**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: St. Peter Claver/St. Pius V Catholic Church – Health and Wellness Ministry

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**Applicant Background and Experience in the VALUE Community (Not to exceed 500 words)** Note: the applicant must have staff or volunteers who live or work in Baltimore). VALUE communities are communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 or with barriers to vaccine access.

St. Peter Claver/St. Pius V Catholic Church is the first African American Catholic Church in West Baltimore and is located in Sandtown Winchester. Sandtown Winchester remains one of West Baltimore’s blighted and problematic communities. The church has consistently served as a strong support system for individuals living and frequenting within its proximity. Parishioners proud themselves with serving those in need as they do so with respect and in a nonjudgmental manner.

St. Peter Claver/St. Pius V Catholic Church excels in a range of outreach efforts as it provides support to various populations; seniors, homeless, disabled, and young men. Almost from its inception, the church has provided food, holiday baskets, toys and clothing to the families in the community. For the past 10 years, the church’s Harpers Helpers Ministry has served the community. The premise of the ministry is to have individuals come into the church hall to sit and have lunch with friends and parishioners. Doing so provides a comfortable place to eat and socialize. Individuals are also provided with clothing and toiletries. Also, on occasion, service linkages are available. Through this effort, approximately 100 individuals are served monthly.

In May, 2020 various ministries came together to establish “The Sandwich Project.” This mission has provided 140 meals to individuals every Sunday. Individuals receive various types of nutritional sandwiches, chips, fruit, and a drink. Individuals are also gifted with other donated food as bread, produce, fruit and a variety of boxed and canned goods. Clothing and toiletries are provided.

During the months of May and June of this year, in efforts of removing barriers to access, the church held two vaccination clinics. Members of the church volunteered to organize and staff the clinics. They also worked in partnership with Rite-Aid Pharmacy to provide vaccinations. Forty residents received the Moderna vaccination.

In collaboration with the Baltimore City Health Department, Safe Streets is operated by Catholic Charities and housed on the premises of the church. Safe Streets. Through Safe Streets, residents are linked with various services. While Safe Streets is operated and funded by Catholic Charities, the church offers support by way of in-kind contributions as space is provided for events and activities. Furthermore, participants from Safe Streets are referred to the church to obtain food, clothing, and toiletries.

Similarly, the church provides in-kind space to Citizens Policing Project (CPP). CPP focuses on residents of communities of color and lower socioeconomic status, and institutes empowerment Their focuses include: Education, Accessibility, Investigation, Documentation, Collaboration, and Sustainability. The organizers for CPP also focuses attention on food distribution, public safety, re-entry, workforce development and job readiness.

Last, but not least, the church’s SIP (Saints in Progress) Youth Ministry sponsors two annual projects; the first is the “Blanket Drive.” Blankets are collected and donated to a nearby shelter or to anyone that comes to the church in need. The other, project is known as “The Shoe Box Drive.” The youth group collects toiletries each year and donate the items to a nearby shelter.

P**roject Description**

Which of these grant categories best describe the purpose of the project?

\_\_X\_\_\_\_ support for community vaccine clinics

\_\_X\_\_\_\_ vaccine education and outreach

Description of Project (Not to exceed 500 words)

St. Peter/St. Pius V Catholic Church is proposing the “Passport to Health and Hugs” Project to occur on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at the Triangle Square Park located at Pennsylvania and N. Fremont Avenues. Individuals will attend, visit with invited vendors, obtain a COVID vaccination; thus, providing for the opportunity to reunite and hug loved ones. The project will include a “Tell-a-friend” component. Residents that have received an immunization will be asked to bring an unimmunized guest. Upon arrival, each guest will be checked in and receive a passport. Guests will visit each vendor to obtain information. Upon doing so, the passport will be stamped. Once all the vendors stamp the passport, guests will receive a gift.

For the event, the plan is to have a panel. The panel will consist of either a doctor or nurse practitioner; a first responder; and an individual who have lost a loved one to COVID. The doctor or nurse practitioner will provide information in hopes of dispelling any myths about the vaccine. The first responder will speak about his/her experiences during COVID. The last panelist will speak to his/her experience of losing a family member to COVID. Following the brief presentations, members of the audience may ask questions. Guests will relax by engaging in chair exercises and enjoy music by a live band; and, enjoy a healthy box lunch

To promote the event, information will be passed through an organization to which the church pastor belongs. CUTS (Clergy United for the Transformation of Sandtown) is a nonprofit organization formed in 2015 to support stabilization and improvement of the life of Sandtown residents. CUTS is comprised of twelve faith-based institutions, who volunteer their time and efforts to improve the community. Each institution has supported the residents by establishing group homes for homeless persons, providing linkage to health care projects, emergency food assistance programs, and partnerships to renovate housing. To further assist, Ambassadors from the Baltimore City Health Department will also be utilized to provide community outreach. Finally, businesses in the areas will be contacted and asked to support the efforts by hanging and distributing flyers.

The Health and Wellness Ministry will serve as the primary organizers for the project. Duties of the ministry will include organizing several planning meetings, submission of the grant and permit applications, reaching out to partners, speakers and entertainers, ensuring that all materials and supplies have been ordered for the event and recruiting other parishioners to assist. Other parishioners will assist with crowd control, signing in guests, and other duties. Ten youth will be employed to assist with set up and cleaning, serving as guides, distributing food and gifts, assisting the disabled and seniors and helping as event runners. Men from the church and members from Safe Streets Sand town will be asked to participate. The presence of men would make for an environment where individuals will feel more at ease and safer.

Include

* Explanation of how this project is consistent with BCHD’s Baltimore City COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy (summary of Strategy attached)

“Passport to Health and Hug” is consistent with BCHD’s strategy as it provides a way to serve a community disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and with barriers to vaccine access. Further, the project is in alignment with the core principles that have been adopted by the BCHD with the most important being listening to and building trust with residents, reducing barriers, educating and mobilizing residents, leveraging partnerships and activating city agencies and first responders. Even further, the project will make for the opportunity to help the community by employing many components of the strategy; thus, mobilizing the community to learn more and get vaccinated.

* Project Deliverables (Be specific and measurable. How many people will be reached? How many people will attend a vaccine clinic?)

The goal of this project is to reach 100 individuals and to have at least 50 residents attend a vaccine clinic.

* Whom the project will impact (Specific population. In what neighborhood(s) or communities)

The project will impact residents in the Sandtown Winchester community, with specific targets being residents who are 65 or older, homeless, disabled, and young men between 18-24.

* Project activities (Provide up to four bulleted specific activities the project will carry out. This should be consistent with the Work Plan spreadsheet)
  + Panel of speakers to dispel myths and provide testimonials
  + “Bring A Friend” to encourage residents that have not been immunized to obtain the COVID shot from mobile vaccination clinic
  + Visit with vendors to obtain critical health information and to allow invited organizations to feel connected and to maximize their time and services
  + Chair exercises and live band for relaxation and enjoyment of all guests
* Project partners and their roles

Partners and their roles for this project will include:

* BCHD and Civic Works (funders)
* BCHD Ambassadors to assist with project promotion to targeted populations
* BCHD Mobile Vaccination Clinic
* Safe Streets Sandtown to assist with project promotion and presence of members on the day of the event
* CUTS to assist with project promotion and member presence on the day of event
* Area businesses to assist with project promotion
* Archdiocese of Baltimore to assist with promotion
* Catholic Charities to assist with promotion
* Baltimore City Police Department – Community Policing
* Baltimore City Fire Department – Emergency Response
* Vendors
* BCHD (Smoking Cessation) Education
* BCHD Needle Exchange
* BCHD (Aging Services) Education
* Mayor’s Office of Employment and Development – Employment Services
* Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc.
* Healthcare for the Homeless – Education and Recruitment
* Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority (Gamma Chapter) – Blood Pressure Screenings
* Medical Doctor or Nurse Practitioner (Panelist)
* Baltimore City Police or Fire Department (Panelist)
* Community Member (Panelist)
* How the grantee will report on the project deliverables (numbers of people reached, contacts made, etc.).

For the “Passport to Health and Hugs” Project, a written narrative report will be written to include the deliverables listed below. In addition, a budget report will be listed to include all expenses with copies of receipts attached. We will also include copies of volunteer sign in sheets with a calculation of hours and cost per volunteer and evidence of any in-kind contributions.

**Deliverables:**

* 100 individuals encouraged to obtain a vaccination
* 200 individuals contacted through the BCHD ambassador program
* 100 Guests will be connected to health and community resources
* Reinforced messaging through 3 panelists who will educate and provide testimonials
* 10 youths to be trained for various tasks and provided a stipend
* 100 guests will be provided an opportunity to relax through chair exercises, chair massages and relaxing music
* Opportunity for 25+ partners to collaborate provide support to the residents of Sandtown Winchester
* Prospect for 30+ volunteers to participate in a valuable project to support the residents of Sandtown Winchester
* Reports and data to be readily available to BCHD and Civic Works

Provide description of previous projects the applicant organization has implemented, similar to this one (Not to exceed 200 words). Include experience administering projects funded by federal, State or Baltimore City grants.

The Health and Wellness Ministry was formed in 2013. Since then, the ministry has organized several events. Each year, in recognition of Red Dress Sunday, the ministry raises awareness around heart disease. For the event, there are typically health vendors, health screenings, literature, information on healthy eating and physical exercise. In addition, there is a presentation to highlight the importance of a healthy heart. Members of the health and wellness ministry have extensive backgrounds in planning and organizing. Three members have over 20 years; one member has 7 years; six have seven years, and one has over 20 years in planning as a community association president and while holding several governmental positions.

One member has over 15 years of administering projects. As a Community President, she administered two small grants. In a role of five years with local government, she wrote and administered a federal grant annually. In two other government roles, the individual has served on a team that is responsible for writing and administering several State grants.

**Attachments**

* W-9
* Letter of Support from Community Partner(s)
* Work Plan and Budget Excel Workbook