

2026 WOMEN UNITED GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Organization Information

Organization Name

Core Community Blueprint

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Project Name

CC Blueprint Women's Roadmap to Recovery

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Eligibility Criteria

Is your organization a registered nonprofit organization with an official letter of determination of 501c3 status from the Internal Revenue Service?

Yes

Has your organization operated in Lancaster County for at least one year (operating in Lancaster before July 1, 2025)?

Yes

Does your organization or program you are requesting funding for in this application serve primarily women and/ or teen girls?

Yes

Does your organization provide services to families at or below the ALICE threshold in Lancaster County?

Yes

Is your organization delinquent on any state or federal debt?

No

Does your organization share United Way's view of collaborative and inclusive service to the entire community, without excluding anyone on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, ethnicity, national

origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or any other factor not relevant to a person's eligibility for service or ability to contribute?

Yes

Has your organization update your listing with PA 211 in the last 12 months?

No - All applications are required to update with PA 211, please reach out to [Trish Houser](mailto:houser@uwlanc.org) (houser@uwlanc.org) to complete your update

Application Elements

Executive Summary

CC Blueprint Women's Roadmap to Recovery is a Lancaster County women's health initiative that helps women and teen girls access recovery support, behavioral health care, and family stabilization through trusted community relationships. The program uses trained Trusted Messengers, Warm Handoff Navigation, transportation assistance, and family support to reduce delays between help-seeking and care. In Lancaster County, where barriers include stigma, transportation, and limited trusted referral pathways, this model creates a practical and compassionate entry point into support. The initiative will improve women's health by increasing early connection to services, reducing barriers to care, and strengthening family stability.

Organization Description

Core Community Blueprint is a community-based nonprofit organization working to strengthen health, family stability, and opportunity for underserved residents in Central Pennsylvania. Our work is rooted in trust-based community engagement, practical service coordination, and barrier reduction for families who are often disconnected from formal systems. We help individuals and families navigate complex challenges by connecting them to the resources, relationships, and support systems they need to move forward.

Our approach is relationship-driven and community-centered. We prioritize trusted outreach, culturally responsive engagement, and solutions that make systems easier to access for people facing transportation barriers, stigma, limited income, and institutional distrust. Across our work, we focus on closing the gap between need and action by helping residents move from uncertainty and crisis into support, stability, and long-term wellbeing. Through initiatives that address health access, family support, and community-based problem solving, Core Community Blueprint builds practical pathways for individuals and families to get connected to the help they need.

Commitment to Equity

CC Blueprint Women's Roadmap to Recovery is designed for Lancaster County women and teen girls who are most likely to face barriers to care, including low-income women, rural residents, women from Black and Latino communities, immigrant families, and women who do not trust or regularly engage with formal systems. Our work is based on a simple belief: access to help should not depend on income, geography, transportation, language, or comfort with institutions.

Lancaster County's barriers are clear in our planning work and include transportation challenges, working-class scheduling constraints, language and trust barriers in immigrant communities, and strong stigma in rural and faith-connected spaces. Our response is to meet women where they already feel safe through trusted community leaders, non-clinical entry points, direct navigator support, and practical barrier removal. We elevate community voice by building around trusted local relationships and designing the program around the real barriers women experience rather than expecting them to adapt to systems that already fail them. This advances equity by creating access pathways that are trusted, realistic, and more reachable for women and teen girls who are often missed by traditional service models.

Proposal Details

Main Priority Area

Women's and/ or Teen's Health

Grant Dollar Amount Requested

\$20,000.00

What percent of the overall project budget is covered by the Women United grant?

80

Will this program/project start or continue to operate if you do not receive 100% of the funding requested?

Yes

Project Description

CC Blueprint Women's Roadmap to Recovery is a Lancaster County women's health initiative that helps women and teen girls move from stigma, instability, and isolation into trusted support, coordinated care, and long-term recovery pathways. This project is an adaptation of Core Community Blueprint's existing Community Recovery Network model, redesigned specifically for Lancaster County women and teen girls.

The need is clear. In Lancaster County, many women who need support do not access help early because the pathway into care is fragmented, stigmatized, and difficult to navigate. Barriers include transportation, fear of judgment, family and caregiving responsibilities, limited trust in formal systems, and a lack of trusted referral pathways. Core Community Blueprint's needs assessment estimates that approximately 12,650 Lancaster County residents may be experiencing opioid use disorder, with roughly 6,000 or more remaining undisclosed or untreated. The same assessment identifies transportation barriers, working-class time constraints, language and trust barriers in immigrant communities, and strong stigma in rural and faith communities.

Our program addresses this gap through four integrated strategies. First, we will recruit and train Trusted Messengers, including community leaders and other trusted adults, who can identify women and teen girls in need and serve as safe entry points into support. Second, we will operate a Warm Handoff Navigator function so participants are not left with passive referrals. The navigator will guide intake, coordinate referrals, communicate with providers, schedule appointments, and provide follow-up. Third, we will offer transportation assistance to help participants reach appointments and remain engaged in care. Fourth, we will provide family support through education, encouragement, and resource navigation because women's recovery and stability are stronger when families are informed and supported. This structure directly reflects the CRN model's theory of change: people enter support through relationships, warm handoffs outperform passive referrals, transportation improves engagement, and family support strengthens recovery outcomes.

Collaboration

Yes. Core Community Blueprint plans to collaborate with community-based and service-based partners to ensure women and teen girls in Lancaster County can access support through trusted, coordinated pathways. The program is designed to connect community identification and relationship-based outreach with formal care providers and supportive services.

Our collaboration model includes trusted community partners who can help identify women in need and serve as referral points, as well as provider partners who can receive warm handoff referrals for behavioral health, treatment, and related support. We also anticipate collaboration with organizations that can strengthen family support, transportation access, and stabilization services. These partnerships are important because women often need more than one service to move from crisis to stability, and no single organization can address every barrier alone.

Core Community Blueprint's role is to bridge those systems. Through Trusted Messengers and Warm Handoff Navigation, we will improve communication between community partners and care providers, reduce referral drop-off, and help women and teen girls move more successfully from first disclosure to actual connection with care.

Implementation Plan

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

From July through August 2026, Core Community Blueprint will finalize project protocols, confirm Lancaster County community and referral partners, establish case tracking tools, and prepare outreach materials. From August through October 2026, we will recruit and train Trusted Messengers from community-based settings who can identify women and teen girls in need, reduce stigma, and initiate referrals into the program. From September 2026 through June 2027, a part-time navigator function will receive referrals, conduct intake, coordinate provider connections, schedule appointments, and follow up with participants after referral. During the same period, Core Community Blueprint will conduct women-centered outreach and awareness activities in trusted community settings to increase early identification and safe pathways into support. The program will also provide transportation assistance for participants who need help reaching care and family support activities that strengthen recovery and stability in the home. Referral activity, engagement, barriers, and outcomes will be reviewed quarterly to improve service delivery and report measurable impact. This timeline aligns with your Tier 2 pilot structure for setup, launch, operations, evaluation, and final reporting.

Outcomes & Evaluation

If awarded this grant, Core Community Blueprint will achieve practical and measurable health outcomes for Lancaster County women and teen girls. The program's primary goals are to increase early identification of women in need, improve active connection to behavioral health and recovery-related support, reduce delays between help-seeking and care, and strengthen family stability around participants.

In the first year, we expect to train at least 10 Trusted Messengers, reach 60 women and teen girls through outreach and referral pathways, initiate at least 25 warm handoff referrals, achieve at least 15 successful care connections, provide at least 20 transportation supports, and engage at least 15 family members through support or resource navigation. These targets are grounded in a measurable realistic model, which projects that a 12-month Tier 2 pilot can train 25 or more trusted messengers, complete 25 or more warm handoffs, and achieve 15 or more treatment connections at the county level.

The change for participants and families is significant. Women and teen girls will have a safer, more trusted path into support. Families will receive education and resource navigation that helps reduce isolation and confusion. Participants will be more likely to move from disclosure to a real connection with care, which can improve stability, engagement, and overall well-being.

We will evaluate outcomes through a structured case tracking process. Metrics will include referrals received, warm handoffs completed, time from referral to service connection, first appointments attended, 72-hour, 7-day, and 30-day follow-up rates, transportation supports provided, and family support contacts completed. Data will be collected through case tracking, navigator intake forms, outreach and training logs, and partner feedback. This evaluation structure follows a traditional evaluation plan, which measures the full pathway from identification to warm handoff, treatment connection, follow-up, and system effectiveness.

Documents

Required Documents

- [Board-of-Directors-Core-Community-Blueprint.pdf](#)
- [Letter-of-Explanation-Regarding-Independent-Audit-Financial-Review.pdf](#)
- [Core_Community_Blueprint_FY2026_Organizational_Budget.pdf](#)
- [cc_blueprint_womens_roadmap_budget_package.pdf](#)
- [IRS-501c3-Letter-of-Tax-Exemption-Core-Community-Blueprint.pdf](#)