



Agenda

Bloomington Common Council Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held in the McCloskey Conference Room (Room #135, City Hall, 401 N. Morton) and may also be accessed electronically via Zoom using the following link:
<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/81198947845?pwd=PmsxefwuqohwbLOSJ6n7IEZKBpua41.1>

I. Brief Review of the 2026 Process

- A. This year there were 39 applications with requests for funding totaling \$700,804.25.
- B. The Committee awarded \$499,994.63 in funds to 35 agencies.

II. Suggested changes to process

- A. Potential topics for further consideration:
 - i. Scoring rubric
 - ii. Transparency and equity
 - iii. Guidance for applicants
 - iv. Review of criteria and application form required in 2026
 - v. Other suggestions?
- B. Committee suggestions to forward to 2027 Committee

III. Other matters

- A. Resolution 2026-11 - Council action on June 10, 2026
- B. Committee Report – *will need signatures from majority of committee members*

IV. Adjournment

Committee Membership

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the members serving on this committee:

| Committee Member | Appointed By | Term |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Isak Nti Asare | Common Council President | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |
| Courtney Daily, Chair | Common Council President | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |
| Dave Rollo | Common Council President | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |
| Andy Ruff | Common Council President | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |
| Camryn Greer | Committee Chair | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |
| Katherine Ntiamoah | Committee Chair | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |
| Eddy Riou | Committee Chair | 1/8/26 – 1/7/27 |

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Bloomington Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- Community Action Television Services (CATS) – <https://catvstv.net>
- YouTube – <https://youtube.com/@citybloomington>

Background materials and packets are available at <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/jack-hopkins/meetings/2026>

**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, 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;

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.

| | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Grant</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-----|--|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana | \$7,000 | |
| 2. | Cancer Support Community South Central Indiana | \$3,650 | |
| 3. | Community Justice and Mediation Center | \$12,998 | |
| 4. | Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc | \$5,903 | |
| 5. | Exodus Refugee Immigration, Inc. | \$18,000 | |
| 6. | Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc | \$40,000 | |
| 7. | My Sister's Closet of Monroe County | \$30,000 | |
| 8. | Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky | \$7,500 | |
| 9. | Sobremesa Foundation, Inc. | \$9,000 | |
| 10. | Summit Hill Community Development Corporation | \$24,980 | |
| 11. | Amethyst House, Inc. | \$18,121.67 | |
| 12. | Avalon Community Land Trust | \$13,667 | |
| 13. | Beacon, Inc. | \$7,086.81 | |

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| 14. | Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington | \$14,026.67 | |
| 15. | Courage to Change Sober Living | \$1,603.67 | |
| 16. | Developmental Services, Inc. | \$2,048.83 | |
| 17. | Girls Inc of Monroe County | \$15,751.17 | |
| 18. | Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County | \$10,900 | |
| 19. | Hotels for Hope Inc. | \$18,000 | |
| 20. | Indiana Recovery Alliance | \$18,862.17 | |
| 21. | Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington | \$7,776.67 | |
| 22. | Kesem at Indiana University | \$1,423.33 | |
| 23. | Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates | \$5,326.42 | |
| 24. | Monroe County Humane Association | \$9,476.33 | |
| 25. | Mother Hubbard's Cupboard | \$12,730.59 | |
| 26. | New Hope Family Shelter DBA New Hope for Families | \$35,190.50 | |
| 27. | New Leaf New Life | \$8,929.20 | |
| 28. | New Leaf-New Life Inc. (w/ Courage to Change Sober Living) | \$2,365.33 | |
| 29. | Pantry 279, Inc. | \$11,038.83 | |
| 30. | Pathways, Inc. | \$4,3134 | |
| 31. | People and Animal Learning Services | \$1,581.33 | |
| 32. | Stone Belt Arc, Inc. | \$3,196.67 | |
| 33. | Tandem Community Birth Center and Postpartum House, INc | \$35,416.67 | |
| 34. | The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center, Inc d/b/a Susie's Place Child Advocacy Centers | \$37,196.27 | |
| 35. | Wheeler Mission | \$6,113.50 | |

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 _____ 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 _____ day of _____, 2025.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

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

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.

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City of Bloomington Common Council
Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee
Report and Recommendation on:

Resolution 2026-11 - Authorizing the Allocation of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program Funds for the Year 2026 and Related Matters

Prologue: The following description of the 2026 Jack Hopkins Social Services Program, along with the supporting documentation attached, constitutes the Report of the 2026 Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee pursuant to Bloomington Municipal Code 2.04.230. The Report of the Committee is advisory in nature.

This is the 34th year of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program, named after former Councilmember Jack Hopkins. Since its inception in 1993 through 2025, the City has awarded nearly \$7 million under this program to serve the needs of our community's most vulnerable residents. Indeed, since the inception of this program, annual funding has increased dramatically: from \$90,000 in 1993 to \$500,000 available in 2026. Each year the demand for funds exceeds supply, and each year the Committee works hard to develop a fair and responsive process, one sensitive to local need and one intended to foster responsible fiscal stewardship. This year, the committee received 38 applications for funding and recommends awarding grant funds to 35 agency programs.

Resolution 2026-11 implements the recommendations of the 2026 Jack Hopkins Committee. The legislation:

- Allocates \$499,994.63 in grant funds to 35 agency programs;
- Approves the form of the *Funding Agreement* with these agencies;
- Delegates questions regarding the interpretation of the *Funding Agreements* to the Chair of the Committee (Councilmember Daily)
- Approves the Report of the Jack Hopkins Committee

Committee Members

The Committee is a Standing Committee of the Council, pursuant to BMC 2.04.210. The 2026 Committee included four Council Members and three members of the public with experience in social services. The non-Council members are appointed by the Committee Chair:

- Courtney Daily (Chair)
- Isak Nti Asare
- Dave Rollo

- Any Ruff
- Camryn Greer
- Katherine Ntiamoah
- Eddy Riou

Housing and Neighborhood Development Department Staff

While Council staff coordinate the program prior to Council Action, Anna Kilion-Hanson and Cody Toothman of HAND provide critical insight and assistance throughout the process. Once Council approves the recommended allocations, Toothman executes reimbursement of funds to agencies, monitors the grants, and otherwise advises agencies post-award.

The 2026 Hopkins Process

The following is a brief summary of the 2026 Committee process:

- **Organizational Meeting – 10 February, 2026**

The committee met to establish policies and procedures for the 2026 program.

At this meeting the Committee:

- Reviewed and made changes to the elaboration of criteria for evaluating and awarding grants;
- Incorporated a detailed scoring rubric to aid in assessing the merits of applications;
- Approved solicitation materials; and
- Established a schedule for 2026

- **Request for Applications Issues – 17 February, 2026**

The Common Council's Office released a press release announcing the availability of the application.

- **Technical Assistance Meeting – 26 February, 2026**

A voluntary Technical Assistance meeting was held on 26 February to explain the program and answer questions from agency representatives. Agencies were encouraged to contact the Council's office with remaining questions.

- **Deadline for Applications – 10 March, 2026**

A total of 39 applications were submitted to the Council's Office by the deadline, requesting a total of \$700,804.25.

- **Initial Review of Applications by the Committee – 6 April, 2026**

The Committee met for an initial review of the applications. The Committee first announced any conflicts of interest before reviewing the applications. During its initial review, the Committee developed questions to be answered by agencies, which were shared with the agencies via email.

- **Agency Presentations – 29 April, 2026**

Agencies were invited to conduct presentations and further elaborate on their applications. Agencies were then able to answer any remaining questions posed by committee members.

- **Pre-Allocation Hearing – 11 May, 2026**

The Committee made preliminary recommendations for funding amounts for certain applicants and requested additional information from others.

- **Allocation Hearing – 26 May, 2026**

The Committee recommended funding for **35** agency applications for a total of **\$499,994.63**. The committee invited public comment during this meeting.

- **De-Briefing Meeting – 2 June, 2026**

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The Committee met to reflect on the 2026 funding cycle and to identify lessons learned to improve future processes. Several key takeaways emerged from this year's experiences:

[INSERT RESULTS OF DEBRIEF MEETING]

Council Action – 10 June 2026

The Common Council will Consider the Resolution approving recommendations and taking related actions regarding the program

Technical Assistance Meeting for Grantees – TBD

The HAND department will schedule a Technical Assistance meeting to inform funded agencies how to obtain reimbursements under the grant.

[Signature page follows]

The 2026 Report of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee is signed by the following majority of its membership:

Council Members:

Courtney Daily, Chair
Council Member, District 5

Date:_____

Isak Nti Asare
Council Member, At-Large

Date:_____

Dave Rollo
Council Member, District 4

Date:_____

Andy Ruff
Council Member, At-Large

Date:_____

Residents with Experience in Social Services:

Camryn Greer

Date:_____

Katherine Ntiamoah

Date:_____

Eddy Riou

Date:_____