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HARBOR INITIATIVE

However, coordinating the participating organizations and building trust with the people HARBOR intends to serve will present challenges.

"Many individuals that are in need of assistance have had negative encounters with law enforcement as well as the health care community," Rader said. "So, building trust will be key to success one individual at a time."

Rader also identified coordinating community partners and streamlining access to assistance as challenges the initiative will need to address.

"Another challenge will be getting all community partners on the same page and streamlining the process of getting assistance as soon as possible," she said.

The city expects the initiative to begin showing results within its first year. Rader said, "I anticipate that results will be seen within the first 6-8 months."

"HARBOR will make a big impact on making our entire community safer," Rader said. "Moving people forward with their lives in a positive way is the goal."

The grant was awarded through SAMHSA's STREETS program, or Safety Through Recovery, Engagement, and Evidence-Based Treatment and Support. The HARBOR project period runs from Sept. 30, 2026, through Sept. 29, 2030.

The additional funding for the final three years remains contingent on federal funding availability and the project's progress toward goals established by SAMHSA. Rader said the agency will establish expectations for continuing the grant each year.

"The City of Huntington exceeded the goals set forth by the previous T.R.A.I.N. grant, so we are up for the challenge," Rader said.

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HADCO executive director Kaylin Jorge said in a news conference that Dambo's dream is to create a coast to coast trail with at least one monumental sculpture in every state.

HMA executive director Elizabeth Simmons said in an interview with The Parthenon that the museum is excited to support public art efforts, especially while partnering with other local organizations to foster the community.

"From our perspective, it is so wonderful to see our community leaders believing in cultural tourism, believing in the power of the arts to bring people together, to have something on the scale that I have been familiar with this artist for a long time, " Simmons said. "I'm getting chills talking about it. To know that we can have one here, that we can have the community feel pride around it, that we can encourage visitors to come and see our pride and be part of it is very exciting. We're thrilled. Go art."

Once the sculpture has been crafted, Huntington will officially put West Virginia on Dambo's international "Trollmap."

The Appalachian Troll Project is currently accepting donations and partnerships for this $1 million placemaking initiative. For more information about the upcoming troll trail project, visit https://visithuntingtonwv.org/appalachian-troll-project/

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SGA Fireside Chat connects students with Marshall

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STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall's Student Government Association is hosting a major networking event at the Encova Auditorium in the Brad D. Smith Center for Business and Innovation.

The Fireside Chat on Oct. 27 will allow students to connect with higher-ups in their college, with deans from every college on campus receiving an invitation.

Student body vice president, Jimmy John Jacob said he is very excited about the lineup for the fireside chat, hoping that some of the guests will inspire students to lead.

"We're going to have a lot of distinguished panelists. Some of those include Kaylin George Benning, Brandi Jacobs-Jones, Scott Raines, and Anna Williams," Jacob said. "A lot of distinguished leaders, a lot of them former student body presidents here at Marshall, but some of them are distinguished leaders within the community."

Jacob said he also realizes that at a larger school, it's easy to hear the dean's name repeatedly but never meet them or see their faces.

The SGA is trying to solve that problem by putting them all in one place, open to the student body.

"And we're just really hoping that students can put a face to the name, have a great networking opportunity, and help student leadership here on campus," Jacob said. "Not just at Marshall, but also within the Huntington community."

After the Fireside Chat from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., a "mix and mingle" will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., where attendees can meet the guests and speak to them face-to-face.

Whether it be questions about a specific college, about the future, or even about internships or jobs in a specific field, the Mix and Mingle's purpose is to get those questions answered.

"People can make these connections on campus, so that when they see them walking around, they know that that's somebody they can talk to," Jacob said. "If they need something in the future, whether that be an internship, a job, or a different opportunity, they're more than happy to help because they've had that 1st introduction."

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