Passed 8-0 (Rollo absent)

RESOLUTION 23-08

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2023 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 Susan Sandberg (Chair), Kate Rosenbarger, Jim Sims, and Ron Smith along with City residents Mark Fraley, Tim Mayer, and Jami Scholl; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Committee has $323,000 in budgeted funds to distribute; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held an Organizational Meeting on February 28, 2023 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 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 *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, 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 31, 2023, the Committee received 48 applications seeking approximately $964,877.13 in funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023 the Committee met to discuss the applications, decided to hear from 35 applicants, and raised questions to be addressed by the applicants at the presentation hearing, which was held on April 27, 2023; 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 11, 2023, the Committee met for a pre-allocation meeting and adopted a preliminary recommendation to fund 32 applications and these recommendations were adopted by the Committee at its Allocation Hearing on May 16, 2023; 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 or will be executed by the 32 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 Three Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Dollars ($323,000.00) 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 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.

	Agency	**Grant**	**Purpose**
1.	All Options	$6,900.00	To fund the Hoosier Diaper Program - to pay for diapers, wipes, training underpants, and potty training starter kits
2.	Amethyst House	$12,857.00	To pay for maintenance and remodeling at Women's House at 322 W. 2nd Street
3.	Beacon (Shalom Center)	$12,446.00	To pay for equipment and goods (picnic tables, trash cans, smoker's poles, commercial kitchen work tables, plates, bowls, drain cleaning snake auger) to improve services through kitchen and day center
4.	Bloomington Cooperative Living	$8,400.00	To fund repair of the porch roof membrane at 404 W Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington IN 47404
5.	Bloomington Meals on Wheels	$2,942.00	To fund the Groceries to Go Outreach Project - to pay for staff hours, mileage, and supplies (utility carts, food drive bins, flyers) for mobile food pantry program
6.	Bloomington Refugee Network	$4,571.00	To provide Newly-Arriving Asylum Seeker Family Transition Support - to pay for rental assistance, utility assistance, medical visits, forehead infrared thermometers, transportation, food assistance
7.	Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul	$14,285.00	Housing Stability Program - to pay for rent or rent deposits
8.	Bloomington Winter Farmers Market	$2,714.00	To support the Woolery Farmers' Market SNAP Matching Program - Matching dollars for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program dollars at the farmer's market
9.	Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington	$12,000.00	To be used toward salary of additional professional program director(s) (either Ferguson Crestmont or Lincoln Street)
10.	Cancer Support Community Indiana	$5,000.00	Cancer Patient Assistance - to purchase essential items to meet needs of patients including groceries (food gift cards), transportation (gas or LYFT/Uber/Buss Pass gift cards), wigs and hats, wig application and fittings, program materials
11.	Catholic Charities	$12,500.00	Telehealth infrastructure support initiative - to fund any combination of telehealth needs, including medical records software, Zoom, AME IT support, Docusign, digital phone service, internet
12.	Community Justice and Mediation Center	$21,283.00	To pay for Eviction Prevention Project expenses as described in the Agency's application, including staffing, equipment/technology, supplies, and eviction sealing pilot-related expenses (supplies and attorney stipends)
13.	Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc.	$4,079.00	To pay for replacement of dish sprayer and to purchase Rhino lining for Agency's vans

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14.	Courage to Change Sober Living	$1,979.00	To fund the Courage to Challenge program for the men's residences (a substance misuse recovery pilot project for the men's program), to pay for tickets to events, staff hours, and food related to the program
15.	Dental Care Action, Inc. (Dental Care Center)	$9,388.00	To pay for dental care outreach expenses for low-income and no-income residents (may include initial dental exam/x-rays at shelter locations, self-care dental health products given during exams, dental cleaning/treatments for patients from shelter sites, dental cleaning/treatments for additional referred patients, patient transportation from shelter to Dental Care Center for care
16.	El Centro Comunal Latino	$7,000.00	To support the Health & Housing Assistance Project for Community Integration - to pay for housing and healthcare assistance
17.	Farm to Family Fund, Inc.	$4,000.00	Supporting the Farm to Family Program - to pay for food from Bloomington farmer's market vendors to donate to local agencies serving low-income individuals and families
18.	Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Inc.	$3,650.00	To pay for the purchase of a platform hoist
19.	Healing Hands Outreach Center, Inc.	$6,000.00	To support increasing the capacity of care by developing and growing a volunteer program as described in the Agency's application - to pay for increased staff hours
20.	Hoosier Hills Food Bank	$27,341.00	To purchase food
21.	Hotels for Hope (Hotels for Homeless)	$14,400.00	To fund the Emergency and Transitional Shelter Program - to pay for emergency stays
22.	Indiana Recovery Alliance	$15,000.00	To pay for items related to the office and program expansion as described in the Agency's application - to pay for rent, repairs to outreach van, office furniture, low threshold employment, desktop computers
23.	Monroe County CASA	$17,517.00	To update technology and software - to pay for laptops, docking stations, monitors, keyboards/mice, software purchasing, and installation labor costs
24.	Monroe County United Ministries	$8,430.00	Building Synergy to End Generational Poverty - to pay for office administration, including printer, equipment maintenance, and computer server
25.	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	$17,555.00	Operational support as described in the Agency's application - to pay for operations manager salary, utilities (electric, gas, telephone/internet, trash, water), technology/software (Bloomerang, Adobe, Clearent, Zoom, Canva, Wix), building repair/maintenance (pest control, fire safety, HVAC servicing, rug & mop cleaning
26.	New Hope Family Shelter (dba New Hope for Families)	$21,711.00	Encouraging Healthy Outdoor Activity for At-Risk Children - to pay for outdoor playground and/or outdoor classroom equipment
27.	New Leaf, New Life	$7,017.00	Reducing Recidivism Reentry Case Management and Direct Service Supplies - to pay for staff support, bus tickets, backpacks, and stamps
28.	Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana Kentucky	$7,500.00	Safety-Net Family Planning Services - to pay for contraceptives as described in the Agency's application

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30.	Stone Belt Arc, Inc. and LIFEDesigns, Inc.	$5,785.00	Funding for Job-A-Palooza - a job recruitment event for people of all ages and disabilities during Disability Employment Awareness Month - to pay for any of the event-related costs listed in Agency's application
31.	New Leaf, New Life and New Hope Family Shelter	$13,600.00	Collaborative Housing Grant - to pay for transitional housing rental assistance, case mangement, emergency shelter assistance, post-transitional housing rental assistance
32.	Pantry 279	$9,750.00	Delivery Program Expansion - to fund part-time employee dispatcher position

SECTION 3. The Council authorizes the Chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to resolve any questions regarding the implementation of the 2023 funding agreements.

SECTION 4. The Council also approves the *2023 Report* of this Standing Committee of the Common Council.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 14 day of June, 2023.

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SUE SGAMBELLURI , President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 15 day of June, 2023.

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 15 day of June, 2023.

Mary C. Carmichael for

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution brings forward the recommendations of the 2023 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 $323,000 to 32 different agency programs. The resolution also: 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.

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