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**100WOMENSTRONG CREATES ADDICTION AND RECOVERY INITIATIVE;  
INVITES LOUDOUN COUNTY NONPROFITS THAT PROVIDE PREVENTION, TREATMENT OR  
AFTERCARE TO THOSE DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE MISUSE OR ADDICTION  
TO APPLY FOR GRANTS**

**Leesburg, Va. – June 10, 2019** – The growing crisis of addiction has inspired 100WomenStrong to create a \$25,000 fund to pilot an Addiction and Recovery Initiative in Loudoun County. The group is inviting nonprofit organizations, government agencies or school systems who directly and specifically impact Loudoun County to apply for funds for new or existing programs and / or community awareness and outreach in the areas of:

- prevention and / or treatment of substance misuse and addiction;
- aftercare services, housing and / or therapies for those who have been in a substance misuse or addiction treatment program; and
- programs above that apply evidence-based practices.

According to 100WomenStrong Member Judi Schaufeld Garlick, the initiative was borne out of a realization that there is currently a gap in services in our area. In a recent [Profiles of Loudoun](#) report from the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties, it was noted that research into “what are termed ‘excess deaths,’ ... have increased dramatically between 1995-2014 ... In Loudoun County, there are specific descriptions of our collective excess deaths:

- 17.1% of adults identify drinking excessively, with some of the highest number of binge drinkers in the Commonwealth;
- 8.5 deaths per 100,000 are due to drug overdose;
- 2.1 deaths per 100,000 are due to prescription opioid overdose.”

Despite these realities, Garlick said that 100WomenStrong has received few, if any, requests for funding for programs to address the areas of drug misuse, active addiction and recovery in its 10-year history.

Garlick said that was a “light bulb” moment for her and other members, who realized they needed to better understand this gap. She spearheaded a committee that researched existing resources in Loudoun County.

“We sat around my dining room table and met with attorneys from drug and probation courts, policymakers, parents of addicts, emergency room doctors, addiction treatment counselors, recovering addicts, pediatricians and psychologists, music therapists and naloxone trainers,” she said. “We wanted to look at the issue from every angle and understand as much as we could about what is happening in our area around drug misuse and people in active addiction.”

### **Eligible Organizations**

- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity, or a unit of government or public school; and
- Applicants must have programs that directly and specifically impact Loudoun County.

**NOTE:** Grantees who have received funding through 100WomenStrong’s longstanding grants program supporting shelter, health, hunger and education **are eligible** to apply for these specialized grant funds.

### **Application Deadlines and Directions**

Applications will be available on the 100WomenStrong website **by June 13, 2019**, and groups must **submit electronically on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2019 at:**

<https://www.onehundredwomenstrong.org/grants-2>

### **About 100WomenStrong**

Formed in 2008, 100WomenStrong is a group of concerned philanthropists seeking to strategically invest in organizations and programs that enrich the lives of Loudoun County residents. They are committed to improving the quality of life for residents of Loudoun County, Virginia, through strategic grants to non-profits working in the areas of shelter, health, hunger and education. Members of 100WomenStrong connect and collaborate to leverage their philanthropic resources as a component fund of the Community Foundation of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties.

For more information about 100WomenStrong, visit [www.OneHundredWomenStrong.org](http://www.OneHundredWomenStrong.org) or contact Pam Ray at [Pam@OneHundredWomenStrong.org](mailto:Pam@OneHundredWomenStrong.org)

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