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Turning Point Advocacy Services Facility Improvements

Turning Point Advocacy Services, located in Warren County, was in need of several facility improvements. The county agreed to sponsor an application on behalf of the organization through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) wrote and submitted a grant application, and Turning Point was awarded funding in the amount of \$350,000.

The project made an expansion possible which will increase the living area, allowing for a maximum of 45 sleeping spaces. The project also enhanced the wastewater system, bringing it into compliance with Missouri Department of Natural Resources requirements.

The mission of Turning Point Advocacy Services is to assist survivors and their children in learning to overcome the cycle of physical, sexual, mental, and emotional abuse. The organization responds to requests for services from across the region.

Each year more than 500 women and children seek assistance from Turning Point. The organization shelters more than 100 women and 60 children annually, and provides support services for many more through community-based programs and advocacy efforts.

Turning Point Advocacy Services provides much-needed assistance for residents throughout the region. Visit turningpointdvs.com for more information or if you are interested in donating.

Many organizations providing important services rely on donations or grant funding to address needs. If you know of such a need in your community, please feel free to contact BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen at ceggen@boonslick.org or by calling (636) 456-3473. BRPC is here for you.




Director's Update

Boonslick RPC is rolling into fall! Projects are moving forward and new developments are in the works. The Lincoln County Workforce Development Training Center is almost completed, Warren County Handicapped Services' new facility and the Truesdale Safe Room are open, the Montgomery County Master Plan is underway, and the new park project in Rhineland has been awarded.

Staff liaisons will be reaching out to all communities in the coming weeks to connect with you. If you have needs/problems or questions about funding or applications, please let us know.



 The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application cycle is now open. The categories are broken out below. Please review the opportunities and let us know how we can assist you. Call us or email me at ceggan@boonslick.org with any questions or to attend one of your meetings.

2021 CDBG funding categories include the following with maximum request per application and due dates. All projects must meet a national objective.

Community Facilities— \$500,000. No operating costs allowed. Due 01/31/22.

Workforce Training—\$500,000. No tuition, operating costs, stipends allowed. Due 01/31/22.

Demolition—\$200,000 or \$300,000 with commercial building(s). *Local match 20%. Due 01/31/22.

General Infrastructure—\$500,000. Due 01/31/22.

Downtown Revitalization—\$500,000. Due 01/31/22.

Water collection or treatment—\$750,000. Open cycle, invitation.

Wastewater collection or treatment—\$750,000. Open cycle, invitation.

Economic Development—Varies by category. Open cycle.

New Faces at BRPC—Welcome!



Kathy Bingham
Mobility Management
Program Administrator

Kathy Bingham joined BRPC on June 24 as the new Mobility Management Program Administrator. In this position, she will oversee the MO Rides Program and coordinate efforts to enhance access and availability to transportation services in the region and the state of Missouri.

Kathy holds an Associate degree in Business from Kaskaskia College in Illinois. With experience in the Social Services field, she has seen first hand that lack of transportation is a huge barrier for many people.

Reaching out to communities throughout the region is Kathy's first priority. She has been introducing herself and sharing information about MO Rides with various groups and organizations. You can reach her at kbingham@boonslick.org.

BRPC is pleased to have hired Mikala Walton as a Grant Writer/Community Planner. Her first day was August 23 and Mikala has "hit the ground running", already assisting on grant applications for two communities.

Mikala holds a Master's degree of Social Work from Missouri State University. She shared during the interview process that she entered the field of social work to be able to help people. Seeing the job opportunity at BRPC and the many programs with which the organization is involved, she felt the position would give her a chance to help people on a bigger level by assisting communities meet their needs. Mikala can be reached at

mwalton@boonslick.org.



Mikala Walton
Grant Writer/
Community Planner

Job Center Welcomes New Staff Members



*Kenedee Chandler
Job Center Resource
Room Assistant*

Kenedee Chandler began working in the Missouri Job Center-Warrenton as the new Resource Room Assistant on August 16. In this position, she serves as the initial contact for Job Center customers, determines the reason for their visit, provides intake services, and helps them register on MoJobs. Kennedy will assist customers with job search activities, and also help employers post job openings.

Kenedee has an Associate of Arts degree from St. Charles Community College. She comes to the Job Center with valuable customer service experience. "I enjoy working at BRPC/Missouri Job Center-Warrenton because I believe I'm making a difference in people's lives more than I ever thought I would be," shares Kenedee. "I love the atmosphere and my coworkers; they have been so welcoming and very helpful." She can be reached at kchandler@boonslick.org.

BRPC is pleased to announce that Dorothy Jones has been hired as a Workforce Specialist in the Job Center. In this role, she will be responsible for providing case management services to WIOA Youth and Adult program participants, help job seekers with activities that enable them to achieve goals, and assist employers in meeting their hiring needs. She began this new role on September 16.

Dorothy holds a B.A. in Psychology and also a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Missouri. Serving as a Workforce Development Specialist—and later a supervisor—for the Missouri Division of Workforce Development, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in assisting job seekers. For several years, she actually spent time in Warrenton's Job Center as the supervisor of a State of Missouri employee stationed here. As a result, she joined the team already familiar with the office and staff members. "After working at the St. Charles Job Center on the Wagner/Peyser side of the house (i.e. primarily employment assistance); I am learning case management and looking forward to helping those in need of assistance achieve their greater career goals. I am enjoying this great group of staff members and appreciate the opportunity to serve along with all of you," shares Dorothy. You can reach her at djones@boonslick.org.



*Dorothy Jones
Workforce Specialist*

Save the Dates!

BRPC Annual Meeting December 1, 2021

Jonesburg Community Building
111 N. 1st St.
Jonesburg, Missouri



Appetizers & Tasting
begin at 6:00 p.m.
Meal and meeting will follow.

East Central Solid Waste Management District Annual Meeting November 16, 2021

First State Community Bank
1022 Route 47, Warrenton, Missouri



Meal at 12:00 p.m.
Meeting will follow.

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Village of Rhineland Park Improvements

The Village of Rhineland has been working to make improvements in Stiers Memorial Park. Several members of the community worked with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission staff to submit a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The Village has been awarded funding in the amount of \$101,260.



Funding will be used for the construction of an ADA accessible playground with safety surfacing, sidewalks to accessible parking, safety fencing along State Route 94, a new 40' X 60' pavilion, and storm water drainage along the west side of the park. These improvements will help create a wonderful space for residents and those visiting the Village of Rhineland to gather, play, and enjoy outdoor recreation.

Please let BRPC staff know if your community is interested in a similar grant for park improvements. The Land & Water Conservation Fund grants do require a 50% match.

Congratulations to the Village of Rhineland!

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

October

- 18 Warren County Municipal Team meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.

November

- 11 BRPC closed in observance of Veterans Day
- 16 Region I SWMD annual meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 17 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.
- 18 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 25 BRPC closed in observance of Thanksgiving

December

- 1 BRPC annual meeting, Jonesburg Community Building, appetizers start at 6:00 p.m.