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RESOLUTION 08-08

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2008 AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Common Council established the Social Services Funding Committee (Committee) in 1993 to make recommendations to the entire Common Council regarding the allocation of discretionary social services funds and, in 2002, named the program in the honor of Jack Hopkins, who was instrumental as a Council member in the establishment of this funding program; and

WHEREAS, according to Resolution 02-16, the Committee serves as a standing committee of the Council with five members from within the Council appointed by the President of the Council and with as many as two members added by the Committee from other city entities; and

WHEREAS, this year the Committee includes Council members Tim Mayer (chair), Isabel Piedmont, Andy Ruff, Susan Sandberg and Mike Satterfield along with Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee member, Tony Pizzo and Community and Family Resource Commission member Hans Huffman; and

WHEREAS, this year the City increased the funding from $145,000 to $165,000 and reappropriated $11,000 of unspent funds from 2007 to bring the total amount for allocation to $176,000; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held a preliminary meeting on February 28, 2008 to establish the program procedures for the year; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the Committee reaffirmed the Policy Statement, which set forth and elaborated upon the following criteria for making their recommendations:

1. The program should address a previously identified priority for social services funds (as indicated in the *Service Community Assessment of Needs* (SCAN), the City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's *2005-2010 Consolidated Plan* or any other community-wide survey of social service needs); and
2. The funds should provide a one-time investment that, through matching funds or other fiscal leveraging, makes a significant contribution to the program; and
3. This investment in the program should lead to broad and long lasting benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, by the deadline at 4:00 p.m. on April 7, 2008, 29 agencies had submitted applications seeking approximately $384,450 in funds (but one agency subsequently withdrew their application); and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2008, the Committee met to discuss the applications, drop some from further consideration and raise questions to addressed by the applicants at the presentation hearing, which was held on May 9, 2008 and where the Committee heard presentations from 20 agencies; and

WHEREAS, in the days following the presentations, the members of the Committee rated those proposals on a scale of 0 to 5; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2008, the Committee met for a Pre-Allocation meeting and passed a series of preliminary motions that funded 16 applications and these recommendations were adopted by the Committee at the Allocation meeting on May 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, funding agreements have been executed by the 16 agencies recommended to receive funds and those agencies understand and agree to abide by the terms of those agreements; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the HAND department will arrange for the disbursement of the grant funds pursuant to the funding agreements, which will be interpreted by the Chair of the Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Common Council now allocates one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars ($176,000) set aside for the Jack Hopkins Socials Services Funding program in 2008 to the following agencies for the following amounts and in accordance with the funding agreements approved in Section 2:

Agency	Grant Amount	Purpose
Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc.	$2,350.00	To purchase a commercial-grade refrigerator for use at 917 South Rogers Street.
Hoosier Hills Food Bank	$31,414.00	To purchase a refrigerated cargo van for use in the Meal Share prepared food rescue program
Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County	$10,725.00	To purchase computer equipment for three clinical work stations, a monitor and software to improve delivery and lower the cost of medical services.
Shalom Community Center, Inc.	$11,030.00	To purchase and install food service equipment for the Shalom weekday food program
South Central Community Action Program	$18,000.00	To cover salaries, materials, stipends, meals, and childcare for the Circles Campaign pilot project
Martha's House, Inc.	$16,000.00	To cover personnel expenses as bridge-funding to operate shelter services
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Inc.	$24,000.00	To provide bridge-funding to pay for salaries to operate the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard community food pantry
Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington	$17,000.00	To purchase a minibus for the transportation of children
Bloomington Housing Authority with Bloomington Housing Authority Resident Council	$12,481.00	To help renovate Boys and Girls Club satellite facility at 1033 and 1037 North Summit Street
Stepping Stones, Inc.	$5,000.00	To help operate the Stepping Stones Independent Living Program for youth aged 16-20 years
Options	$4,000.00	To purchase refurbished computers, modems and internet services to link between community living homes and the main office
Rhinos Youth Center	$3,000.00	To purchase chairs for Rhino's youth center at 331 S. Walnut Street
Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Inc.	$2,500.00	To pay for colposcopies for women with abnormal Pap test results
El Centro Comunal Latino	$11,000.00	To pay for a person to help operate and evaluate El Centro Comunal Latino's programs as a pilot project
Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Inc.	$4,000.00	To help pay for the renovation of Campbell House for use by agency programs and staff
Christole, Inc.	$3,500.00	To help pay for the installation of a fire sprinkler system in the group home at 1701 Winslow Road

SECTION 2. The Council approves the funding agreements for these allocations, copies of which are kept in the Council Office and HAND department files, and directs the Office of the Controller to issue checks in the ordinary course of business to the agency once the staff of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department submit a copy of the signed agreement and the appropriate purchase orders.

SECTION 3. The Council further authorizes the Chair of the Social Services Funding Committee to resolve any questions regarding the implementation of the funding agreements.

SECTION 4. The Council also approves the Report of this Standing Committee of the Common Council, which is comprised of the relevant portions of the packet memo and the related packet materials.