



State of Delaware  
OFFICE OF THE  
LIEUTENANT  
GOVERNOR

**PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION  
COMMISSION  
PHASE 1B OPIOID ABATEMENT AND REMEDIATION GRANT  
OBSERVATION FORM**



**Applicant Name:** Congo Tarir Project

**Project Name:** Same

**Requested Amount:** \$495,000

**Proposed Time Period:** One year

**Proposal Description:**

The Congo's have provided social supports services in Delaware business has been in operation in the state of Delaware for over 45 years. Tarir Project will provide a resource hub on the east side of Wilmington in an area that has been identified as an opportunity zone. This resource hub will be used to provide best practice interventions regarding opioid abatement and remediation strategies for both youth and adults from various backgrounds. Our target audience will include those who are in great need in Wilmington's most under resourced communities.

**Exhibit E: Allowable Use(s) - Project Category(ies)**

- Naloxone or other FDA Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses
- Peer Services
- Housing
- Prevention and Education
- Food Security
- Transportation
- Client Training and Job Readiness
- Child Care
- Awareness Campaigns
- Connections to Services via Technology
- Research and Data
- Professional Workforce Development

**Services Location(s)**

- New Castle
- Sussex
- Kent
- Statewide

**Target Population(s)**

- At or below Fed Poverty Level
- Black, Brown, Indigenous
- Elderly
- Homeless
- Justice Involved
- LGBTQ
- Migrants
- Veterans
- Youth

## **Detailed Project or Transaction Description**

The Tarir project is a social determinants focused project designed to assist Delaware with opioid abatement and remediation. The Tarir project will be executed on the east side of the City of Wilmington in an area that is considered an “opportunity zone”. Over the past years, particularly during and immediately following the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, opioid use began to rise in black and brown communities. Delaware, like other states in the country, began to experience an uptick and overdoses amongst minorities. The lack of educational resources, absence of affordable housing options, lack of transportation options, increased food insecurity, lack of childcare options, and advanced levels of poverty, the threat of opioid use in underserved communities has resulted in an exponentially increase in opioid use activities.

The Tarir project will implement abatement strategies that have been identified in research regarding how to introduce protective factors in urban and under resourced communities in an effort to stem opioid missuses. The literature identifies that when activities that promote self-care, education, health and Wellness are organically introduced into environments, the outcomes are overwhelmingly positive.

The Tarir Project will introduce a resource hub into and underserved area in Wilmington, Delaware with the goal of providing enough protective factors that individuals, including black and brown people, migrants, pregnant women, veterans, at risk youth, homeless, LGBTQ, and the elderly, have enough supports to avoid opioid use or enter recovery if actively misusing opioids.

The hub will be located on West 28th street, the site of a former school. The former school has parking, classrooms, an area for commercial kitchen, and a gym. The goal of the program is to offer a hub that welcomes all members of the community where they will be able to receive primary and secondary prevention and education regarding the use of opioids and the destruction these substances cause on the human body and their living environments. They will also receive information regarding treatment so that they understand that there should be no stigma associated with addiction and that it is possible to enter and remain in recovery. Recognizing the importance of the social determinants of health, as it is difficult for people to enter into recovery and remain there when their basic needs are unaddressed, this program

model when individuals enter the hub, will be registered for ongoing programs, screened for social determinants needs, and connected to resources that will help them access need resources. These resources include safe housing, food, childcare options, transportation options, primary care, social services including to assist with the application process for Medicaid, TANF and other social service supports.

The Tarir Program will offer an environment where individuals, while learning primary and secondary prevention related to opioid use, will also find a place with a state-of-the-art STEM labs where they can learn how to code on computers, engineer, assemble and fly drones and receive tutoring and other educational services all under one roof.

While the youth are experiencing protective factors to mitigate the risk of opioid use, their parents and other members of their families and communities are welcomed to visit the center with them. These adults will have access to primary care screenings, opioid education and information, social service connections, food and other essential needs.

As the data show the overdoses rates are continuing to increase in Wilmington; therefore, a Narcan distribution center will be housed within the hub. The Narcan, or another approved reversal agent, will be available in a designated space where individuals can receive training on Narcan administration, the benefits of carrying Narcan education and the distribution of Narcan kits to help with harm reduction in the community until our Delaware is abatement and remediation efforts are out of place where we are no longer in crisis.

The program will operate 7 days a week and will be managed by a licensed coordinator. There will also be an opportunity for health care providers, teachers, artists, musicians, foreign language teachers and other professionals to reserve space within the hub. These individuals will be able to enhance the life experiences of the individuals in our communities and support the research that identifies these activities as factors to proactively fight against the presence adverse conditions that can lead to opioid misuse. These individuals will have the opportunity to reserve classroom time on an ongoing basis to ensure the hub provides an unique experience to the individuals who visit.

Through valued partnerships with community stakeholders, the hub will also be a site of food giveaways sponsored by Amazon and other commercial vendors, the site of job fairs for individuals who are looking for employment, a site for educational competition such as spelling bees, chess competitions and math odyssey events. Again, all protective factors to mitigate against opioid misuse.

The success of the program will primarily be measured through Presence of programs and survey activity that includes pre imposed experiences for those who visit the hub and partner with its leaders. The hub will use unique strategies to ensure individuals are able to visit, especially to obtain Narcan, receive training, and especially for at risk youth to find an alternative place to the dangers of the streets and for individuals who are experiencing unemployment to find a place that will give them hope regarding obtaining gainful employment.

The Tarir project will utilize many best practices to mitigate against the harm caused by Opioids in one of Delawares most underserved areas.

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Harm Reduction Strategies

Harm Reduction Strategies:

Tarir this project will allow for training space for individuals in the community to come and receive donations of Narcan while learning how to properly administer the reversal agent. The target audience will be members of the community who or at risk for opioid use or are in close contact and proximity with individuals who are in active addiction. Narcan Distribution we'll take place on site and will be available 7 days a week.

will offer detailed and in-depth training programs to assist individuals from the community as well as professionals who need a place to train the workforce. Trainings will also be offered 2 focus groups. The training programs will equip community support groups, and families with the knowledge and skills to administer Naloxone, an FDA-approved drug that can reverse opioid overdoses, a measure that will help save lives and reduce the harm caused by opioid misuse.

This project will allow for the provision of comprehensive wrap around services to individuals at risk for opioid used disorder or in active addiction. The Resource Center / Hub will offer social service supports that include screening and referral to services such as housing and client assistance. The staff will provide information regarding job placement, while offering state-of-the-art training facilities to allow youth to excel and adult individuals to become job ready.

Tarir will utilize the Congos television slot on Sunday evenings 2 provide information to the community regarding opioid use and misuse. The television show will also be used 2 provide information about how to obtain resources and the strength of recovery.

Tarir will actively engage and referral and coordination. These activities will be done through the establishment of partnerships with local the clinical organizaitons, social groups mental health providers, employment providers and support groups to ensure individuals receive comprehensive and coordinated care. This collaborative approach will enhance and ensure recovery supports within the community.

## Congo Tarir Project

**Describe or list how your proposed project addresses the challenges created by the Opioid Crisis. Please include information on the proposed services to be provided, including a staffing plan, and how the proposed service fits into or enhances the state's existing continuum of care for individuals in need of addiction services.**

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- Individuals from black and brown communities
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals experiencing unemployment
- Individuals at or below federal poverty levels
- Migrants and those with English as a second language,
- Individuals who are Justice Involved or at risk of becoming Justice involved
- Individuals who identify as LGBTQ,
- At-risk youth
- Pregnant women
- Veterans
- Elderly
- Individuals with Disabilities

The Congo corporation has been in business in the state of Delaware for over 45 years. The organization has been a support to underserved communities with a focus on empowering individuals and finding ways to meet unaddressed needs across the state and in particular, Wilmington's opportunity zones. The Congo organization has helped to contribute to the community through land development, the provision of housing for low-income individuals, the implementation and execution of community service programs, the management of media programs, participation in executive director and board leadership roles, and philanthropic incorporation and social service interventions.

The Tarir will be managed by a Program Coordinator. The program coordinator ensure ther programming takes place through the established partnerships with other community stakeholders. Other staff will be assigned from the Congo corporation as necessary as an in-kind match.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2	<b>2023 Phase 1B - BUDGET WORKSHEET</b>						
3	0						
4	<b>Opioid Abatement and Remediation Grant</b>						
5	mm-dd-yyyy to mm-dd-yyyy						
7							
8	<b>Budget Items</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Requested Funds</b>	<b>Program Income</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Administration</b>
9							
10	<b>C-1 Staff Salaries</b>		\$0.00	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	<b>C-2 Staff Fringe Benefits</b>		\$0.00				
12	<b>C-3 Travel/Training (Total)</b>		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13		Mileage = Rate \$0.40 X Miles	\$0.00				
14		Training	\$0.00				
15		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
16	<b>C-4 Contractual (Total)</b>		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17		Rent (include cost per sq. ft.)	\$0.00				
18		Electricity	\$0.00				
19		Heat	\$0.00				
20		Telephone/Internet	\$0.00				
21		Utilities (Other)	\$0.00				
22		Printing/Advertising	\$0.00				
23		Postage	\$0.00				
24		Insurance	\$0.00				
25		Repairs	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00			
26		Audit	\$0.00				
27		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
28		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
29		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
30		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
31		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
32		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
33	<b>C-5 Supplies (Total)</b>		\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
34		Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
35		Program Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			
36		Janitorial Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			
37		Building Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00			
38		Medical Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00			
39		Meals	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			
40		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
41		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
42		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
43		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
44	<b>C-6 Equipment/Other Direct Costs (Total)</b>		\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
45		12 Smart Monitors	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00			
46		50 computers	\$68,000.00	\$68,000.00			
47		Other (specify here)	\$0.00				
48	<b>C-7 Indirect Costs</b>		\$0.00				
49	<b>C-8 Total Budget</b>		\$265,500.00	\$350,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50				*amount charged to contract	*amount reported to DSSC		