**ED Report**

**September 23rd, 2020**

1. **Trillium Grant: Resilient Communities Grant**

Summary of LCCJ’s application: $51,800 for 2021

1) Adapt delivery of programs and services by:

a) providing training and technology support to staff, and volunteers about how to best facilitate effective virtual restorative justice forums. Note: the equipment and data has already been provided by United Way East Ontario. Also, our Program Coordinator has recently taken training from Restorative Justice On the Rise, a US based organization that provides a course on best practices in facilitating a virtual restorative justice forum. We will put out a request for proposals in Ontario to deliver this training to our volunteer facilitators. If there isn't a suitable alternative available in Ontario, we will hire Restorative Justice on the Rise, but note that all the people being trained are local and all the services will be delivered locally in Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls.

b) address an increase in intimate partner violence due to COVID-19 by providing specialized youth and adult diversion. Statistics Canada: Canadian Perspectives Survey Series 1 (2020-04-08): Impacts of COVID-19 reports that 1 in 10 women are very or extremely concerned about the possibility of violence in the home. Canada's Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Marylyn Monset, uncovered a 20 to 30 per cent increase in rates of gender- based violence and domestic violence in some regions of the country, though data on where the uptick is occurring is not yet available. Our local Lanark County OPP have indicated an increase in domestic violence.

c) provide specialized restorative justice and intimate partner violence training to staff, volunteers, justice partners and community partners

d) bring justice partners and stakeholders together to develop a plan to address lower risk intimate partner violence through a restorative justice process rather than the traditional justice system

Staff/Volunteer
2) Identify and create new health and safety processes, and train staff, current and new volunteers to eventually deliver safe and effective in person services for youth and adult restorative justice diversion.

Funding:
3) Develop a fundraising plan, including identifying new sources of fundraising to replace in person events and purchase access to fundraising technology resources such as:
-a foundation database and;
-an internal database to track and target individual donation campaigns.

1. **Staffing:**

Welcome to Admin Assistant, Rayna Critchley - hired to Jan 7, 2021

1. **Capstone Research Project: Carleton University**

Dave, Scott, Ross, Rayna and I met with the 4 students last week, and they are beginning the process of gathering research to determine LCCJ’s Social Return on Investment: Cost Effectiveness of LCCJ in comparison to the criminal justice system, evaluation of the effectiveness/impact/benefits of our diversion programs on the accused, victim and the community, and determining the and the 1 and 5 year recidivism rate. The first step is for the students to begin their research and submit an annotated bibliography. We will meet again on October 6th, 10:00am.

1. **Perth and District Community Foundation: IRP**

Christine Peringer was approached by a member of the community to re-consider applying for Shared Space/Shared Services to the Investment Readiness Program (IRP). If you recall, we had completed the IRP grant application for a Feasibility Study of Shared Space for youth services. However, we decided not to submit the application because the board felt that a larger organization was better positioned to undertake this project, and there were ongoing discussions at the Lanark County Child and Youth Service Collaborative with at the request of Family and Children Services to explore shared services/amalgamation discussions. However, no further progress was made, and no further discussions were had at the collaborative on this issue.

Joellen, Dave, Aisha met virtually with Debra Duffy, Lynn McIntyre and Jean Dunning to discuss LCCJ’s draft IRP. The PDCF has indicated that they would really like to receive an application for a Feasibility Study and Business Plan Development of a shared space, shared services model for Youth Services. LCCJ was encouraged to submit their plan with some recommendations: Our original plan only addressed shared space but we would likely need to include feasibility assessment of shared services; Our application should include some forecast of financial impact of shared space/services using examples from other projects; We should also demonstrate our vision for how shared space and/or services will benefit LCCJ, other agencies and the community, both financially and for service delivery.

1. **United Way Ontario East:**

Current funding for Young Adult/ Adult Diversion extended to December 2020

Updates to previous submissions that were put on hold due to COVID-19 can be made until September 23rd, 2020 for 2021. I am in the process of updating these two previous submissions. More details will be available at the board meeting.