

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

**RESOLUTION 2026-11
AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES
PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND RELATED MATTERS**

Recitals

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;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 02-16, as amended by Resolution 13-07, Resolution 16-06, Resolution 20-09, Resolution 21-01, and Resolution 2026-01, 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;

WHEREAS, this year the Committee includes Council members Courtney Daily (Chair), Isak Nti Asare, Dave Rollo, and Andy Ruff, along with City residents Camryn Greer, Katherine Ntiamoah, and Eddy Riou;

WHEREAS, this year, the Committee had \$500,000.00 in budgeted funds to distribute;

WHEREAS, the Committee held an Organizational Meeting on February 10, 2026, to establish the program procedures for 2026;

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);
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;

WHEREAS, by the application deadline at 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2026, the Committee received 39 applications seeking approximately \$700,804.25 in funding;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2026, the Committee met to discuss the applications, requested additional information from certain applicants and raised questions to be addressed at the presentation hearing, which was held on April 29, 2026;

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;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2026, 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 26, 2026, at which meeting the Committee adopted recommendations to fund 35 applications;

WHEREAS, all the foregoing meetings were open to the public to attend, observe and record what transpired;

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 Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$499,994.63) 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 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.

	Organization	Grant	Purpose
1.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana	\$7,000	Expansion of site-based mentoring for Bloomington youth.
2.	Cancer Support Community South Central Indiana	\$3,650	Provide immediate, short-term financial relief to cancer patients actively undergoing treatment.
3.	Community Justice and Mediation Center	\$12,998	Supporting Eviction Prevention Project
4.	Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc	\$5,903	Purchase AEDs, new tires for a vehicle, and a pallet floor jack with scale.
5.	Exodus Refugee Immigration, Inc.	\$18,000	Support Emergency Assistance Program, which provides direct financial assistance for basic needs and healthcare management services to refugees.
6.	Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc	\$40,000	Purchase food that will supplement privately donated food.
7.	My Sister's Closet of Monroe County	\$30,000	New facility renovations.
8.	Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky	\$7,500	Low-to-no cost sexual and reproductive health services for patients who are uninsured/underinsured and/or living at or below 150% of the federal poverty level.
9.	Sobremesa Foundation, Inc.	\$9,000	Growing fresh produce and delivering it to 3 Monroe County food pantries.
10.	Summit Hill Community Development Corporation	\$24,980	Purchase a service vehicle that is used to operate a grocery shuttle for residents of Bloomington Housing Authority RAD housing.


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11.	Amethyst House, Inc.	\$18,121.67	Replace damaged flooring, purchase 6 computers, and remove 2 trees.
12.	Avalon Community Land Trust	\$13,667	Support permanent, public-facing food and community infrastructure.
13.	Beacon, Inc.	\$7,086.81	Purchase 2 refrigerator/freezer combos, 2 bunk bed sets, and 10 mattresses.
14.	Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington	\$14,026.67	Require electronic key access for the Lincoln Street Club's lobby elevator.
15.	Courage to Change Sober Living	\$1,603.67	Courage to Challenge program, men's and women's residencies.
16.	Developmental Services, Inc.	\$2,048.83	Support a year-long cooking and nutrition education program.
17.	Girls Inc of Monroe County	\$15,751.17	Personnel expenses, program costs, and participant scholarships.
18.	Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County	\$10,900	Replacement of Makita tools, a trailer, and 2 ladder racks for tricks.
19.	Hotels for Hope Inc.	\$18,000	Emergency shelter expenses and case management salary.
20.	Indiana Recovery Alliance	\$18,862.17	Hiring a full-time outreach worker.
21.	Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington	\$7,776.67	Support Hive and Harvest food pantry.
22.	Kesem at Indiana University	\$1,423.33	Fully fund Monroe County children to attend Camp Kesem free of charge.
23.	Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$5,326.42	Training technology and office update. Purchasing conference table and 12 chairs, TV, wall mount, dry erase boards and markers, 2 laptops, and 2 docking stations.
24.	Monroe County Humane Association	\$9,476.33	Essential pet care services for low-income families.
25.	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	\$12,730.59	Replacement of awning, as well as operational (supply and upkeep) support.
26.	New Hope Family Shelter DBA New Hope for Families	\$35,190.50	Support access to Early Learning Center.
27.	New Leaf New Life	\$8,929.20	Provide essential employment tools to individuals transitioning from incarceration or substance use treatment.
28.	New Leaf-New Life Inc. (w/ Courage to Change Sober Living)	\$2,365.33	Support New Leaf mentees who are also Courage to Change residents when they first move into a CTC residence.
29.	Pantry 279, Inc.	\$11,038.83	Support Children's Summer Food Program and the cost of food deliveries.
30.	Pathways, Inc.	\$43,134	Operational funding for core programs in the face of federal funding cuts

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31.	People and Animal Learning Services	\$1,581.33	Support Valiant Strides, an Equine-Assisted Learning program for veterans and first responders.
32.	Stone Belt Arc, Inc.	\$3,196.67	Facilitate Job-a-Palooza for people of all ages/disabilities during Disability Employment Awareness Month.
33.	Tandem Community Birth Center and Postpartum House, Inc	\$35,416.67	Essential program costs (paying staff, rent, utilities, software licensing, and diapers)
34.	The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center, Inc d/b/a Susie's Place Child Advocacy Centers	\$37,196.27	Operational expenses, including salaries.
35	Wheeler Mission	\$6,113.50	Purchase a high-capacity commercial dryer.

SECTION 3. The Council authorizes the Chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to resolve any questions regarding the implementation of the 2026 funding agreements.

SECTION 4. The Council also approves the 2026 Report of this Standing Committee of the Common Council.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 10 day of June, 2026.



 Isak Asare, 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 16 day of June, 2026.



 NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
 City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 22 day of June, 2026.



 KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
 City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution brings forward the recommendations of the 2026 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 \$499,994.63 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.

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

ATTACHMENT A

**FUNDING AGREEMENT
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON - JACK HOPKINS
SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

«Organization»

This Agreement entered into in June, 2026, by and between the City of Bloomington, Indiana, (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and «Organization», (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"), provides for the following:

Whereas, the Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee (Committee) reviewed Agency applications, heard their presentations, considered additional information provided by agencies in response to Committee questions, and made funding recommendations to the Common Council;

Whereas, the Common Council adopted Resolution 2026-11, which provided funding to this Agency in the amount and for the purposes set forth in Sections I and III of this Agreement;

Whereas, the resolution also delegated the duty of interpreting the Funding Agreement for the City to the Chair of the Committee; and

Whereas, in interpreting the Agreement, the Chair may consider the purposes of the program, the application and comments by Agency representatives, and statements made by decision-makers during deliberations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. USE OF FUNDS

These funds are intended to serve vulnerable City residents. Agency agrees to use Agreement funds as follows:

«Project_Description_»

2. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The last claim for expenses under this Agreement must be submitted to the City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) no later than December 3, 2026. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing to HAND's Director no later than November 13, 2026. If an extension is approved, the Director will provide a

confirmation letter granting the extension for claim submission. The Director may extend the deadline no later than March 19, 2027.

3. PAYMENT PROCEDURES

It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the City under this Agreement shall not exceed

«Received_»

Claims for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made against the items specified in Section 1, Use of Funds.

The Agency will submit to the City a claim voucher pursuant to City's claim procedures and deadlines for the expenditures corresponding to the agreed upon use of funds outlined above. Along with the claim voucher, the Agency will submit documentation satisfactory to the City, at the City's sole discretion, showing the Agency's expenditures.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Accounting Procedures

The Agency agrees to use generally accepted accounting procedures and to provide for:

- (1) Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial component of its activities;
- (2) Records which identify adequately the source and application of funds for City supported activities;
- (3) Effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets;
- (4) Adequate safeguarding of all such assets and assurance that they are used solely for authorized purposes;
- (5) The City to conduct monitoring activities as it deems reasonably necessary to insure compliance with this Agreement; and
- (6) Return of the funds received under this Agreement that the City determines were not expended in compliance with its terms.

B. Access to Records

The Agency agrees that it will give the City, through any authorized representative, access to, and the right to examine, all records, books, papers or documents related to the funding provided by this Agreement, for the purpose of making surveys, audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts.

C. Retention of Records

The Agency agrees that it will retain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the funding provided to the Agency for a period of three years from the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 7 or 8.

D. Reporting Requirement

The Agency agrees to provide a report to HAND with the Agency's last claim submission describing the use of Jack Hopkins Social Services funds. The report should be submitted in Word format and not exceed 500 words. The report should include, but not be limited to:

1. Amount of the agency's grant award
2. General description of the project
3. Results of the project as measured by the project's outcome indicators
4. Population served by the program
5. Community benefits of the project
6. Digital photograph(s) depicting the Jack Hopkins-funded project (if applicable)
7. Copies of any written material for the project giving the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee credit as required by Section 5(G) below.

Agencies are asked to report the results of their projects clearly, concisely and honestly and to include both successes and challenges. The report shall be submitted no later than December 3, 2026 unless the Agency was granted an extension by the HAND Director, pursuant to Section II of this agreement.

Agencies who receive **operational funding** under this Agreement shall submit an additional report providing an update on the project's outcome indicators, as outlined in the agency's application for funding, due March 19, 2027. Operational expenses are those that are recurring and include outlays for personnel, rent, utilities, maintenance, supplies, client services, and other like ongoing budget items.

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. General Compliance

Agency agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and policies governing the funds provided under this Agreement.

B. Independent Contractor

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties. The Agency shall at all times remain an "independent contractor" with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. None of the benefits provided by an employer to an employee, including but not limited to minimum wage and overtime compensation, workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance, shall be available from or through the City to the Agency.

C. Hold Harmless

The Agency shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the City from any and all claims, actions, suits, charges and judgments whatsoever that arise out of a subrecipient's performance or nonperformance of the services or subject matter called for in this Agreement.

D. Nondiscrimination

Agencies receiving grants shall be subject to Section 2.23.110 *et seq.* of the Bloomington Municipal Code. Unless specific exemptions apply, the Agency will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. The Agency will take affirmative action to ensure that all employment practices are free from such discrimination. Such employment practices include but are not limited to the following: hiring, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

E. Living Wage Requirements

(1) This agreement is subject to the City of Bloomington Living Wage Ordinance, Chapter 2.28 of the Bloomington Municipal Code and any implementing regulations. The Living Wage Ordinance requires among other things, that unless specific exemptions apply, all beneficiaries of City subsidies, as defined, shall provide payment of a minimum level of compensation to employees which may include the cost of health benefits. Such rate shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the terms of the Bloomington Living Wage Ordinance.

(2) Under the provisions of the Bloomington Living Wage Ordinance, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract and to seek other remedies as set forth therein, for violations of the Ordinance.

F. Compliance with Ind. Code 22-5-1.7 – E-Verify Program

The Agency shall sign a sworn affidavit, attached as Exhibit A, affirming that the Agency has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify Program and affirming that the Agency does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien. The Agency must provide documentation to the City that the Agency has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program.

G. Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee Recognition

The Agency agrees to provide a credit line for the City of Bloomington Common Council Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee in all written materials about the program and program activities funded pursuant to this Agreement.

6. NOTICES

Communication and details concerning this Agreement shall be directed to the following representatives:

City: Cody Toothman, Program Manager Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department P.O. Box 100 Bloomington, IN 47402 Tel: (812) 349-3512 Fax: (812) 349-3582 E-mail: cody.toothman@bloomington.in.gov	Agency: «Director_of_Agency__» «Organization» «Mailing_Address» «City_State_Zip_Code» Tel: «Home_Phone» E-mail: «Agency_Email»
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7. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

The Agency agrees that this Agreement is subject to the availability of funds and that if funds become unavailable for the performance of this Agreement, the City may terminate the Agreement. If funds become unavailable, the City shall promptly notify the Agency in writing of the termination and the effective date thereof.

It is further agreed that the City may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part if it determines that the Agency has failed to comply with the Agreement or with other conditions imposed by applicable laws, rules and regulations. The City shall promptly

notify the Agency in writing of the determination and the reasons for the determination, together with the effective date. The Agency agrees that if the City terminates the Agreement for cause it will refund to the City that portion of the funds that the City determines was not expended in compliance with the Agreement. The Agency shall be responsible for paying any costs incurred by the City to collect the refund, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and all other parts of this Agreement shall nevertheless be in full force and effect.

8. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless terminated as provided in Section 7 herein, this Agreement shall be effective as of the last date written below and terminate upon the City's determination that the provisions of this Agreement regarding use of the Agreement funds have been met by the Agency.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

«Organization»

By: _____
Isak Asare
President, Common Council

By: _____
«Pres_BoD»
President, Board of Directors

Date

Date

By: _____
Anna Killion-Hanson, Director
Housing and Neighborhood Development

By: _____
«Director_of_Agency__»
Executive Director

Date

Date

By: _____
Kerry Thomson, Mayor

Date

