

RESOLUTION 2026-01
TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM FUNDING
CONDITIONS OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington Common Council (“Council”) established the Social Services Funding Committee (“Committee”) in 1993 to make recommendations to the entire 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 20-09, Committee membership shall include four members from the Council assigned by the President of the Council and three City residents with experience in social services appointed by the Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, due to the growth of the Program’s funding and the complexity of the community’s needs, the Council recognizes that the Committee benefits from the expertise, skill and perspective provided by City resident members who have professional expertise to support the Committee’s mission, and Council wants to ensure that the pool of professional City resident members also includes work experience in fields beyond social services, including grant administration, philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, and related fields; and

WHEREAS, to promote efficient implementation of administrative procedures such as conflict of interest reporting, the Council wishes to approve the appointments of the resident members of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to clarify that programs must serve City residents and be delivered within city limits.

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

SECTION 1. Membership. The membership of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program Funding Committee shall consist of 7 voting members, comprised of four (4) Council members and three (3) City resident members each with professional experience in the field of social services, grant administration, philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, or related fields.

SECTION 2. Appointments. The four (4) Councilmembers shall be appointed by the President of Common Council as its presiding officer, and the three (3) City residents shall be recommended by the Committee Chair to the Common Council and approved by a vote of a majority of the elected members of the Common Council during a regular or special Council session.

SECTION 3. Terms. Terms for all members of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program Funding Committee shall begin immediately upon appointment, and run through December 31 of the same calendar year.

SECTION 4. Program Funding Conditions. The Committee shall prioritize funding for programs and projects that serve City of Bloomington residents and are delivered within the city limits. Programs or services delivered outside the city limits may also be considered when the Committee finds that they provide a direct, measurable, and substantial benefit to City residents. Capital improvements however, may only be funded when the real property to be improved is located within the city limits of Bloomington.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 07 day of January, 2026.



ISAK NTI ASARE, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTESTATION OF BLOOMINGTON CITY CLERK:



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNATURE OF BLOOMINGTON CITY CLERK

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 08 day of January, 2026.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNATURE AND APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 12 day of January, 2026.



KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution sponsored by Councilmember Stosberg updates membership requirements and program funding conditions of the Jack Hopkins Social Service Program Committee.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, HAND, Legal, and Mayor.