

WVFF Measurements & Requirements re: ACCORN Project

Measure 1: NAS

Reduction in NAS diagnosis/babies born exposed to illicit opioids. Number of babies in the target region born exposed to illicit opioids in previous year's annual data whose moms are from the target region will be the baseline benchmark. The criteria for payment will be a 10% reduction after Q1 year 2 and 15% after Q1 year 3 vs Q1 year 1.

Measure 2: Recidivism

For all participants of the program (as they develop a roster) - an NCIC needs to be run by Q3 of the first grant year and compared with national averages.

See rate no less than 3% under the national average for first year of funding and 5% for second year of funding.

As based upon these sources:

- [https://bjaojp.gov/news/justice-matters/desk-bja-november-2023#:~:text=A%20U.S.%20Department%20of%20Justice,%20\(Bureau%20of%20Prisons\).](https://bjaojp.gov/news/justice-matters/desk-bja-november-2023#:~:text=A%20U.S.%20Department%20of%20Justice,%20(Bureau%20of%20Prisons).)
- <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/recidivism-rates-by-state>
- <https://www.success.com/recidivism-rates/>

Measure 3: Drug Screenings

A minimum of 2 screenings per month provided to participants - any program that receives funding through ACCORN - as they build out their roster. Results to be reported by the end of Q3: negative vs. positive. Panel to be used can be very simple due to cost - main drugs of use (methamphetamine, cocaine, alcohol, THC, fentanyl, benzos, opiates).

Our requirement as a Board is 75% of all screens negative for all substances, no more than 25% positive.

Proprietary Model

To ensure scalability of this approach across the state, it is proposed that the project not be considered proprietary or solely owned by Marshall University/ACCORN. Instead, any issues related to replicability or intellectual property should designate ownership rights to the West Virginia First Foundation (WVFF), or provide WVFF with the authority to share the model with other stakeholders. Additionally, an expansion plan should be included to facilitate statewide implementation if the approach proves successful.

Counties
The expectation is that this project be expanded to 3 additional counties in year 2 (Mingo, McDowell, Wyoming) and 3 additional in year 3 (Mercer, Summers, Monroe).

In Kind - Needs Assessment
The WVFF will offer a statewide needs assessment to ACCORN as an in-kind donation by Q4 of year 1 of funding.

The Board reserves the right to revisit and reassess the proposed measures as necessary to ensure they remain aligned with our mission, respond effectively to emerging needs, and support the best possible outcomes for our community.