

# THE WV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUB

2024

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT



IMPACT REPORT





Program-Funded Projects

**\$298,603.00**

Non Program-Funded Projects

**\$115,000.00**

Outside Funding Leveraged

Non Program-Funded Projects:

**\$12,395,277.00**

Community Programs Initiated

Program-Funded Projects:

**7**

Non Program-Funded Projects:

**11**

Community Volunteers

Community Volunteer Teams:

**42**

Local Volunteer Community Leaders:

**255**

Program Participants:

**4,000**

Events/Meetings Attendees

**3,434**

Partners Engaged

**303**

Media Hits

**35**



## A PATH TO POSITIVE CHANGE

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I felt compelled to send an email to thank the staff for the work that they do to make the Champions for Change fellowship possible. It was a great experience and it helped me find the path that led me to my new job position. Today was my first at WV Rivers Coalition as the new Ohio River coordinator. I hope to continue to use the things I learned at the fellowship for positive change and access to clean water for all WV residents. I will always be a BIG fan of the WV Hub and the work you all do for the community.

– Charlise Robinson, Champions for Change Fellowship Alum

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## VALUING SHARED KNOWLEDGE

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I feel like everyone on the board has been so willing to share and at the same time the staff and executive leadership team at The Hub are very willing to educate you. [The Hub] also taps into the knowledge you have in your industry And I just think that that's really valuable and helpful.

– Clara Lehmann, Board President for The Hub

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## UNITING FOR A COMMON CAUSE

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My biggest takeaway was a reaffirmation of what I know to be true in that there are a lot of really great people throughout West Virginia. As individuals, we sometimes think ours might be a unique situation or circumstance, but once you scratch the surface you see we are all in the same boat, wondering the same things, and that the best way to make that boat move and get some answers is to row together.

– Victor Farmer, Director of Boone Memorial Health Foundation and Champions for Change Fellowship Alum

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## Communities Coached

| Community                                | Population |
|--|------------|
| Bluefield, Mercer County                 | 9,658      |
| Buchanan County, Virginia                | 19,352     |
| Charleston, Kanawha County               | 48,864     |
| Dickenson County, Virginia               | 13,725     |
| Durbin, Pocahontas County                | 297        |
| Elkins, Randolph County                  | 6,934      |
| Fairmont, Marion County                  | 18,313     |
| Fayette County                           | 39,487     |
| Floyd County, Kentucky                   | 34,978     |
| Forest County, Pennsylvania              | 6,626      |
| Franklin, Pendleton County               | 486        |
| Gilbert, Mingo County                    | 304        |
| Greater Peoria, Illinois                 | 402,391    |
| Hinton, Summers County                   | 2,109      |
| Huntington, Cabell/Wayne County          | 44,850     |
| Kermit, Mingo County                     | 217        |
| Kimball, McDowell County                 | 244        |
| Logan, Logan County                      | 2,213      |
| Madison, Boone County                    | 2,911      |
| Mannington, Marion County                | 1,677      |
| Marlinton, Pocahontas County             | 998        |
| Mason County                             | 25,453     |
| Meadow River Valley, Greenbrier County   | 2,031      |
| Monroe County, Georgia                   | 29,427     |
| Montgomery, Fayette/Kanawha County       | 1,208      |
| New Martinsville, Wetzel County          | 5,186      |
| Perry County, Ohio                       | 35,451     |
| Petersburg, Grant County                 | 2,258      |
| Princeton, Mercer County                 | 5,642      |
| Richwood, Nicholas County                | 1,610      |
| Ripley, Jackson County                   | 3,035      |
| Ronceverte, Greenbrier County            | 1,572      |
| Russell County, Virginia                 | 25,448     |
| Smithers, Fayette/Kanawha County         | 698        |
| Somerset County, Pennsylvania            | 72,197     |
| Summersville, Nicholas County            | 3,318      |
| Tazewell County, Virginia                | 40,429     |
| Wayne, Wayne County                      | 1,340      |
| Webster County                           | 8,378      |
| Weston, Lewis County                     | 3,776      |
| White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County | 2,231      |
| Williamson, Mingo County                 | 3,042      |

Total Communities:

**42**

Total Population Reached:

**930,364**





## ORGANIC GROWTH AND REAL-TIME INSPIRATION



I love seeing the organic nature of these events. [...] We can adapt to real-time conversations of how the community members are bouncing off each other and how they are inspired by seeing the various opportunities for tourism and economic development and the community itself. Being able to take a part of that and seeing that in real-time is really inspiring as a whole but especially from the ground level community members.

– Brianna Hickman, CBRI Project Coordinator

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For me, I just felt like The Hub was just so encouraging. They were helpful. They kept us on track. That was the main thing. They were always responsive and you could tell that they knew what they were doing even if we may not have.

– Missy Allen, Floyd County BRECC Community Team Member

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In West Virginia, community-driven development is more than just a concept—it binds us together. At the heart of our mission is the belief that local communities, when empowered and supported, have the potential to create meaningful change. This is evident in the countless stories of transformation and collaboration across our state.



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