

## Help Our People Expand the EcoSystem (HOPEE)

## **PROJECT SNAPSHOT**



GRANTEE
Community Education Group



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Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia



ARC FUNDING **\$7,700,000** 



**PARTNERS** 

Kentucky Rural Health Association, Virginia Rural Health Association, the SUD Collaborative (of WV), Virginia Tech, and the University of Kentucky Center of Excellence



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE **April 2024** 

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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Impacting 56 counties across Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia, this project will expand the Community Education Group's successful CHAMPS (Community Health and Mobilization Prevention Services) program, strengthening healthcare and behavioral healthcare community systems through job training and new business and economic development partnerships. The CHAMPS model trains individuals with lived experience, including those in substance use disorder (SUD) recovery, those living with HIV, and formerly incarcerated persons to become community health workers (CHW). The project also provides training and technical assistance for other healthcare workers and leaders to enhance the ecosystem of services necessary to tackle Appalachia's most pressing health disparities.

Community Education Group and partners bring a total \$1,931,250 in matching funds to this project. The project will serve 1,000 community members, 125 businesses, 375 community leaders, and result in 100 new CHW trained and hired throughout the 5-year performance period.