

RESOLUTION 2025-09

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND 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, pursuant to Resolution 02-16, as amended by Resolution 13-07, Resolution 16-06, Resolution 20-09, and Resolution 21-01, the Committee serves as a standing committee of the Council with four members from the Council assigned by the President of the Council and with three City residents (appointed by the Committee Chair) with experience in social services; and
- WHEREAS, this year the Committee includes Council members Isak Nti Asare (Chair), Courtney Daily, Dave Rollo, and Andy Ruff, along with City residents Nordia McNish, Camryn Greer, and Eddy Riou; and
- WHEREAS, this year, the Committee had \$500,000.00 in budgeted funds to distribute; and
- WHEREAS, an additional \$10,377.27 is available through past unused monies in the Jack Hopkins non-reverting fund and the Administration has indicated that it will propose an appropriation ordinance for the same, if necessary; and
- WHEREAS, the Committee held an Organizational Meeting on February 21, 2025 to establish the program procedures for the year; and
- WHEREAS, at that time, the Committee affirmed its policies that set forth and elaborated upon the following criteria for making recommendations:
1. The program should address an 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 *Consolidated Plan*, or any other community-wide survey of social service needs); and
 2. The funds should provide an 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, this affirmation included a 2012 change that allowed agencies to submit a second application as part of a collaborative project with one or more other agencies and also included an opportunity made available since 2016 for agencies to submit requests for operational funding; and
- WHEREAS, by the application deadline at 4:00 p.m. on March 21, 2025, the Committee received 38 applications seeking approximately \$965,372.77 in funding; and
- WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025 the Committee met to discuss the applications, requested additional information from certain applicants and raised questions to be addressed by 20 applicants at the presentation hearing, which was held on April 22, 2025; and
- WHEREAS, after receiving agency responses to the Committee's questions and hearing the presentations, the members of the Committee evaluated proposals and assigned each proposal a recommended allocation; and
- WHEREAS, on May 06, 2025 the Committee met for a Pre-Allocation Meeting and deliberated funding recommendations, and those deliberations were continued and concluded by the Committee at its Allocation Meeting on May 16, 2025, at which meeting the Committee adopted recommendations to fund 35 applications; and
- WHEREAS, all the foregoing meetings were open to the public to attend, observe and record what transpired; and
- WHEREAS, funding agreements will be executed by the 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 Five Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$510,377.27) set aside for the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding program to the following agencies for the following amounts and in accordance with the funding agreements approved in Section 2.

SECTION 2. The Common Council approves the funding agreement template, a copy of which is attached hereto as “Attachment A”, authorizes Council staff to prepare such Agreements; and authorizes the Council President to execute each Agreement on behalf of the Council. Copies of the executed Agreements shall be kept in the Council Office and HAND department files. Council requests that the Office of the Controller initiate an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,337.27 in order to fully fund the grant awards in this Section 2. Council 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.

	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1.	Amethyst House	\$17,050.00	Restoration and maintenance at men's and women's residential recovery homes, including siding, painting, and tree removal to ensure safety and quality housing for individuals recovering from substance-use disorders.
2.	Avalon Community Land Trust with Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington	\$14,075.00	Funding to support the creation of a community land trust demonstration project in partnership with the church to provide permanently affordable housing solutions.
3.	Beacon	\$29,351.88	Operational support and purchase of storage equipment for Friend’s Place, the region’s largest emergency shelter for women, addressing critical needs of homelessness.
4.	Beacon / Health Net	\$26,251.00	Funding to provide onsite medical services at Beacon’s Shalom Center in collaboration with HealthNet, supporting low-income and homeless individuals with healthcare access.
5.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana	\$17,000.00	Hiring a part-time Community Relationship Specialist to enhance volunteer recruitment and matching, reducing wait times and expanding mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth.
6.	Bloomington Cooperative Living	\$14,593.00	Hiring a part-time Community Relationship Specialist to enhance volunteer recruitment and matching, reducing wait times and expanding mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth.
7.	Bloomington St. Vincent De Paul serving Monroe CO	\$30,000.00	Emergency utilities assistance program to prevent disconnections and maintain housing stability for vulnerable populations through direct financial support and negotiation with providers.
8.	Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington	\$12,000.00	Bridge funding to cover utility and maintenance costs incurred from a long-term lease at the Ellettsville Club site, sustaining youth services and out-of-school programming.
9.	Catholic Charities Bloomington	\$20,000.00	Funding trauma-focused mental health therapies (EMDR, play therapy) for children affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences, enhancing early intervention access and impact.
10.	Community Justice & Mediation Center	\$22,210.00	Support for staff and equipment to continue the Eviction Prevention Project (EPP), offering mediation, referrals, and case management for tenants and landlords to prevent homelessness.

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11.	Community Kitchen	\$20,000.00	Purchase of food items to sustain Community Kitchen's meal service to vulnerable residents, reducing hunger and food insecurity across Monroe County.
12.	Courage to Change Sober Living	\$2,745.00	Funding for drug tests to ensure safe, supportive transitional housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorders.
13.	El Centro Comunal Latino	\$4,000.00	Support for 'La Escuelita Para Todos,' a Spanish heritage language program fostering biliteracy in Latine children and supporting families with education, health, and disability resources.
14.	Exodus Refugee Immigration	\$11,250.00	Support for the Emergency Assistance Program, providing housing, food, clothing, and crisis services for refugees as they transition to self-sufficiency in Bloomington.
15.	Girls Inc. of Monroe County	\$10,000.00	Funding for youth development programs offering academic support, mental health care, leadership training, and summer camp scholarships for girls from marginalized communities.
16.	Healing Hands Outreach Center	\$9,273.60	Support for the Hope and Health To-Go Bags Initiative, providing food, water, and hygiene items to unhoused individuals across Bloomington in reusable backpacks.
17.	Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center DBA Susie's Place	\$3,994.89	Support for trauma-informed forensic interviews and family advocacy services to assist children who are victims of abuse in Monroe County.
18.	Hoosier Hills Food Bank	\$35,000.00	Supplemental funding to purchase nutritious food to support the food bank's distribution network, targeting food insecurity across Monroe County.
19.	Indiana Recovery Alliance	\$20,000.00	Pilot funding to create a Grant Manager position to ensure long-term sustainability of harm reduction services, including naloxone distribution and overdose prevention.
20.	Lantern Support Services	\$15,360.00	Pilot project to support kinship families through therapy, support groups, meals, and mentorship aimed at stabilizing foster and adoptive youth households.
21.	Monroe County CASA	\$5,400.00	Pilot funding for a CASA Cares Network, providing mental health group therapy and gas cards to support and retain volunteer child advocates.
22.	Monroe County Humane Association	\$11,125.00	Support for pet care programs including crisis housing, food assistance, and spay/neuter services to help families keep their pets and reduce shelter intake.
23.	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	\$5,700.00	Support for essential food pantry operations, providing nutritious food and educational programming for food-insecure families in Bloomington.
24.	My Sister's Closet / Amethyst House	\$18,500.00	Support for workforce readiness programming for women in recovery, providing clothing, coaching, and employment preparation to help with successful reentry and recovery.
25.	New Leaf, New Life	\$6,328.90	Provision of clothing and essentials to support reentry for individuals transitioning from incarceration, as part of the Reentry Mentorship Program.
26.	Pantry 279	\$12,000.00	Support for food delivery and children's summer food programs, addressing food insecurity among homebound, elderly, and low-income families and youth.


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27.	Pathways	\$20,000.00	Capital investment to upgrade classroom furniture and educational resources at Compass Early Learning Center, enhancing early childhood education for low-income families.
28.	People and Animal Learning Services / Centerstone Recovery Men's and Women's Program	\$9,600.00	Pilot project delivering equine-assisted activities for individuals in addiction recovery programs, aiming to improve mental health and emotional resilience.
29.	Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky	\$7,500.00	Support for reproductive healthcare services including STI testing, contraception, and education for underserved populations in Bloomington.
30.	ReStore / Habitat for Humanity	\$30,000.00	Support for capital upgrades to the Habitat ReStore facility, increasing operational capacity and generating revenue to support affordable housing construction.
31.	South Central Community Action Program	\$30,000.00	Funding for comprehensive case management and housing support services to help low-income families achieve long-term economic stability.
32.	Special Olympics Indiana Monroe County	\$1,560.00	Support to purchase sports uniforms and equipment for individuals with intellectual disabilities, enabling inclusive athletic participation and social engagement.
33.	Stone Belt / Down Syndrome Family Connection	\$5,000.00	Funding to support inclusive community programming and resources for individuals with Down syndrome, focusing on empowerment and education.
34.	Tandem Community Birth Center and Postpartum House, Inc.	\$6,000.00	Startup support for establishing a birth center and postpartum house offering midwifery-led maternity care and postnatal support for families.
35.	WonderLab Museum	\$7,509.00	Support for inclusive science education programs and accessibility improvements to serve children and families, especially those from underrepresented groups.

SECTION 3. The Council authorizes the Chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to resolve any questions regarding the implementation of the 2025 funding agreements.


SECTION 4. The Council also approves the 2025 Report of this Standing Committee of the Common Council.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 04 day of June, 2025.


HOPE STOSBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 05 day of June, 2025.


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 6 day of June, 2025.


KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution brings forward the recommendations of the 2025 Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee. The principal task of the Committee is to recommend funding for local social services agency proposals that best meet Program criteria and best meet the needs of the community. This resolution allocates a total of \$510,377.27 to 35 different agency programs. The resolution also: approves the funding agreements with these agencies and authorizes the Council President to execute such agreements; accepts the report of the Committee; and authorizes the Chair of the Committee to resolve any questions regarding the interpretation of the agreements.

Note: At the June 4, 2025 Regular Session, the Council adopted Amendment 01 to this resolution. The amendment corrected the “Purpose” listed for Bloomington Cooperative Living in Line 6 of the table under Section 2, which had previously been copied in error.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Housing and Neighborhood Development, Legal, and Mayor.