

Magellan Cares Foundation awards three grants to community organizations providing support to Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties

Magellan Cares Foundation recently awarded three grants to non-profits providing support for individuals residing in Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties to continue the Foundation's support of community-based organizations in the counties served by Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania (Magellan). The first grant of **\$2,500 was to the Center for Community Action in Bedford County** to support general services in Bedford and Somerset counties, along with other regional counties, to include: food security, housing rehab/weatherization, rent/homeless assistance, employment training and education, childcare, and transportation.

The second grant of **\$2,500 was to Women's Help Center/Community Help Center in Cambria County** to support services at the peer-led homeless shelter. The peer-led homeless shelter provides vital support and stability for individuals struggling with homelessness, helping them meet basic needs and rebuild their lives. It offers a safe space to sleep, access to essential resources like food and clothing, and connections to services like healthcare and job training.

The third grant of **\$2,500 was to Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR) in Cambria County** to provide recovery support services such as: certified recovery support services, advocacy training, resource mobilization, peer support organization meetings, sober social activities, employment readiness, and more.



Magellan's operations director for Cambria County, Tracy Shultz, presents the grant check to FAVOR.

Center for Community Action

Center for Community Action coordinates, partners, and provides services and resources to low-income individuals and families, to promote self-sufficiency; and fosters community and economic development in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Mifflin, and Somerset Counties, in Pennsylvania. To learn more, visit centerforcommunityaction.org.

Women's Help Center/Community Help Center

They are dedicated to providing and connecting individuals with a variety of housing services and supports in the Cambria County community. They serve as a housing hub, providing assistance to anyone in need of housing-related resources, services, or assistance. To learn more, visit communityhelpctr.org.

Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR) Recovery Community Center (RCC)

The purpose of the Recovery Community Center (RCC) is to address the needs of individuals with substance use disorders by offering a drop-in-like model in a supportive community-based environment. FAVOR Laurel Highlands is a peer run organization, which means all volunteers and employees are either in recovery or a family member of those in recovery. The RCC facilitates supportive relationships among individuals in recovery, as well as community and family members. In turn, this increased recovery capital helps individuals initiate and sustain recovery over time. The RCC is not treatment, but rather a gathering place for community members in recovery from alcohol and other drugs. To learn more, visit favorlaurelhighlands.org.

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A 501(c)(3) organization, it focuses on efforts to improve access to quality healthcare and related social supports. The Foundation supports programs and initiatives in four areas: national or large-scale health access and quality improvement initiatives; efforts that help to improve the social supports around a quality healthcare system, such as access to housing, food, clothing or self-improvement opportunities; local efforts, including legacy initiatives supported by Magellan Health's employees; and efforts to support America's military service members, veterans and wounded warriors.