976), as amended, shall be instituted and maintained in any court of competent jurisdiction in Richland County, SC.

**24. SUSPENSION OF WORK AND/OR MODIFICATION OF FUNDING**

- a. The SCORF Board and/or its designee will inform Awardee of pending suspension of work and/or modification of funding in whole or in part for failure of Awardee to comply with any of the requirements of this Agreement. Awardee will be given thirty (30) days to cure performance problem.
- b. Upon written notice, the SCORF Board may order suspension of the work and/or modification of funding in whole or in part for such time as it deems necessary because of failure of Awardee

to comply with any of the requirements of this Agreement. Project progress will be reviewed by the SCORF Board on a quarterly basis and must reflect consistent effort throughout the Agreement period to prevent a suspension of work or modification of funding. The Agreement's completion date shall not be extended on account of any such suspension of work and/or modification of funding.

## **25. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

- a. *Termination for Breach of Contract:* This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time within the contract period whenever it is determined by such party that the other party has materially breached or otherwise materially failed to comply with its obligations. The terminating party must give the other party thirty (30) days written notice explaining the nature of the alleged breach. The party receiving notification shall have the thirty (30) day period, running from the date of notification, to cure the alleged breach. This Agreement will automatically terminate upon expiration of the cure period if the notifying party is not satisfied that the alleged breach has been remedied, which shall be deemed default.
  - i. In the event of an automatic termination, Awardee shall not be entitled to any costs or damages resulting from a termination under this Section, except for non-cancelable obligations through the date of termination that are not related to the breach.
- b. *Convenience:* The SCORF Board, with thirty (30) days written notice, may terminate this Agreement when it is in the best interests of SCORF. If this Agreement is so terminated, Awardee shall return all funds not used for necessary and reasonable direct costs of performing the work actually accomplished and non-cancelable obligations through the date of termination. Awardee will not retain funds for any other costs in connection with a termination for convenience. Awardee will not be entitled to recover any damages in connection with a termination for convenience.
- c. *Unilateral Termination:* Awardee may terminate this Agreement without cause if no funds have been expended and all funds are returned to SCORF, or if funds have been expended, Awardee repays those funds to SCORF and returns all unused funds to SCORF.

## **26. NOTICE**

Notice to either party will be sent by US mail and email to the mailing and email address stated in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement.

## **27. NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP**

Awardee shall not be deemed as the agent or employee of SCORF for any purpose whatsoever. Neither Awardee nor any of its members, employees, or agents identify themselves as an employee of SCORF. Awardee shall have no power or authority to bind or obligate SCORF in any manner, except SCORF shall make payments to Awardee for the work as herein provided. Awardee shall obtain and maintain all licenses and permits required by law for performance of this Agreement by themselves or their employees, contractors, agents, and servants. Awardee shall be liable for and pay all taxes required by local, state, or federal governments, including but not limited to Social Security, Workman's Compensation, Employment Security, and any other taxes and licenses or insurance premiums required by law unless specified in this Agreement. No employee benefits of any kind shall be paid by SCORF to or for the benefit of Awardee or their employees, contractors, agents or servants by reason of this Agreement unless specified in this Agreement.

## **28. INDEMNIFICATION**

Awardee agrees to assume sole and complete responsibility for any and all claims or actions in law or equity arising from any direct or indirect actions of its personnel. Awardee is insured to the limits

provided by the South Carolina Tort Claims Act (SC Code of Laws Title 15, Chapter 78, <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t15c078.php>). This provision does not pertain to outside activities of any of the personnel that are not part of the purpose of this contract.

**29. FORCE MAJEURE**

Both parties shall not be liable for any loss or delay resulting from causes beyond either party's control, including but not limited to: acts of God, vandalism, burglary, defective hardware, personal injury of either party or their agents, civil commotion, or any other causes beyond either party's control.

**30. ASSIGNMENT**

Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

**31. MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may be modified only by a dated written agreement that is signed by both parties.

**32. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no other agreements or understandings regarding this Agreement, expressed or implied, between the parties.

| For SCORF Board  | For Awardee   |
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| <p><b>Name:</b> Eric Bedingfield</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Chair</p> <hr/> <p><i>Signature</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Date</i></span></p> | <p><b>Name:</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b></p> <hr/> <p><i>Signature</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Date</i></span></p> |



**ATTACHMENT A**

**Approved Application with Abatement Strategies**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Deliverables of Awardee**

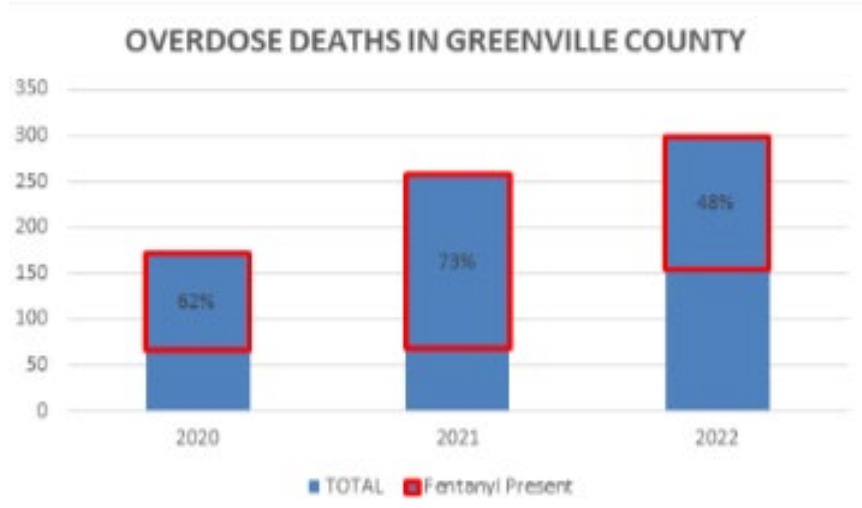
**I. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

**A. Statement of Need**

- 1. Provide information that documents the impact of opioids within the proposed service area. Include qualitative and quantitative data**
- 2. Clearly identify the geographic area and/or communities that the request for funds will impact, including the population of the proposed service area, the poverty level of the service area.**

Greenville is a 785.9 sq mi. county located in northwest South Carolina. It is one of 10 counties comprising Upstate, SC, in addition to Pickens, Abbeville, Oconee, Anderson County, Laurens County, Spartanburg, York, Cherokee, and Union counties. The population of Greenville County was 533,834 in 2021, with 232,658 total households, and 117,000 people under the age of 18. 13.3% of people in Greenville County live at or below the poverty line with Black and Hispanic communities being the most affected.

The opioid crisis has been running particularly rampant in Greenville County, as compared to most other counties in SC, according to data released as early as 2018 in the Opioid Death Report published from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The county has continued to see a steady increase each year in fentanyl/opioid related overdoses. There has also been a trend of increasing numbers of overdoses being linked to xylazine and other adulterants. According to South Carolina DHEC, Greenville County consistently ranks in the top ten counties for suspected overdose, most recently ranking at #2 per October 2022 data. There were a reported 1,103 overdose deaths in the entirety of South Carolina. Out of all 46 counties, Greenville county was attributed to 131 (11.8%) of those deaths. This was a 54.8% increase from the previous year's death toll. The 2020 statistics are even more discouraging, with the Coronavirus pandemic increasing the number of individuals being diagnosed with Substance Use Disorders (SUD's) and as a result, increasing the death toll already rising again by almost 10%.



Out of all criminal activity that resulted in an arrest and intake at a jail, 14% of all intakes admitted to either actively using Opioids or using Opioids in the past and 11% of all intakes tested positive for having Opioids in their system at the time of the test. Greenville County has a long history of individuals struggling with SUD's, and while the total number of Opioid Prescriptions has declined across the nation, there were still 369,618 Opioid Prescriptions written and dispensed in Greenville County alone in 2020. This resulted in Greenville County being in the 52th percentile for Opioid Prescribing rates in South Carolina. This crisis does not seem to be coming to a halt anytime soon. Year after year there are more individuals that develop SUD's or die from an overdose than seek treatment. In 2020, 595 individuals with SUD participated in State-Funded SUD Treatment and 989 individuals participated in Medicaid-Funded SUD Treatment. In Greenville County, 15.6% of high school graduates and 51.7% of non- high school graduates live in poverty, which can directly be linked to an increased risk of engaging in substance use, crime, and developing SUD's. Many community organizations, offices, and individuals hope to see the eventual eradication of Opioid Abuse and SUD's.

**3. Describe any existing efforts (either provided by your organization or others in the community) and provide an explanation of how this new effort will not be duplicative or will substantially expand existing efforts.**

Launched in June of 2021, GCSO's POWER Initiative provides opioid education and awareness via risk-based outreach and operation of a walk-in/self-referral facility implemented with the evidence-informed Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) framework. Medication disposal boxes and a MedReturn collection unit were also made available at the facility. The POWER Initiative is a partnership between GCSO, the Phoenix Center, the Greenville County Coroner's Office, Greenville Recreation, and FAVOR Upstate to operate and minimally staff the facility. Just Say Something and RIZE Prevention are additional partners that provide support for residents seeking support specifically provided by those organizations.

The proposed POWER Collective for which GCSO seeks funding from SCORF does not duplicate the POWER Initiative in any capacity, as the Initiative supports pre-arrest diversion and deflection for those with substance use disorder. However, the POWER Collective will substantially enhance the potential of the initiative to serve more individuals in Greenville County who are suffering from opioid use disorder with the use of the PAARI framework.

**4. Please provide a description of any existing funding or resources that you have been awarded, including dollar amounts, that are being leveraged to support the proposed program.** No existing funding or resources have been provided for the proposed GCSO POWER Collective.

**5. Has the Applicant applied to other grants for the same project? If so, which grants?**  
NO

- 6. Is the Applicant also seeking funds from a County or Political Subdivision's Guaranteed Political Subdivision fund? If so, has the request been granted, from which County/political subdivision and for what amount? NO**
- 7. Discuss any other special needs relative to opioid use, abuse, opioid related crime, or unique abatement needs or strategies. N/A**

### **B. Plan to Implement**

This proposal outlines the *POWER Collective: Community Action for Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention*. This is a collaborative effort between the Greenville County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), local Upstate community organizations, and a nationally recognized provider of prevention tools to decrease opioid related addiction, overdoses, and fatalities in Greenville County. The POWER Collective will also increase public safety in the county by providing education, awareness, prevention and intervention related to opioid and other gateway drug use, while improving community responsiveness and enhancing connections to mental and behavioral health services for community members via churches, schools, and businesses. In partnership with GCSO, RIZE Prevention Inc., Just Say Something, and Safe RX are companies or organizations that have committed to be an active part of the POWER Collective and its strategic implementation. With this widespread initiative being spearheaded by law enforcement and prominent community organizations, this comprehensive approach will have the necessary partnerships to succeed in reducing the rate of SUD and Opioid Overdoses in Greenville County.

The POWER Collective is a community action collaborative dedicated to implementing a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to combating the opioid crisis in Greenville County. This cross-sectional type of approach proposed by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office through the POWER Collective has never been attempted in Greenville County. If funded, it presents a unique opportunity for the county to capitalize on the proven effectiveness of a comprehensive community initiative that integrates the public and private sectors to address community crises through population-level, systemic change. The collective will simultaneously introduce a unique public health messaging approach to combating the opioid crisis in Greenville County and substantially expand existing and complementary efforts of the individual entities of the collective. Through supporting community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention strategies, such as reduced social access and physical access, stigma reduction, educational campaigns, support for people in treatment or recovery, or training of coalitions in evidence-informed implementation, including the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), we are hoping to collaboratively increase our drug prevention messaging and programmatic reach and capacity tenfold by working with individuals of all ages from all stages of life.

**POWER Collective: Community Action for Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention**

- 1. Identify the Approved Abatement Strategy that will be implemented, a description of how the identified strategy will be implemented and how the Applicant will address the need identified through data in the Statement of Need section through a series of SMART Goals.**
- 2. What are the goals and measurable objectives for the use of the funds?**

The POWER Collective is focused on the prevention and education aspects of the Approved Abatement Strategy, specifically in the areas of preventing the misuse of opioids and preventing overdose death and other harms through the use of community education and other provided harm reduction related services. While the aforementioned organizations will be doing community education, in order for individuals in Greenville County to have the most up-to-date information about substance safety, we are also requesting funds for staff training on substance and harm reduction topics. Specifically, the SCORF Core Abatement Strategies to be pursued by the POWER Collective are: **E 2 ; G 1, 2, 4, and 5.**

| <b><u>SMART GOALS</u></b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Objective</b>   | <b>Expected Results</b>  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Goal 1</b>             | Equip 40+ organizations, companies, places of worship, or programs with the necessary education and materials to educate their community about Substance Abuse and prevention tactics. | The GCSO will provide each entity with training and the materials. Communication will occur between selected entities for target locations and demographics for substance abuse education. | Community education and awareness of substance abuse will increase by $\geq 20\%$ .  |
| <b>Goal 2</b>             | Youth and Parents will undergo education courses or programs that increase the rate of parental involvement in substance use prevention.   | Just Say Something and RIZE Prevention will work within their respective organizations to advertise, schedule, and provide education and materials to both parents and youth.              | Families who have participated in the educational programs will have a decreased risk factor for substance misuse by up to 50%.  |
| <b>Goal 3</b>             | Medication safety in the home is the best way to prevent substance pilfering, which has been linked to higher rates of SUD.  | The GCSO, Just Say Something, and RIZE prevention will distribute patented Safe Rx Locking Pill Bottles to families and program participants to keep medications safe in all environments. | Locking Pill Bottles distributed to families or individuals will result in an increase of $\geq 60\%$ of medicine in the home being stored in a locked, safe location. |

**3. Describe the Performance Measurement plan to evaluate the goals and objectives including data collection techniques and tools, and the timeline for data collection.**

The initiative is intended to run its trial course of a year, with the intention of continuing the program for at least 5 years. When the year is over, data will be collected from participants who were involved in any service provided by this collective. GCSO has secured the funding for a data analyst position to evaluate program efficacy. Data collection will be sent in the form of a questionnaire to all participants based on what service or program they engaged in. Given that this collective is focused on the Abatement Strategy of preventing the misuse of opioids and preventing overdose death and other harms (G1,2,4, &5), our data collection focus will be on gathering information that compares the rate of overdose and SUD in Greenville County prior to the collective's beginning and comparing that to the rates after the collective has run its trial year. Information will also be collected about medication safety in the home, if any youth or families that have participated in the programs have engaged in substance use, and if program participants feel they benefited from attending the programs. Data will also be collected to assess the performance and efficacy of the POWER Collective's focus on warm-hand off services via GCSO to assist in transition to recovery services (E2). Lastly, data will be gathered on the amount of opioid medication surrendered and destroyed during local 'take back' days conducted by GCSO and promoted through the POWER Collective's media campaigns and various events.

**4. Does your plan include a partnership for implementation or is it cooperative in nature? If so, please describe the partnerships including the role the partners will play to ensure successful strategy implementation.**

There are three main partnerships and one supporting partnership that are represented in the POWER Collective. Those partners are RIZE Prevention (RIZE), Just Say Something (JSS), and SAFE Rx. JSS and RIZE will, along with the GCSO, actively participate and guide school-based and community events and programs. Safe Rx is a partner who will provide services or materials to assist RIZE, JSS, and the GCSO in their POWER Collective in providing Greenville County residents physical tools for the prevention of opioid misuse. The National Football League-Alumni Association is a current partner of RIZE and will also participate in supporting the collective's outreach efforts. Through the combination of the active and supporting partnerships, the POWER Collective has the knowledge and community based experience necessary to effectively utilize the funds in a way that increases knowledge on substance misuse and decreases the risk that youth or adults begin participating in substance use.

a. Recognized by the Office of National Drug Control Policy through the ADAPT division of Washington/Baltimore HIDTA as a provider of promising prevention programming, RIZE has received extensive technical support from ADAPT and SC Department of Education to build its iRIZE program on the latest prevention and intervention science within an innovative school-based framework. iRIZE's evidence-informed approach provides a critical supplement to

schools' alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) curricular education requirement and provides families access to critical support resources. It reaches teens before their beliefs and attitudes about drugs have been formed. Treating teens with respect, they seek to empower them to resist drugs and make healthy choices by giving them knowledge about drug use, the skills to resist drug use, and the encouragement to exercise the power of positive choices. The cornerstone of our success is their Break Through - Follow Through approach. They 'break through' teens' current perceptions to motivate a change in how they perceive drug use. They 'follow through' with critical support needed to consistently make healthy lifestyle choices. The iRIZE approach encompasses three fundamental steps to empower teens to abstain from drug use and make healthy lifestyle choices: Enlightening them about how unmet mental health or emotional needs or underlying issues and experiences, both past and present, affect their choices, Encouraging them to overcome and reverse destructive behaviors or unhealthy choice patterns, and Empowering them by supporting their choices to live a drug-free life.

Utilizing its existing technical assistance provisions and partnerships, RIZE will develop and provide an evidence-based iRIZE opioid prevention program to high school students in Greenville County. Any high school in the county may request the program directly from RIZE or through GCSO or JSS. RIZE will also provide those students and their families access to its Community Connector for Families in Crisis resource guide and assistance tool for individuals seeking mental or behavioral health services related to opioid use or dependency. Access will also include financial aid for high school students seeking respective preventative or recovery-associated mental health therapy and who would otherwise be unable to afford access. RIZE will integrate the POWER Collective opioid prevention messaging into its iRIZE program for middle schools and expand the program offering to more middle school students and their families throughout the county. Lastly, RIZE will coordinate efforts with GCSO and JSS to promote the Collective message through multiple media and communication platforms, in addition to organizing community outreach and engagement activities throughout Greenville County. The NFL Alumni Association will also partner with RIZE to conduct these events and provide featured speakers.

**b.** Just Say Something's mission is to help remove barriers and excuses that might keep parents from talking with their kids about drug and alcohol abuse. For 35 years the organization has worked hand in hand with youth, parents, and communities to have open, honest, and ongoing conversations about drugs and alcohol. In this ever-changing world, their team works diligently to provide up-to-date information in our programs and other community outreach. JSS is leading the media campaigns to prevent Opioid misuse. Their role is designing a media campaign and providing materials in preparation for Red Ribbon Week, an awareness campaign held every year, October 23 – 31. A media campaign to support messaging for supplies to schools, businesses, houses of worship and communities to use collectively so our community has a single comprehensive media plan and messaging, not for only Red Ribbon Week, but for other awareness events, i.e. Alcohol Awareness Month, Substance Abuse Prevention Month, along with Great American Smoke-Out, National Kick Butts Day.



JSS will also provide The Strengthening Families Program (SFP), an evidence-based 14-week family skills training program designed for children with substance abusing parents. SFP is designed to reduce environmental risk factors, to improve protective factors, and to increase personal resilience in order to prevent or delay onset of substance use by high-risk youth. Research confirms that SFP is also effective in reducing risk precursors for mental disorders, drug use, and juvenile delinquency. The program is designed to build skills for both the children and their parents that will increase protective factors and reduce risk factors known to lead to substance abuse. It is one of only four parenting programs developed and tested specifically for children of substance abusers. Additionally, SFP is the only one with independent replications in randomized control trials that also demonstrates significant improvements in the outcomes for the children rather than just improved parenting skills and reductions in child maltreatment. The only qualification for a family to attend SFP is to have a child between the ages of 6 – 11. For those families who have children 5 and below, we provide childcare for them. Also, each week a family attends, we provide them with a \$10 gas card. From time to time, a family may not have any transportation, so they provide an Uber for them to the program and back home. Their goal is to remove any barriers that will keep a family from participating. Once the families have finished their meal, the children, 5 and below go to childcare for the evening. The youth, 6 – 11, go one way with two group leaders for an hour and the parents go their way with two group leaders for an hour. Once they have completed their sessions for the night, the youth (6-11) and parents come back together to do an activity together which reinforces the lesson of the night.

Once a family has graduated from an SFP cycle, families typically want to know what's next for them and their family. This is when they introduce the parents/caregivers to a Circle of Parents group. The mission of Circle of Parents is to prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen families through mutual self-help parent support groups. Each Circle of Parents group decides how often they want to meet and lead their own groups after attending a two-day training session. Parent leaders, as identified by JSS, lead their meetings from the position of support and encouragement for the other parents. If the Circle of Parents group requests topic information from Just Say Something, one of our staff members provides that request or connects the group with the appropriate resource. JSS provides support to Circle of Parents by providing resources such as snacks, meals, incentives and training to identified parent leaders.

c. Safe Rx is a company that was created by a practicing physician who was concerned about the high rate of drug pilfering in the home done by teens and young adults. For teens, the #1 source of prescription medications is the family medicine cabinet. The patented Locking Pill Bottles sold by Safe Rx include a four digit code and are tamper-resistant, with a design that makes it obvious if someone attempts to force the bottle open. These bottles can be used for a variety of purposes such as medication privacy, dispensing Medication Assisted Treatment, suicide and overdose prevention, and preventing accidental poisonings. For the POWER Collective, Safe Rx will be providing 40,000 Locking Pill Bottles of different encoding statuses and sizes to assist the residents of Greenville County in creating a safe space to store any

medication, such as schedule II medications, that may be dangerous if left unsecured to prevent Opioid and substance misuse in the home.

**5. Letters of Commitment (see Appendix)**

**6. Provide a description of any potential barriers to implementation and how you plan to overcome the barriers.**

None of the partnering organizations and companies expect there to be a barrier to implementing the POWER Collective. However, if a problem were to arise for any or all of the groups, collaborative efforts between all partners will begin and they will focus on preventing or mitigating the effects of the barrier in order for the POWER Collective to be implemented as intended. All partners are dedicated to making sure this collective meets the described impact that it will have on Greenville County and its residents.

**Implementation Timeline (March 2023-March 2024)**

|                            | GCSO   | RIZE   | JSS  | Safe RX   |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Design Phase (Months 1-6)  | 1) training and hiring project staff, 2) developing and implementing a data collection system for key performance measures, and 3) community and interdepartmental partner meetings. | 1) developing program elements<br>2) hiring and training project staff<br>3) coordinating with schools to schedule program dates   | 1) initiate and possibly complete the Circle of Parents, Triple P, and Creative initiatives  | 1) prepare shipment of lockable pill bottles<br>2) coordinate scheduling of shipments<br>3) coordinate scheduling of partner events |
| Action Phase (Months 7-12) | 1) prevention and awareness efforts, 2) training program, 3) real-time data collection, 4) school-based educational campaign, and 6) program evaluation.                             | 1) conduct programs in county schools<br>2) meet with students and parents of students who reach out for assistance<br>3) expand CCFC referrals and financial aid<br>4) expand community outreach through media and community events | 1) distribute “Awareness” supplies for schools, community, and law enforcement through events and programs<br>2) hold and possibly complete the Strengthening Families Program | 1) attend events and presentations of partners<br>2) support POWER Collective through Social Media                                  |
|                            |  |  |  |   |

## II. Qualifications and Experience

### 1. Provide a detailed description of the Applicant/organization's background and history.

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office, led by current Sheriff Hobart Lewis, is experienced in serving as guardians to the citizens and visitors of Greenville County, preserving life, maintaining constitutional rights, protecting property, and promoting individual responsibility and community engagement. In 1786, Greenville County was formed. Greenville County was part of the Ninety-Six District and was serviced by the Sheriff of that District. In 1791, a new district was formed to include Greenville and Pendleton Counties, this was named the Washington District and it existed until 1799. In 1795, Robert Maxwell, a Revolutionary War hero, was appointed as Sheriff of the District. He lived in Greenville County and was killed by an ambush on November 10, 1797, while crossing the Saluda River shoals where Piedmont Mill Dam was later built.

During this time many important public officials, including the Sheriff, were elected to their position by the Legislature. The people of South Carolina, however, felt that this important position should answer directly to them for his actions and performance. In 1808, legislation was enacted to provide for the election of the Sheriff by the citizens of the county, rather than by politicians. This method of election was placed into our State Constitution in 1868. The Office of Sheriff in Greenville County began. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office has transformed from the ancient office created over a thousand years ago in England, to a New World colony, to a frontier county, to a modern, computerized law enforcement agency serving a busy metropolitan county of over 525,000 residents. The Sheriff's Office is composed of 539 sworn deputies, 3 reserve deputies, 61 crossing guards, and 110 civilian employees. These men and women are professional in their training and dedicated in their service. Their purpose is clear; to provide professional law enforcement services to the people of Greenville County. With this commitment and the support of our citizens, the future promises to be just as remarkable as the past.

### 2. If the Applicant/organization has a governing Board, please list all members of the Board.

As a county government agency we do not have any officers or directors who have ownership in our organization.

### 3. Provide a description of the experience the Applicant/organization has with similar projects/proposals and providing services to the population(s) of focus for this application, if applicable.

GCSO via its current POWER Initiative is a Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative (PAARI) member organization and has a strong commitment to harm reduction strategies and diverting individuals with SUDs from the criminal justice system. PAARI provides an evidence-

based framework to create non-arrest pathways to treatment and recovery (Davoust et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2022; Schiff et al., 2017). With over 600 police departments in 34 states, PAARI provides technical assistance and resources to law enforcement agencies, fosters a dialogue about the unique position of law enforcement to address the opioid crisis, educates lawmakers to influence policy around treatment access, removes barriers to treatment, and builds a network of law enforcement agencies to help people on the path to treatment and recovery. Launched in June of 2021, GCSO's PAARI based POWER Initiative provides targeted opioid education and awareness, risk-based outreach, walk-in/self-referral, medication disposal boxes and a MedReturn collection for individuals who self-initiate interaction with GCSO and supporting POWER Initiative partners.

**4. List the key person or people responsible for implementation of the strategies and provide a description of their experience and role/responsibility about the proposal.**

The key person(s) responsible for the implementation managed by the Commander of Community Services Division and Sgt. Natalie Hill of the aforementioned Abatement Strategies through the POWER Collective spearheaded by Greenville County Sheriff's Office is Sergeant Natalie Hill. Sgt. Hill is the Director of Crime Prevention within the Office's Community Services Division. Sgt. Natalie Hill will serve as the Platoon Commander responsible for establishing, managing, and maintaining crime prevention programs and initiatives. Furthermore, the platoon commander plans, organizes, oversees, supervises and coordinates the daily activities of Opioid Prevention Outreach Unit and the POWER programs. As well as, manage personnel under her command. As a member of GCSO's Community Services Division, Sgt. Hill has over 26 years of law enforcement experience and has taken a lead role in the development and oversight of the POWER collective. She will coordinate project objectives across all prevention and outreach programs and oversee the hiring and training of a project-dedicated Crime Prevention Outreach deputies.

**5. Provide a statement as to whether the Applicant/organization's employees, agents, independent contractors, or subcontractors have been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contendere to any crime other than minor traffic violations; and if so, an explanation providing relevant details.**

The Greenville County Sheriff's office is a County Government Entity with stringent hiring standards. No persons can gain employment at the Greenville County Sheriff's office if convicted of any crime of moral turpitude.

**6. Provide a statement as to whether, in the last ten (10) years, the Applicant/organization, any officers, directors or entities or individuals owning more than twenty percent (20%) of the offering entity, has filed or had filed against it any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or**

**undergone the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors; and if so, an explanation providing relevant details.**

In the last ten (10) years, neither the Applicant/organization, nor any officers, directors or entities or individuals owning more than twenty percent (20%) of the offering entity, has filed or had filed against it any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or undergone the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors.

**7. Describe the Applicant/organization’s experience and skill working with private, state and/or federal grants, data collection and performance measurement.**

The Greenville County Sheriff’s Office has a long history of collaborations and partnerships with outside entities, both public and private. Those entities range from small businesses to large corporations; educational institutions to non-profit organizations; and federal agencies to municipal offices. For many years, the Sheriff’s Office has administered state funding for School Resource Officers and Federal grants including Justice Assistance Grants, Homeland Security Grants, and Office of Justice Programs. Recently, the Sheriff’s Office was awarded a Bureau of Justice COSSAP grant for which the data collection and performance measurement will be conducted in partnership with Clemson University.

**III. Budget (continued on next page)**

**POWER Collective: Community Action for Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention**

| <b>The POWER Collective Budget</b>   |                         |                     |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Budget Item</b>   | <b>Amount Requested</b> | <b>Subtotal</b>     |
| <b>Personnel Expenses</b><br><i>(Core Abatement Strategies E2; G1, 2, and 5)</i>                         |                         |                     |
| GCSO Crime Prevention Platoon Commander  | \$72,553.00             |                     |
| Fringe Benefits - Platoon Commander  | \$30,450.00             |                     |
| GCSO Prevention Deputy (2 staff)   | \$115,346.00            |                     |
| Fringe Benefits - Prevention Deputy (2 staff)  | \$51,962.00             |                     |
| iRIZE High School Program Presenter and Coordinator  | \$22,000.00             |                     |
| iRIZE Student Liaison for Middle Schools   | \$40,000.00             |                     |
| JSS Program Manager  | \$18,685.00             |                     |
| <b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>  |                         | <b>\$350,996.00</b> |
| <b>Program Costs</b><br><i>(Core Abatement Strategies G1, 2, and 5)</i>                                  |                         |                     |
| JSS Parent Education (SFP, CoP, and PPP)   | \$80,000.00             |                     |
| iRIZE Financial Aid for under/uninsured youth seeking mental health services                             | \$25,000.00             |                     |
| iRIZE Travel Costs   | \$500.00                |                     |
| <b>Total Program Costs</b>   |                         | <b>\$105,500.00</b> |
| <b>Event and Material Supplies</b><br><i>(Core Abatement Strategies G1, 2, 5)</i>                        |                         |                     |
| JSS Awareness Supplies   | \$55,000.00             |                     |
| iRIZE program events supplies - High School  | \$2,850.00              |                     |
| iRIZE program events supplies - Middle School  | \$7,660.00              |                     |
| <b>Total Event and Material Supplies</b>   |                         | <b>\$65,510.00</b>  |
| <b>Creating the POWER Collective- Advertisement and Marketing</b><br><i>(Core Abatement Strategy G1)</i> |                         |                     |
| Content Strategy   | \$5,000.00              |                     |
| Digital (website design, development, and programming)   | \$10,000.00             |                     |
| Video Development and Production   | \$8,000.00              |                     |
| Event Development and Marketing Services   | \$7,000.00              |                     |
| <b>Total Creating the POWER Collective</b>   |                         | <b>\$30,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Direct Prevention Supplies</b><br><i>(Core Abatement Strategy G4)</i>                                 |                         |                     |
| Safe Rx Locking Pill Bottles (40,000 bottles)  | \$189,240.00            |                     |
| <b>Total Direct Prevention Supplies</b>  |                         | <b>\$189,240.00</b> |
| <b>Equipment</b><br><i>(Core Abatement Strategy G4)</i>  |                         |                     |
| GCSO Creamator Unit ECO1500  | \$55,945.00             |                     |
| GCSO Prevention Staff Equipment  | \$17,724.00             |                     |
| <b>Total Equipment</b>   |                         | <b>\$73,669.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Request</b>   |                         | <b>\$814,915.00</b> |

## IV. Budget Narrative

### A. Personnel Expenses

The **Greenville County Sheriff's Office** has the goal of expanding their prevention taskforce and warm-handoff capacity as well as implementing a drug court opioid diversion program where the judge will suspend or transfer the sentence this program. This will require the hiring of additional full-time support personnel, namely Crime Prevention Platoon Commander (1) and Crime Prevention Deputies (2).

#### *Crime Prevention Deputy*

- Provide assistance to connect and support individuals that are experiencing the ripple effects of opioids by developing an outreach team made up of the Outreach Deputy and public health for education and awareness, treatment and recovery. Communicating with law enforcement, public health, schools, community members, churches etc. regarding critical needs of individuals in regard to opioid use and abuse.
- Utilize the existing POWER Initiative Opioid Program to provide services to the "At-risk" population by connecting individuals to appropriate services, post-incident.
- Promote and present opioid education and awareness presentations to schools, churches, businesses, community centers and community watch groups.
- Respond with Community Action Team (CAT) members as calls for service for enforcement; on private properties where encampments have established residency housing homeless & transient on posted Jurisdictional Rights properties. The purpose is to assess & identify the needs of each individual and connect them with resources.
- Advise on development of standard operating procedure for Treatment Court a diversion program with the Solicitor's Office.
- Analyze the Daily Overdose Report weekly and the OD Cases to identify elevated risk individuals pre-incident. Follow up to provide support to family members, children, and other loved ones to explore possibilities for treatment, support, harm reductions, grief support, etc. with POWER Collective partners.
- Coordinate with DEA & SLED twice a year on all efforts of medication take back days to prevent and reduce the misuse of prescription medications by safely disposing unused, unwanted, or expired medication.

#### *Crime Prevention Platoon Commander*

- Establishing, manage, and maintain all crime prevention programs and initiatives related to POWER Collective.
- Plans, organize, oversee, and coordinate the daily activities of the POWER Collective program.
- Manage Crime Prevention Deputy personnel under their command.

**RIZE Prevention** will fulfill the POWER Collective's innovative plan requiring educational resources and prevention methods to be available and proactively delivered to youth and adults via its iRIZE program. The *iRIZE High School Program Presenter and Coordinator* is a part-time position. The Presenter and Coordinator will carry out the following tasks: 1) be trained on delivering the iRIZE opioid prevention program to high school students; 2) deliver the iRIZE opioid prevention program to high school students; 3) deliver the iRIZE opioid prevention program to parents of high schools students; 4) assist in presenting the POWER Collective opioid prevention presentation during community events hosted in partnership with GCSO and JSS. The *iRIZE Student Liaison for Middle Schools* is a full-time position, where they will be engaged with students, parents, and staff of 4 middle schools throughout the academic year. This engagement includes: 1) attendance of all iRIZE school events; 2) bi-weekly visitation to schools for mentoring and student interaction; 3) being available for counselor-requested visits on behalf of students seeking iRIZE support; 4) being available for one-on-one mentor visits with students outside of school at the request of a parent; and 5) preparing all materials and scheduling for in-school activities. If you were to break down the consultant cost for each of these tasks, it would be \$103,680, making the creation of two additional RIZE Prevention employee positions considerably more cost-effective than other alternatives.

**Just Say Something** is requesting funds to increase their *Program Manager* position from part-time to full-time to assist with budgets, provide ongoing communication with program leads, building relationships with local elementary schools, assist with program recruiting, visiting programs, assist site coordinator, and parent leads for Circle of Parents, data entry and monthly, and annual reports for all parenting program participants. Currently the position is part-time, which makes it difficult for the staff member to balance all required administrative duties while also assisting families in meeting their goals.

## **B. Program Costs**

Just Say Something is planning on creating or expanding two programs:

**Circle of Parents (CoP)** is a national accredited program we use to keep the families engaged after they have completed a cycle of SFP. Their team works with that parent(s) and provides them training on convening and leading a Circle of Parents meeting. The parents decide how often they want to meet, typically weekly, and working with their team, a meal or snack is provided budgeted at \$10 per parent. In their first year, the goal is to train 5 parents, with a cost of \$500 each. **Triple P (PPP)** is a nationally accredited program, where they can engage with parents either one on one or in small groups. Triple P is more targeted to those behaviors a parent may be struggling with for their child. The cost to train someone in Triple P is \$2,140 and for 6



people to be trained. Triple P also has exclusive resources sheets which can be provided to families per session at a cost of \$15.47 per parent, and they want to reach 75 parents in the first year. Given that the goal of removing families' barriers to accessing JSS resources, other costs include Uber or Gas gift cards to attend events, meals for all family members who attend events (\$12-15 per person), and graduation gifts for each family member who has completed a program (\$100 for each parent and a gift valued at \$30 for each child).

In order to ensure that all high schools requesting the **iRIZE for POWER Collective** opioid prevention program, regardless of location, receive adequate substance prevention education, travel must occur. Additionally, the iRIZE drug prevention program serving middle school students, parents, and staff will be expanded to include 8 schools located throughout the county. This amount of funds (\$500) will go solely towards any transportation costs that iRIZE accumulates over the POWER Collective initiative period. For those under/uninsured high school students encountered through iRIZE who need access to mental health therapy related to opioid dependency or the risk of opioid dependency, RIZE is requesting \$25,000 to be offered as financial assistance. This financial aid will help up to 35 students access both preventative and recovery-related mental health therapy.

### **C. Event and Material Supplies**

Just Say Something has a comprehensive marketing and event plan that includes items like books on substance use prevention, lesson plans, banners, buttons, stickers, t-shirts, and pledge cards. These materials provide the multifaceted approach that is necessary when giving information to youth because they combine important information with fun items that most youth enjoy interacting with. All materials were sourced at the lowest cost possible for their estimated inventory need for each product.

iRIZE for POWER Collective program events supplies for the High School and Middle School programs will include items such as information/outreach cards, wristbands, t-shirts, parent participation incentives, styrene posters, plastic iRIZE Club membership cards (lanyard-punched). The expanded iRIZE program for middle schools will also require additional musical presentations from "Sound of Learning" to facilitate the iRIZE Club Pep Rally events (\$800).

### **D. Creating the POWER Collective messaging and campaign**

Creating the POWER Collective will be done methodically by JSS, with great understanding of our community and those they serve collectively. This expertise will be provided as part of their collective. JSS will work on content strategies, and develop the collective's digital footprint (\$5,000), while identifying messaging and graphics for website, social media, and a YouTube channel (\$10,000), then develop video production (\$8,000) and work with POWER Collective

partners to brand and market community events along with production of assets/support materials (\$7,000). Crafting the marketing and development for the POWER Collective in-house, saves the collective thousands of dollars by not outsourcing the brand development and advertisement to another agency.

### **E. Direct Prevention Supplies**

**Safe Rx** has given the POWER Collective their best, all-inclusive price, for 40,000 Locking Pill Bottles with a 70%/30% combination of pre-encoded and unencoded and 80% large size and 20% small size inventory purchase. Pre-encoded bottles provide individuals with an already existing code that they may register on the Safe Rx website. Because the intention is for families to use the Locking Pill Bottles to keep medications safe anywhere, the larger bottles allow pills or pill bottles of any size to be safely locked. The smaller bottles are more for direct pharmaceutical dispensing. If families were to put pills directly into the small bottle and attempt to travel with them (on vacation or driving somewhere), they would be in federal violation of controlled dispensing regulations since it is illegal in South Carolina (and most states) to carry unmarked pills, especially if they are schedule II or higher. The 40,000 bottle estimate comes from the Greenville County Schedule II prescription rate. Based on numbers from 2020, there were approximately 876,000 schedule II medication prescriptions that were filled and dispensed. The goal is to dispense one Locking Pill Bottle to 15-20% of all households in Greenville County making the recommended number approximately 40,000 bottles.

### **F. Equipment**

The GCSO will purchase an incinerator to assist in the destruction of drugs that are collected during drug take back events and permanent drop off locations within the county. Having the incineration equipment on-site and independently operated keeps the sheriff's office from having to wait twice a year for an opportunity to dispose and destroy opioid drugs. This, in turn, will permit GCSO to more proactively promote the collection of opioids for disposal. Currently, GCSO does not have the storage space to collect and hold drugs for the twice-per-year "Take Back Days" conducted by the DEA, nor similar bi-annual take back events conducted by SLED. The GCSO owning and operating its own incineration equipment would allow them to frequently promote the drop-off sites, as well as to have their own 'take back' events at any time for community members to drop off opioids that can then be destroyed immediately. Additional equipment for personnel (i.e. Uniforms/Body Armor/Duty Weapons/Taser/BWC etc.) are required for the platoon commander and both outreach deputies (\$5,908 x 3).

APPENDIX  
Letters of Commitment



RIZE Prevention Inc.

January 12, 2023

Dear South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board,

On behalf of RIZE Prevention, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for RIZE Prevention partnering with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and Just Say Something for the POWER Collective proposal.

We are excited about this collaboration to provide research-based programming and methods centered on educating families, youth and the community to the dangers of opioids. Research provides the evidence and results of the researched-based programming to raise awareness in our community. Collectively, we can raise awareness, increase education, which leads to better prevention outcomes.

RIZE Prevention is excited to be involved in this endeavor with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and Just Say Something.

Sincerely,

Martine Helou-Allen  
Executive Director

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rizeprevention.org | 864.406.9446



January 11, 2023

Dear South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund,

On behalf of Just Say Something, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Just Say Something partnering with Greenville County Sheriff's Office, RIZE Prevention Inc. for the POWER Collective proposal.

We are excited about this collaboration to provide research-based programming and methods centered on educating families, youth and community to the dangers of Opioids. Research provides the evidence and results of researched based programming to raise the awareness in our community. Collectively, we can raise awareness, increase education, which leads to better prevention outcomes.

Just Say Something is excited to be involved in this endeavor with Greenville County Sheriff's Office, and Rize Prevention.

Sincerely,  
  
Phillip A. Clark  
CEO/Executive Director

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January 13, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Safe Rx is committed to, and pleased to be a part of, the POWER collective initiative in South Carolina.

Our role is providing Safe Rx's locking pill bottles.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Milton Cohen".

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