

Common Council
Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee
17 May 2010, 5:00 pm
Council Chambers
401 N. Morton

Memorandum

In attendance: Committee Members: Mike Satterfield (Chair), Hans Huffman, Tim Mayer, Andy Ruff, Susan Sandberg and Isabel Piedmont-Smith.

Staff: Marilyn Patterson (HAND), Dan Sherman and Stacy Jane Rhoads (Council Office)

I. Introduction

Chair Satterfield called the meeting to order, explaining that the purpose of this meeting is to make funding recommendations. He reviewed that this year 34 agencies applied, requesting a total of \$427,651. The Committee has \$200,000 to allocate. Early on, the Committee cut 11 agencies from consideration and another withdrew.

II. Funding Recommendations

Chair Satterfield asked if there was a motion to recommend funding. Susan Sandberg made said motion which was seconded by Hans Huffman. The motion included the name of the agency, its project name and the Committee's recommended funding amount based on the Committee's Pre-Allocation meeting deliberations. Before the Committee turned to a vote, Satterfield asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on proposed recommendations. Todd Lare of South Central Community Action Program thanked the Committee for its work.

The Committee voted 6-0 to approve the following funding:

AGENCY	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION	CONDITIONS
Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc./ <i>To purchase a pallet truck, ice machine and storage bin and two "trainable" dollies for use at their current and future sites on South Rogers Street.</i>	\$7,851.00	\$7,851.00	
Interfaith Winter Shelter Initiative/ <i>To provide for the following equipment and services for the Interfaith Winter Shelter Initiative, 2010-2011 Winter Season: 1) the purchase two large-capacity washing machines and two large-capacity drying machine; 2) the purchase of laundry supplies; 3) the payment of utilities; 4) the payment of the salary or salaries of one or more homeless guests to act as independent contractors to provide laundry services. Any contractor or contractors acting in this capacity shall be paid \$11.25/hour.</i>	\$15,193.75	\$15,193.75	- These funds are contingent upon identifying a site where the washers and dryers will be housed for the 2010-2011 Winter Season. - In the event the Interfaith Winter Shelter Initiative dissolves, the two washers and two driers and any unused supplies shall be donated to an area non-for-profit, to be determined by the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee.
Middle Way House, Inc./ <i>To purchase Food Works Kitchen equipment, including: an ice machine, a coffee maker, a pH meter, a mixer, an electric pasta machine and two pasta-machine cutters, an electric stone mill and a dehydrator for the facility located at 318 South Washington Street.</i>	\$10,554.00	\$10,554.00	

Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County/ <i>To purchase a Kirby Lester Tablet Counter to be housed at the facility located at 811 West 2nd Street.</i>	\$5,880.00	\$5,880.00	
Monroe County United Ministries, Inc./ <i>To purchase cots, cot carriers, cot name plates and emergency kits for the Affordable Childcare program located at 827 West 14th Street Court.</i>	\$5,540.53	\$5,540.53	
Amethyst House Inc./ <i>To replace vinyl and carpet flooring in, and purchase three dishwashers for, the Men's and Women's houses.</i>	\$7,860.00	\$7,860.00	
El Centro Comunal Latino/ <i>To pay part of the salary for the Volunteer Coordinator position.</i>	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Martha's House, Inc./ <i>To purchase and pay for the shipping of fourteen, two-drawer under bed storage units for the facility at 919 South Rogers Street.</i>	\$4,225.00	\$4,225.00	
Options, Inc./ To pay for software, training, video production and resource materials for the <i>Power Up</i> program.	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	Conditioned upon securing necessary funding to compensate for Medicaid losses. By September 1, 2010, Options must assure that it can implement the "PowerUp" program. If it cannot, the JHSSF Committee will reconvene to discuss the allocation of \$9,750 to one or more of the original 2010 applicants.
Catholic Charities Bloomington/ <i>To pay for start-up costs for the Incredible Years Social Skills Training Program described in the agency's application. These include training two clinical staff, purchasing DVDs and supplemental materials (e.g. puppets, laminated cards, and books) for various curricula designed to reduce aggressive and disruptive behaviors.</i>	\$9,882.50	\$8,894.25	
Girls Inc. of Monroe County/ <i>To help pay for the salary of the Program Director.</i>	\$15,000.00	\$13,500.00	
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana/ <i>To purchase BlackBaud Sphere in a Box website software and associated set up and training fee for use by agency.</i>	\$3,309.00	\$2,900.00	

Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools/ <i>To help pay for an implementation coordinator for the Artful Learning curriculum at Fairview Elementary.</i>	\$60,000.00	\$32,000.00	
Pinnacle School/ <i>To help pay for the Summer High School program located at 1503 West Arlington Road.</i>	\$10,278.00	\$9,000.00	
Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington/ <i>To purchase equipment, including trailer hitches and hitch mounted bike racks, bicycles and tools for the Club Riders program based at 311 South Lincoln Street.</i>	\$4,900.00	\$3,567.14	
Stepping Stones/ <i>To purchase furniture and software and to pay for the rent of a storage unit.</i>	\$4,820.00	\$4,300.00	
Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County/ <i>To purchase a job site trailer, tools and to help purchase a truck for the Construction Leadership Program.</i>	\$30,273.32	\$17,000.00	
People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)/ <i>To provide scholarships for at-risk and disadvantaged City of Bloomington youth for participation in therapeutic animal-assisted activities.</i>	\$4,600.00	\$3,453.57	
Planned Parenthood of Indiana/ <i>To pay for costs associated with Recession Rx program for City of Bloomington residents.</i>	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Bloomington Hospital Community Health/ <i>To pay part of the salary of the Fresh Start to Life Program Coordinator.</i>	\$8,320.00	\$6,809.76	
South Central Community Action Program, Inc./ <i>To pay for parking lot expansion at 1500 West 15th Street.</i>	\$22,000.00	\$16,521.00	
Monroe County YMCA/ <i>To provide subsidies for low-income City of Bloomington residents for participation in the Diabetes Prevention Program.</i>	\$11,500.00	\$6,700.00	
TOTAL		\$200,000.00	

III. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Andy Ruff stated that he has real concerns about funding some agencies, in particular the Foundation of Monroe County Schools. He does not doubt that Fairview needs the funds and that the Foundation's proposed program is worthy. However, he is concerned that funding the schools sets a precedent. This fund should not be used for funding traditional educational programs due to poor decisions made by the State. His JHSSF colleagues persuaded him that it was a responsible use of JHSSF money to help with Fairview, however, his concerns remain.
- Tim Mayer stated that it is important for all to recognize that JHSSF funds are tax payer money. He thanked all Committee members and stated that all members take their roles very seriously, do their homework and struggle with final funding decisions. He thanked agencies for their good work.
- Susan Sandberg thanked all social services agencies and stated that their work is invaluable. Their work makes this community such a rewarding place to live. She stated that the Committee deeply appreciates and respects the community's social services agencies. She stated that, as the daughter of two teachers, she knows the importance of social services agencies. The Committee really struggles with funding decisions. These are tough economic times and she is irritated that local communities are continually called upon to compensate for failures at the State and federal levels, but is thankful that we can.
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith echoed the thanks of other Committee members. She is pleased that the Committee is able to fund 22 agencies which offer a wide range of services -- hunger relief, health care, youth, minority groups and education. Hopefully, the need to fund the schools will only be temporary. She said she is happy to provide funding for the Boys and Girls Club bicycle program as this is *Bikes Week*. She said that she was hesitant to fund a parking lot, but South Central Community Action Program made a good case. She said that she is pleased and proud we can make this contribution.
- Mike Satterfield stated that in closing, he wants to emphasize that the Committee takes its work very seriously. This year, the group was faced with some unusual choices. It is not usual that the Committee funds schools and parking lots. He stated that the core of the Committee's work is emergency services and thanked all agencies for their good work.

IV. Other Business

- Chair Satterfield made a motion to reschedule the Committee's debriefing meeting from 6pm June 2, 2010 to 6:00 pm. June 16th, 2010. The Committee approved the change by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Satterfield reminded agencies of the following:

- The Common Council must take action on the Committee's recommendations before agencies can access their funds. The entire Council will take action on Wednesday, 16 June 2010. Agencies do not need to attend this meeting to receive funds.
- Agencies must complete Funding Agreements by the first week in June. The Council Office staff will be in touch with agencies to confirm the terms of the Agreement.

- The Council Office staff will also send agencies a brief survey in mid-June. Agencies are encouraged to complete the survey as candid feedback helps us work to continually improve the program.
- Agencies should attend the Technical Assistance Meeting offered by Marilyn Patterson of HAND, Tuesday, 22 June 2010 at 8:30 a.m., McCloskey Room.

V. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5:28 pm.