(Passed 7-0)
Rollo & Volan absent

RESOLUTION 09-13

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2009 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 and Mayor 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, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Andy Ruff, Susan Sandberg (Chair) 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 $165,000 to $180,000; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held a preliminary meeting on February 23, 2009 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, given the dire economic climate, the Committee decided to focus funding on emergency services which included food, shelter and medical services and made that known via the Solicitation Letter and materials; and

WHEREAS, by the deadline at 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2009, 16 agencies had submitted applications seeking approximately $190,385 in funds; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2009, the Committee met to discuss the applications and decided to hear from all 16 applications and raised questions to be addressed by the applicants at the presentation hearing, which was held on May 7, 2009; 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 18, 2009, the Committee met for a Pre-Allocation meeting and passed a series of preliminary motions that funded all 16 applications and these recommendations were adopted by the Committee at the Allocation meeting on May 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, all the foregoing meetings were open to the public to attend, observe and record what transpired and a period of public comment was offered before a vote on the recommendations was taken; 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;

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 eighty thousand dollars ($180,000) set aside for the Jack Hopkins Socials Services Funding program in 2009 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	$1,005.00	To purchase printed backpacks for the Backpack Buddies program.
Shalom Community Center, Inc.	$18,000.00	To purchase food as well as kitchen and miscellaneous supplies for its Emergency Hunger Relief program.
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Inc.	$28,650.00	To help purchase a cargo van for the Food Pantry program
Middle Way House, Inc.	$10,500.00	To purchase beds and mattresses for the Emergency Shelter.
Stepping Stones, Inc.	$20,000.00	To pay for rent, deposit, payroll and insurance to expand housing and counseling of youth.
Martha's House, Inc.	$24,557.92	To pay for the salaries and benefits for Resident Advocates for the Emergency Shelter program.
Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County	$20,069.93	To help purchase a truck with lift gate for the ReStore Facility.
Monroe County CASA, Inc.	$8,066.76	To pay for rent, salary, and volunteer training for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program.
New Leaf - New Life Inc.	$14,577.96	To pay for salaries, benefits, and supplies for all New Leaf/New Life programs.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington	$14,257.14	To help pay for salary and benefits for Unit Director at Crestmont site.
The Villages of Indiana, Monroe County Healthy Families	$1,754.82	To pay for curriculum materials for the Healthy Families program.
First United Church	$2,257.14	To pay for furniture, equipment, and supplies for PARTNERS program.
My Sister's Closet	$1,781.88	To pay rent and purchase boxes for storage facility.
Harmony Education Center	$5,873.03	To pay for installing a water line to and improving a greenhouse, and constructing a tool shed at Harmony Education Center.
Girls Inc. of Monroe County	$2,930.71	To pay for training staff working at Girls Inc.
Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Inc	$5,717.71	To pay salaries and benefits for CASCI Coordinator.

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 Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to resolve any questions regarding the implementation of the funding agreements and to appoint one member of the Committee from a City entity.

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17th day of JUNE, 2009.

ANDY RUFF, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 18th day of JUNE, 2009.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution brings forward the recommendations of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program Committee. The principal task of the Committee is to recommend funding for local social services agencies which offer proposals consistent with program criteria. Over the last 16 years (1993 – 2008), the City has expended in excess of $1.7 million dollars to local social services programs. In 2009, the City decided to increase the annual amount of funds for this program from $165,000 to $180,000. The resolution allocates the social services funds to 16 agency programs, approves the funding agreements with these agencies, accepts the report of the Committee, and authorizes the chair of the Committee to resolve any questions regarding the interpretation of the agreements.

Note: This resolution was revised after it was distributed in the Legislative Packet but before it was introduced to correct the name of Councilmember Piedmont-Smith in the third whereas clause.

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