Investing in Our Communities

WEST SIDE OF CHARLESTON INITIATIVE

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation is looking for investment opportunities on the West Side of Charleston, particularly the area surrounding Mary C. Snow Elementary.

Call and speak with a program officer about your project idea by June 24; if the project sounds like a good fit, the draft application is due July 11.

**General Criteria**

- Projects must involve multi-agency collaboration
- The Foundation is especially interested in projects that address health, education, and/or civic engagement in the targeted area

**Priority will be given to proposals that focus on one or more of the following:**

- Hypertension reduction support
- Access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables
- Healthcare enrollment assistance targeting young adults
- Leadership development
- Job-creation initiatives including support for entrepreneurs
- Green spaces
- Afterschool program enhancements including tutoring and educational components
- Parent-to-parent peer mentoring
- Healthy relationship education and support groups
- Responsible parenting education and support groups
- GED/TASC partnerships that increase access for non-high school graduates
- Career and technical training partnerships

To discuss your project idea, call 304.346.3620 and ask to speak with one of the following staff:

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