

### **MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:**

To: Members of the Common Council
From: Lisa Lehner, Administrator/Attorney for Common Council
Date: May 21, 2025
Re: <u>Resolution 2025-09</u> – Authorizing the Allocation of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program
Funds for the Year 2025 and Related Matters

### **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; accepts the Report of the Committee; and authorizes the Chair of the Committee to resolve any questions regarding the interpretation of the agreements.

### **Relevant Materials**

- <u>Resolution 2025-09</u>
- 2025 Report from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee
  - o 2025 Solicitation Letter, Application, and Funding Agreement Template
  - Elaboration of Criteria
  - o Recommended Allocations Spreadsheet

### Summary

This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program, named after former Councilmember, Jack Hopkins. The Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program Committee is a standing committee of the Common Council pursuant to Bloomington Municipal Code 2.04.210 with the principal task of making funding recommendations to the Common Council regarding the use of discretionary grant funding for social service agencies.

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 had \$500,000 in budgeted funds to distribute. An additional \$10,377.27 is available through past unused program funds. The administration has indicated it is willing to propose an additional appropriation ordinance later this year to make use of these funds.



<u>Resolution 2025-09</u> implements the recommendations of the 2025 Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee. Specifically, the legislation:

- Allocates \$510,377.27 in grant funds to 35 agency programs;
- Approves the template of the Funding Agreements with these agencies and delegates to the Committee Chair the task of resolving any questions regarding their implementation; and
- Approves the Report of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee.

# Contact

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### **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 <u>Resolution 02-16</u>, as amended by <u>Resolution 13-07</u>, <u>Resolution 16-06</u>, <u>Resolution 20-09</u>, and <u>Resolution 21-01</u>, 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 nonreverting 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.

	Agency	Grant	<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.

	Agency	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

HOPI 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk City of Bloomington

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.

### ATTACHMENT A

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

### **«Organization»**

This Agreement entered into in June 2025 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:

the Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee (Committee) reviewed Agency Whereas, 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 2025-09, which provided funding to this Agency in the amount and for the purposes set forth in Sections 1 and 3 of this Agreement; the resolution also delegated the duty of interpreting the Funding Agreement for Whereas. 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:

SECTION 1. USE OF FUNDS

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

### «Project\_Description»

### SECTION 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 <u>December 05, 2025</u>. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing to HAND's Director no later than <u>November 17, 2025</u>. 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 <u>March 20, 2026</u>.

# SECTION 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

# «Amount\_to\_be\_Funded»

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.

# SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

# A. <u>Accounting Procedures</u>

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. <u>Access to Records</u>

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. <u>Retention of Records</u>

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. <u>Reporting Requirement</u>

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 V(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 <u>December 5</u>, <u>2025</u> unless the Agency was granted an extension by the HAND Director, pursuant to Section 2 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 <u>March 20, 2026</u>. Operational expenses are those that are recurring and include outlays for personnel, rent, utilities, maintenance, supplies, client services, and other like ongoing budget items.

### SECTION 5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

# A. <u>General Compliance</u>

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

### 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. <u>Hold Harmless</u>

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. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>

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 insure 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. <u>Compliance with IC 22-5-1.7 – E-Verify Program</u>

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. Agency must provide documentation to the City that 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.

# SECTION 6. NOTICES

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

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

### SECTION 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 the Agency 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.

### SECTION 8. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

Unless terminated as provided in Section 8 herein, this Agreement shall 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:

Hopi Stosberg President, Common Council By: \_\_\_\_\_

«Pres\_BoD» President, Board of Directors

«Director\_of\_Agency»

Date

Date

By:

Anna Killion-Hanson, Director Housing and Neighborhood Development

Date

Executive Director

By: \_

Date

By:

Kerry Thomson, Mayor

Date

### **APPENDIX** A

STATE OF INDIANA

SS:

COUNTY OF MONROE

### SWORN AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby affirms and says that:

1. The undersigned is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_ a. (job title) (agency name)

- 2. The agency named herein that employs the undersigned has been awarded a grant from the City of Bloomington.
- 3. The undersigned hereby states that the agency named herein has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program.
- 4. The undersigned hereby states that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the agency named herein does not knowingly employ an "unauthorized alien," as defined at 8 United States Code 1324a(h)(3).

Signature

Printed name

STATE OF INDIANA ) ) SS: COUNTY OF MONROE )

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Notary Public

Printed name

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Bloomington Common Council Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee

# **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON:**

# <u>RESOLUTION 2025-09</u> – Authorizing the Allocation of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program Funds for the Year 2025 and Related Matters

**Prologue**: The following description of the 2025 Jack Hopkins Social Services Program, along with the supporting documentation attached hereto, constitutes the Report of the 2025 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 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program, named after former Councilmember Jack Hopkins. Since its inception in 1993 through 2024, the City has awarded over \$6.2 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 2025. 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.

**<u>Resolution 2025-09</u>** implements the recommendations of the 2025 Jack Hopkins Committee. The legislation:

- Allocates \$510,377.27 in grant funds to 35 agency programs (\$500,000 appropriated for use in 2025 and \$10,377.27 in unspent funds from previous years);
- 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 Asare);
- 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 2025 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:

- Isak Nti Asare (Chair)
- Courtney Daily
- Dave Rollo
- Andy Ruff
- Nordia McNish
- Camryn Greer
- Eddy Riou

# Housing and Neighborhood Development Department Staff

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

# The 2025 Hopkins Process

The following is a brief summary of the 2025 Hopkins process:

# • Organizational Meeting – 21 February 2025

The Committee met to establish policies and procedures for the 2025 program. At this meeting the Committee:

- o Reviewed and made changes to the elaboration of criteria for evaluating and awarding grants;
- o Incorporated a detailed scoring rubric to aid in assessing the merits of applications;
- o Approved solicitation materials; and
- o Established a schedule for 2025.

# • <u>Request for Applications Issued</u> – 04 March 2025

The Council Office sent a solicitation letter directly to social services agencies, posted the letter and grant application on the Committee's website, and issued a press release announcing the availability of the application.

# • <u>Technical Assistance Meeting</u> – 14 March 2025

A voluntary Technical Assistance meeting was held on 14 March in order to explain the program to, and answer questions from, agency representatives. Agencies were encouraged to contact the Council office with remaining questions.

# • <u>Deadline for Applications</u> – 21 March 2025

A total of 38 applications were submitted to the Council Office by the deadline requesting a total of \$965,372.77.

# • <u>Distribution of Packet of Applications</u> – 04 April 2025

The Council Office distributed summaries and application materials to committee members and staff.

• Initial Review of Applications by the Committee – 15 April 2025

The Committee met for an initial review of the applications. The Committee first announced any conflicts of interests 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 – 22 April 2025

Agency Presentations were held in a hybrid meeting format. Agencies made presentations. Agencies were then able to answer any remaining questions posed by committee members.

• <u>Individual Committee Member Recommendations</u> Committee members submitted individual recommended allocations and comments to the Council Office using a scoring rubric. The Council Office compiled scores and comments and averaged scores for its next meeting.

# • Pre-Allocation Meeting - 06 May 2025

Two members (Riou and McNish) affirmed that they submitted Disclosure Statements of

potential conflicts of interest and affirmed that they had no financial interest in the applicant organizations with which they are affiliated; that their relationships with the applicant organizations were not dependent on the award of grant funds; that their relationships would continue whether or not grants were awarded; and that they would receive no interest in awarded grant funds. The Committee made preliminary recommendations for funding amounts for certain applicants and requested additional information from others.

# • <u>Allocation Hearing</u> - 16 May 2025

The Committee recommended funding for 35 agency applications for a total of \$510,377.27. The committee invited public comment during this meeting.

# • De-Briefing Meeting – 20 May 2025

The Committee met to reflect on the 2025 funding cycle and to identify lessons learned to improve future processes. Several key takeaways emerged from this year's experience:

- 1. **Streamlined Interviews**: The Committee made a significant procedural change by interviewing only those agencies for which members had outstanding questions. This adjustment led to a far more efficient and focused process while maintaining fairness and due diligence.
- 2. **Implementation of a Scoring Rubric**: Following last year's committee recommendation, this year's committee piloted a formal rubric to assess applications. While the rubric was a helpful step toward greater structure and transparency, members noted that it requires refinement. In particular, the rubric lacked more refined evaluative categories, and its connection to funding decisions needs to be clarified. The committee recommends that JHSS continue to work with this rubric in following years. However, the committee recommends that this rubric be refined. Any future updates to the rubric should be reflected in all relevant program guidelines and materials (e.g. application form) to ensure alignment and consistency.
- 3. **Call for more flexible schedule**: The compressed timeline of the 2025 process posed challenges for both Committee members and applicants. Several members noted the difficulty of conducting thorough reviews, deliberations, and follow-up discussions within the limited time available. Greater scheduling flexibility—whether by extending the application window, adjusting meeting spacing, or starting the process earlier—was identified as a key improvement for future years. The Committee expressed interest in adding at least one more meeting to the funding cycle in future years to allow for more in-depth discussion and refinement of the rubric before finalizing the call for applications. Council staff also requested more time between meetings for preparation of necessary documentation, reports, packets etc.
- 4. **Priority Setting Within Broader Categories**: The Committee discussed the potential value of setting more specific funding priorities to be announced on a year to year basis within the program's broad eligibility criteria—enabling a more targeted and transparent response to emerging or urgent community needs while still maintaining flexibility.
- 5. **Exploration of a Universal Application**: The Committee expressed interest in working with other City and county grantmaking entities to explore the feasibility of something like a

- 5. **Exploration of a Universal Application**: The Committee expressed interest in working with other City and county grantmaking entities to explore the feasibility of something like a "universal application". Such a system could allow agencies to apply for multiple City funding streams through a single application, reducing administrative burden and improving coordination across funding programs. The committee also discussed better data sharing possibilities between funds and programs.
- 6. **Collaboration and Support:** The committee emphasized the need for collaboration and coordination with other city departments and granting agencies. The committee affirms its support of JHSS remaining under the Common Council's control.
- 7. **Demand Exceeds Supply**: This year, the Committee received 38 applications requesting a total of \$965,372.77 in funding—nearly double the available resources. The gap between need and available funding underscores the importance of increasing the size of the Jack Hopkins fund in future years to better meet community demand.

These reflections should guide future cycles as the Committee continues its efforts to ensure that the process remains equitable, transparent, and responsive to the evolving needs of Bloomington's most vulnerable residents.

- <u>Council Action</u> 21 May 2025 The Common Council will consider the *Resolution* approving recommendations and taking related actions regarding the program.
- <u>Technical Assistance Meeting for Grantees</u> Tuesday, 16 June 2025 The HAND department has scheduled a Technical Assistance meeting to inform funded agencies how to obtain reimbursements under the grant.

The 2025 Report of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee is signed by the following majority of its membership:

Council Members

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Isak Nti Asare (Chair) Council Member, At-Large

Courtney Daily Council Member, District V

Date

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Dave Rollo Council Member, District IV

Andy Ruff

Council Member, At-Large

**Residents With Experience in Social Services** 

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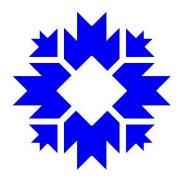
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# City of Bloomington Common Council

# Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee

February 28 2025

Dear Social Services Agency:

The City of Bloomington Common Council's Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee invites your organization to apply for 2025 grant funding to support critical services for Bloomington residents. This year, the Committee has \$500,000 available to distribute. Since its founding in 1993, the Jack Hopkins Fund has awarded over \$6 million to social service agencies working to improve the lives of our community's most vulnerable residents.

As stewards of taxpayer dollars, the Committee prioritizes projects with lasting impact—initiatives that create meaningful, long-term improvements in the community. To ensure responsible funding decisions, the Committee may choose not to allocate all available funds if applications do not meet its criteria.

This year, the Committee has introduced several updates to improve the grant process, including the adoption of a scoring rubric to enhance transparency and consistency in funding decisions. Please review the information below to ensure your application aligns with our funding priorities and guidelines.

# Changes for 2025

The Jack Hopkins Committee has made a few clarifications or additions within its criteria for 2025:

- 1) <u>Clarification added to Claims Submission Dates</u> Claims will only be considered for expenses incurred after the date that the Common Council allocates the Jack Hopkins funds via authorizing resolution (in mid-June).
- 2) 501(c)(3) Documentation Now Required for All Applicants

**All applicants** must now submit 501(c)(3) documentation with their application to be considered for funding, including those who have previously applied

3) <u>Changes to Agency Presentations</u>

To streamline the decision making process, and ease the burden on agencies, agency presentations will be requested only from applicants for whom the Grant Committee requires additional information. All other applicants will not be asked to present to the Committee.

# 4) Adoption of a Rubric

To enhance transparency and consistency in the evaluation process, the Grant Committee has adopted a scoring rubric for this year's solicitation. All applications will be assessed using standardized criteria to ensure fairness and alignment with funding priorities. The rubric will provide applicants with clearer expectations and allow for more structured feedback. The rubric can be found <u>here</u>.

# Proposal Must Meet the Following Criteria:

To ensure that funding is allocated effectively, all proposals must meet the following criteria. The **Elaboration of Criteria** document provides further details on each requirement, including definitions, examples, and key considerations. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review this document to better understand how their proposals will be evaluated. A link to the full document is available <u>here</u>. Below is a summary of the key criteria:

# 1) Address an Identified Priority for Social Services Funding.

a. The need should be identified in some manner, such as in the *Service Community Assessment of Needs* (SCAN), City of Bloomington, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's *Consolidated Plan* or any other community-wide survey of social service needs. High funding priorities include emergency services (food, shelter or healthcare) or other support services to City residents who are: lowmoderate income, under 18-years old, elderly, affected with a disability, or are otherwise disadvantaged.

# 2) Scope of Funding

- a. While the Grant Committee has a strong preference for one-time investments that leverage matching funds or other fiscal resources, applications for operational expenses will also be considered. However, agencies requesting operational funding should demonstrate how the investment contributes to a sustainable, long-term impact and should not rely on future Jack Hopkins funding to maintain ongoing expenses. Strong proposals for operational costs will include a clear plan for future funding and, where possible, demonstrate additional financial support through matching funds, partnerships, or other fiscal mechanisms
- 3) Make a Broad and Long-Lasting Contribution To Our Community.

- a. As articulated by Jack Hopkins himself "[P]riority should be given to projects or programs where investments now will have a positive, long-term spillover effect (such as reduced susceptibility to...diseases, decreased absences from school, reducing lost time from work, [alleviating the effects of poverty]...etc.)."
- <u>Expenses Incurred Prior to the Allocation of Jack Hopkins Funds.</u>
   Expenses incurred prior to the allocation of Jack Hopkins Funds as authorized via common council resolution (mid-June) will not be considered.

# Collaborative Projects – Two Applications Allowed

The Committee continues to accept applications for collaborative projects that address communitywide social problems and more efficiently meet the needs of social service agencies and agency clients. Note that if you are submitting a collaborative application, you may submit <u>two</u> applications – an individual application on behalf of your agency and another as part of your collaborative proposal. If submitting an application for a collaborative project, applicants must include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

# **Elaboration of Criteria**

Over time, the Committee has refined each criterion. A detailed explanation of criteria is provided in the Committee's *Elaboration of Criteria*, posted on the Committee's webpage <u>here</u>. Agencies are strongly encouraged to review this document.

# **Other Requirements**

In addition to satisfying the Jack Hopkins criteria, to be eligible for funding an application must meet the following requirements:

- Hopkins funds are intended to be put to work in the community as soon as possible. For that reason, agencies must submit final claims no later than <u>December 4, 2025.</u>
- The program for which funding is sought *must primarily benefit City residents*.
- The application must request a minimum of \$1,000.
- The applicant must be a 501(c)(3), or be sponsored by one. In the event the applicant is sponsored by a 501(c)(3), the sponsoring agency must provide a letter acknowledging its fiscal relationship to the applicant. This year, all applicants will be required to submit 501(c)(3) documentation, including those who have previously applied.

- One application per agency, unless participating in a collaborative project.
- Any agency receiving Jack Hopkins funds must participate in the federal <u>E-Verify</u> program.

# Living Wage Requirements

Some not-for-profit agencies receiving Jack Hopkins Funds are subject to the City's Living Wage Ordinance, *Bloomington Municipal Code* §2.28. For 2025, the Living Wage is \$16.22 an hour, of which \$2.43 may be in form of health insurance to the covered employee.

An agency is subject to the Living Wage Ordinance, **only if all three** of the following are true:

- 1. The agency has at least 15 employees; and
- 2. The agency receives \$25,000 or more in assistance from the City in the same calendar year; *and*
- 3. At least \$25,000 of the funds received are for the operation of a social services program, not for physical improvements.

An agency who meets all three criteria is not obligated to pay the full amount of the living wage in the first two years they received assistance from the City; instead they are subject to a phase-in requirement. Please visit the <u>City's Living Wage Ordinance page</u> to learn more.

# How to Apply

To be eligible for consideration, your agency **must** submit the following. Applications that are missing any of the required information will be eliminated from further consideration.

- ✓ **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM**. Electronic forms are available <u>here</u>. (<u>Return as a PDF</u>)
- ✓ PROJECT BUDGET DETAILING THE USE OF HOPKINS FUNDS A budget template is available <u>here</u>. (<u>Please Note</u>: this is a detailed accounting of how Jack Hopkins dollars would be spent on the project proposed in the application, not the budget for the organization)
- ✓ **APPLICATION SUMMARY** available <u>here</u>. (<u>Return as a Word Document</u>)
- ✓ A YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT including fund balances, total revenue and expenditures
- ✓ **SIGNED, WRITTEN ESTIMATES** if seeking funding for equipment or capital improvements

# ✓ A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING signed by all agencies participating in an

application for a Collaborative Project

# ✓ 501(c)(3) DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

All agencies, including those who have previously applied for Jack Hopkins funding, are required to submit proof of 501(c)(3) documentation.

# 2025 Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Schedule

Technical Assistant Meeting for Applicants	Friday, 14 March 2025 at 4:00 pm
APPLICATION DEADLINE	Friday, 21 March 2025 BY 4:00 PM
Agency Presentations	Tuesday, 22 April 2025 at 6:00 pm
Committee Recommends Allocation of Funds	Friday, 16 May 2025 at 4:00 pm
Common Council Acts on Committee Recommendations	Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 6:30 pm
Agencies Sign Funding Agreements	Early June 2025
HAND Technical Assistance Meeting for Grantees on Claims & Reimbursements <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD

General Guidance

- <u>Attend the Technical Assistance Meeting for Applicants</u>

While attendance at the Technical Assistance Meeting is not required, it is strongly encouraged for new applicants and for those agencies whose applications have not been successful in the past. Bring your questions.

- Read the Elaboration of Criteria as Posted on the Committee's webpage.

This document provides further explanation of the Committee's funding criteria. Agencies whose proposals are not successful sometimes fail because the proposal runs afoul of a rule in this document.

- Keep your Application Clear and Concise.

- <u>Review an Example of a Well-Written Application</u> as posted on the Committee's webpage.
- <u>Be Bold, you will not be penalized for big asks.</u> Though the minimum ask is only \$1,000, please note that the committee expects to award a combination of small and large grants this year.
- Peruse Other Successful Applications as posted on the <u>Committee's webpage</u>.

# About the Jack Hopkins Committee

The Committee is composed of four members of the Bloomington Common Council and three City residents with experience in social services. Councilmembers serving are: Isak Nti Asare (Chair), Courtney Daily, Dave Rollo, and Andy Ruff. The resident appointments are: Eddy Riou, Camryn Greer, and Nordia McNish.

# Help with Applications

The application process is designed to be simple. However, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call. You can email the Council Office at council@bloomington.in.gov or Cody Toothman in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department at cody.toothman@bloomington.in.gov.

The Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee is committed to supporting projects that create meaningful, long-term benefits for Bloomington residents. We encourage agencies to carefully review the funding criteria, ensure their proposals align with the program's priorities, and take advantage of available resources, such as the Technical Assistance Meeting. If you have any questions about the application process or eligibility, please do not hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your dedication to serving our community and look forward to reviewing your proposals.

Thank you for everything you do to serve this community.

Sincerely,

# /s/ Isak Nti Asare

Isak Nti Asare, Chair 2025 Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee City of Bloomington Common Council



# **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

All applicants for 2025 Jack Hopkins funding must submit the following:

- ✓ **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM** (return as a PDF)
- ✓ **COMPLETED APPLICATION SUMMARY** (return as a Word Document)
- ✓ PROJECT BUDGET DETAILING THE USE OF JACK HOPKINS FUND (Please Note: this is a detailed accounting of how Jack Hopkins dollars would be spent on the project proposed in the application, not an organization budget)
- ✓ A YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT fund balances, total revenue, expenditures
- ✓ **SIGNED, WRITTEN ESTIMATES** if seeking funding for capital improvements
- ✓ **501(c)(3) DOCUMENTATION** for **all** applicants.
- ✓ A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING signed by all agencies participating in an application for a Collaborative Project

ALL APPLICATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Send to: <a href="mailto:council@bloomington.in.gov">council@bloomington.in.gov</a>

with subject line "[agency name] - 2025 JHSSF App"

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.



# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Lead Agency Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	_
E-Mail:	_
Website:	_
President of Board of Directors:	
Name of Executive Director:	
Phone:E-Mail:	
Name of Grant Writer:	
Phone:	
E-Mail:	

# **AGENCY INFORMATION**

Is the Lead Agency a 501(c)(3)?	501(c)(3) documentation is included with this application	
Yes No	Yes	
NO	No	

# Number of Employees:

	Number of Employees:			
Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers		

# **MISSION STATEMENT** (150 words or less)

**Note to faith-based applicants:** If your organization is a faith-based agency, please provide the mission statement of your proposed project, <u>not</u> your agency. Please further note: 1) Hopkins funds may never be used for inherently religious activity; 2) Any religious activity must be separate in time or place from Hopkins-funded activity; 3) Religious instruction cannot be a condition for the receipt of services; and 4) Any Hopkins program must be open to all without a faith test.

# **PROJECT INFORMATION**

# Name of the project to be funded: Total cost of project: Total cost of project: Requested amount of Jack Hopkins funding: Number of <u>City residents</u> to be served by this project in 2025: Number of <u>clients</u> to be served by this project in 2025:

# **PROJECT SYNOPSIS** (200 words or less)

**Describe the project to be funded**. Begin your synopsis with the amount you are requesting and a concrete description of your proposed project. *Example - "We are requesting \$7,000 for an energy-efficient freezer to expand our emergency food service program."* 

# **COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS**

# Is this a collaborative project?

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Yes	
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No

If yes, list the name(s) of agency partner(s)

How do your missions, operations and services complement each other?

# What is the existing relationship between agencies?

# How will communication and coordination change as a result of the project?

Explain any challenges and steps you plan to take to address those challenges.

For collaborative projects, please attach a signed Memorandum of Understanding to this application.

# **PROJECT LOCATION**

Address where the project will be housed (if different than agency address):

**Do you own or have site control of the property at which the project is to take place?** Yes No N/A

# If you are seeking funds for capital improvements to real estate <u>and</u> if you do not own the property at which the project will take place, please explain your long-term

**interest in the property.** For example, how long has the project been housed at the site? Do you have a contract/option to purchase? If you rent, how long have you rented this property and what is the length of the lease? Be prepared to provide a copy of your deed, purchase agreement, or lease agreement upon the Committee's request.

Is the property zoned for your intended use? If "no," please explain:	Yes	No	N/A

If permits, variances, or other forms of approval are required for your project, please indicate whether the approval has been received. If it has not been received, please

indicate the entity from which the permitting or approval is sought and the length of time it takes to secure the permit or approval. *Note: Funds will not be disbursed until all requisite variances or approvals are obtained.* 

# **PROJECT COSTS**

# Is this request for operational funds? (e.g., salaries, rent, vouchers, etc), Yes No

# If "yes," indicate the nature of the operational request:

Pilot Bridge Collaborative

None of the above – General request for operational funds

**Other Expected Project Funds:** (Indicate source, amount, and whether confirmed or pending):

Describe when you plan to submit your claims for reimbursement and what steps precede a complete draw down of funds:

# If completion of your project depends on other anticipated funding, please describe when those funds are expected to be received:

# FISCAL LEVERAGING (100 words or less)

**Describe how your project will leverage other resources** (e.g., other funds, in-kind contributions, or volunteers.)

If the Committee is unable to meet your full request, will you be able to proceed

with partial funding? (Due to limited funds, the Committee may recommend partial funding for a program)

Yes	No
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# If "yes", provide an itemized list of program elements, ranked by priority:

	Item	Cost
Priority #1		
Priority #2		
Priority #3		
Priority #4		
Priority #5		
Priority #6		
Priority #7		
Total Requested		

# **JACK HOPKINS FUNDING CRITERIA**

# **NEED** (200 words or less)

Explain how your project addresses a previously-identified priority for social services funding as documented in the <u>Service Community Assessment of Needs</u>, the City of Bloomington, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's <u>2020-2024 Consolidated Plan</u>, <u>2025-2029 Consolidated Plan</u>, or any other community-wide survey of social service needs.

# **ONE-TIME INVESTMENT** (100 words or less)

Jack Hopkins Funds are intended to be a one-time investment. Explain how your project fits this criterion. If you are requesting operational funds (e.g., salaries, rent, vouchers, etc), you must detail your plan for future funding.

# **LONG-TERM BENEFITS** (200 words or less)

How will your project have broad and long-lasting benefits for our community?

# **OUTCOME INDICATORS** (100 words or less)

# Describe the outcome indicators to be used to measure the success of your project.

The ultimate outcome of a project (e.g., reduced hunger, homelessness or addiction rates) are often not readily observable within the Jack Hopkins funding period. For that reason, we are asking agencies to provide us with outcome indicators. In contrast to program activities (what you bought or did with grant funds) and the long-term impacts of a program (the lasting social change effected by your initiative), the data we seek are the short-term, preferably quantitative indicators used to measure the change your program has created during the period of your funding agreement. *Example: an agency providing a service might cite to the number of persons with new or improved access to a service.* 

Use this space to provide other information you think the Committee would find useful. Any additional comments should supplement, not restate, information provided in the foregoing.

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

#### **«Organization»**

This Agreement entered into in June 2025 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 <u>Resolution 2025-09</u> , which provided funding to this Agency in the amount and for the purposes set forth in Sections 1 and 3 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:

SECTION 1. USE OF FUNDS

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

#### «Project\_Description»

#### SECTION 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 <u>December 05, 2025</u>. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing to HAND's Director no later than <u>November 17, 2025</u>. 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 <u>March 20, 2026</u>.

#### SECTION 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

## «Amount\_to\_be\_Funded»

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.

#### SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

#### A. <u>Accounting Procedures</u>

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. <u>Access to Records</u>

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. <u>Retention of Records</u>

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. <u>Reporting Requirement</u>

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 V(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 <u>December 5</u>, <u>2025</u> unless the Agency was granted an extension by the HAND Director, pursuant to Section 2 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 <u>March 20, 2026</u>. Operational expenses are those that are recurring and include outlays for personnel, rent, utilities, maintenance, supplies, client services, and other like ongoing budget items.

#### SECTION 5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### A. <u>General Compliance</u>

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

#### 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. <u>Hold Harmless</u>

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. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>

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 insure 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. <u>Compliance with IC 22-5-1.7 – E-Verify Program</u>

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. Agency must provide documentation to the City that 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.

#### SECTION 6. NOTICES

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

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

#### SECTION 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 the Agency 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.

#### SECTION 8. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

Unless terminated as provided in Section 8 herein, this Agreement shall 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:

Hopi Stosberg President, Common Council By: \_\_\_\_\_

«Pres\_BoD» President, Board of Directors

«Director\_of\_Agency»

Date

Date

By:

Anna Killion-Hanson, Director Housing and Neighborhood Development

Date

Executive Director

By: \_

Date

By:

Kerry Thomson, Mayor

Date

#### **APPENDIX** A

STATE OF INDIANA

SS:

COUNTY OF MONROE

#### SWORN AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby affirms and says that:

- 1. The undersigned is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_ a. (job title) (agency name)
- 2. The agency named herein that employs the undersigned has been awarded a grant from the City of Bloomington.
- 3. The undersigned hereby states that the agency named herein has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program.
- 4. The undersigned hereby states that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the agency named herein does not knowingly employ an "unauthorized alien," as defined at 8 United States Code 1324a(h)(3).

Signature

Printed name

STATE OF INDIANA ) ) SS: COUNTY OF MONROE )

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



## Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program

## Elaboration of Criteria for Evaluating and Awarding Grants

In 1993 Jack Hopkins wrote a letter outlining a set of criteria for the use of these social services funds. Those criteria have since served as the basis for allocating the funds. The following is an elaboration of those criteria. These interpretations have been approved by the Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee.

## **Program Focus**

The program should address an identified priority for social services funds (as indicated in the <u>Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN</u>), the City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's <u>Consolidated Plan</u>, or any other community-wide survey of social service needs.)

This investment in the program should lead to broad and long lasting benefits to the community. Again, in the words of Jack Hopkins, "priority should be given to projects or programs where investments now will have a positive, long-term spillover-effects (such as reduced susceptibility to ...diseases, decreased absences from school, reducing lost time (from work) ..., etc.)

## Eligibility

- 1. **Eligibility**: this grant is restricted to organizations that are classified as 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code.
- 2. **One Application per Agency:** Each agency can submit one application, except for collaborative projects, which allow for an additional application.
- 3. **Capital Improvements:** Funding for improvements to properties outside city limits or not owned by the applicant is discouraged.
- 4. **Minimum Request:** The minimum funding request is \$1,000.
- 5. **Funding Agreement:** Agencies must enter into a funding agreement with the City of Bloomington, with funds provided on a reimbursement basis.
- 6. **Expenditure Deadline:** Grants must be expended and verified by December of the award year, unless an extension is granted.
- 7. **Proportionality:** The funding request should be proportional to the number of clients served by the project.

Each of these are discussed further under "other policies" section below.

## **Priorities**

The Common Council prioritizes programs that provide food, housing, healthcare, or other services to city residents who are of low or moderate income, under 18-years of age, elderly, affected with a disability, or otherwise disadvantaged.

- I. <u>City Residency</u> Programs that primarily serve City residents are given a high priority.
- II. <u>Low Income</u> Programs primarily serving low-income populations are given a high priority.
- III. <u>Emergency Services</u> Programs primarily providing emergency services (e.g. food, housing, and mental and physical medical services) are given a high priority.
- IV. <u>Marginalized Groups</u> Programs providing services to historically marginalized populations or groups are given a high priority.

## Scope of Funding

The Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program seeks to encourage innovation and address changing community needs. Further, the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program recognizes that in the current economic climate, operational funding, essential to a non-profit's continued provision of services, is difficult to come by. The Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program will consider requests for both one-time investments and operational expenses.

## **In-Scope**

## **One-Time Investment**

Applications requesting funds for projects that address changing circumstances in the community are encouraged. Requests should provide a one-time investment that, through matching funds or other fiscal leveraging, make a significant contribution to the project. EXAMPLES – capital improvements, community health initiatives, seed funding for new programs etc.

## **Operational Expenses**

Applications requesting operational expenses will also be considered. These expenses are recurring rather than non-recurring and examples typically include outlays for personnel, rent, utilities, maintenance, supplies, client services, and other ongoing budget items.

## **Fiscal Leveraging**

In the words of Jack Hopkins, who originally proposed these criteria, investments "should be leveraged wherever possible by matching funds from other sources." Agencies may demonstrate such leveraging by using matching funds, working in partnership with other agencies, or through other means.

## **Collaborative Projects**

The Committee encourages social service agencies to collaborate to address local social service needs. Agencies may submit a Collaborative Project application in addition to a standard application.

Out-of-Scope

## Paid Time Off and Bonuses

Paid time off and bonuses shall not be considered eligible for Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding.

Agencies seeking funding for operational expenses should be aware that future funding may be unavailable or inadequate to cover their needs and therefore they should not rely solely on Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding for their operational expenses. Any request for operational funding should be accompanied by a well-developed plan for future funding.

## Funding of Events and Celebrations

Historically the Council has not funded applications that promote or implement events or celebrations. This policy is based upon the conclusion that these occasions do not engender the broad and long-lasting effects required above.

## Applications from City Agencies and Other Property Tax Based Entities

Over the years the Council has not funded applications submitted by city departments. This is based on the theory that the departments have other, more appropriate avenues for requesting funds and should not compete against other agencies, which do not have the benefit of city resources at their disposal. Except on rare occasions, the Council has not directly or indirectly funded agencies that have the power to levy property taxes or whose primary revenues derive from property taxes.

## Expenses Incurred Prior to the Allocation of Jack Hopkins Funds

Expenses incurred prior to the allocation of Jack Hopkins Funds (mid-June) will not be considered. Agencies may only submit claims for expenses incurred after the adoption of the resolution authorizing the grant allocations for that particular funding cycle.

## **Collaborative Projects**

The Committee encourages social service agencies to collaborate in order to solve common problems and better address local social service needs. To serve these ends, the Committee will allow agencies to submit an application for funding as a Collaborative Project. An agency may submit a collaborative project application in addition to submitting a standard application.

## **Collaborative Project Applicants**

Applicants pursuing such funding should:

- I. Declare that they are seeking funds as a Collaborative Project and describe the project
- II. Describe each agency's mission, operations, and services, and how they do or will complement one another

- III. Describe the existing relationships between the agencies and how the level of communication and coordination will change as a result of the project
- IV. Identify challenges to the collaboration and set forth steps that address the greatest challenges to its success
- V. Address the following standard criteria and explain how the collaborative project will:
  - Serve a previously-recognized community need
  - Achieve fiscal leveraging or efficiencies
  - Provide broad and long lasting benefits to the community
- VI. Complete a Memorandum of Understanding signed by authorized representatives of collaborating agencies and detailing the allocation of duties between them

## **Explanation of Policies**

## Agency Acting as Fiscal Agent Must have 501(c) (3) Status

The agency that acts as the fiscal agent for the grant must be incorporated as a 501(c)(3) corporation. This policy is intended to assure that grant funds go to organizations:

- I. With boards who are legally accountable for implementing the funding agreements
- II. With the capability of raising matching funds which is an indicator of the long-term viability of the agency.

Given its mission, the presence of a board, and its general viability, an exception has historically been made for the Bloomington Housing Authority.

## One Application per Agency – Exception for Collaborative Projects

Except as noted below, each agency is limited to one application. This policy is intended to:

- I. Spread funds among more agencies
- II. Assure the suitability and quality of applications by having the agency focus and risk their efforts on one application at a time
- III. Lower the administrative burden by reducing the number of applications of marginal value.

As noted above, an exception to this rule applies to agencies that submit an application as a Collaborative Project. Those agencies may also submit one other application that addresses the standard criteria.

# Improvements to Real Property Located Outside of City Limits or not Owned by the Applicant Agency are Discouraged

Applicants are advised that the Committee typically does not grant funds to agencies for capital improvements to real property located outside of city limits or not owned by the agency.

Applications for construction, renovation, or improvements to a building located outside of city limits or not owned by the applicant agency will be given a low priority.

## \$1,000 Minimum Dollar Amount for Request

This is a competitive funding program involving many hours on the part of staff and the committee members deliberating upon and monitoring proposals. The \$1,000 minimum amount was chosen as a good balance between the work expended and the benefits gained from awarding these small grants.

### Funding Agreement - Reimbursement of Funds

Agencies that are granted funds will be expected to enter into a funding agreement with the City of Bloomington. The Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Department has been monitoring funding agreements since 2001. In order to be consistent with the practices it employs in monitoring CDBG and other funding programs, the funding agreements provide for a reimbursement of funds. Rather than receiving the funds before performing the work, agencies either perform the work and seek reimbursement, or enter into the obligation and submit a request for the city to pay for it.

## Expenditure Before the End of the Year

In order to avoid having the City unnecessarily encumber funds, agencies should plan to expend and verify these grants before December of the year the grant is awarded, unless specifically approved in the funding agreement or granted an extension by the Director of HAND. Please note that funds encumbered from one calendar year to the next cannot be reimbursed by use of the City's credit cards.

#### Proportionality of Funding Request Relative to Clients Served

In making funding decisions, the Committee may consider the amount of funding requested relative to the number of clients that would be served by a given project.

## Guidelines for the Use of Jack Hopkins Funds in Relation to Religious Activities

Jack Hopkins funds may never be used for inherently religious activity; 2) Any religious activity must be separate in time or place from Hopkins-funded activity; 3) Religious instruction cannot be a condition for the receipt of services; and 4) Any Hopkins program must be open to all without a faith test.

#### 2025 JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS

PART 1			
AGENCY	PROJECT	ALLOCATION	
	Restore some exterior portions and update interior rooms: fresh		
	window trim outside & siding pieces; update the paint inside. Remove a		
Amethyst House	tree threatening to fall onto new roof.	\$	17,050.00
Avalon Community Land Trust / Unitarian Universalist Church of			
Bloomington	Community Garden in Association with Low Cost Housing	\$	14,075.00
	Covering operational funds to meet budget deficit for Friend's Place,		
Beacon	emergency womens' shelter	\$	29,351.88
	To repair flood damage to the two community rooms, the exercise room		
	and the computer lab. We will convert the computer lab into a clinic		
	room to improve our provision of professional medical and mental		
Beacon / HealthNet	health care onsite. And for medical equipment.	\$	26,251.00
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	Funds for part-time Community Relationship Specialist that will expand		
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana	capacity to process, recruit, and match volunteers with youth.	\$	17,000.00
Bloomington Cooperative Living	HVAC upgrades to communal living home	\$	14,593.00
Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul serving Monroe County	Provide utility assistance to Bloomington residents in need	\$	30,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington	Long term lease for Ellettsville club	\$	12,000.00
	Providing therapy services for children with adverse childhood		·
Catholic Charities Bloomington	experiences	\$	20,000.00
	Eviction Prevention Project (EPP): Mediation, Case Management, and		•
Community Justice and Meditation Center	Tenant Support	\$	22,210.00
Community Kitchen	Essential food purchases	\$	20,000.00
Courage to Change Sober Living	Drug tests for use in sober living houses	\$	2,745.00
El Centro Comunal Latino	Reinitiation of a biliteracy program for Latine children	\$	4,000.00
	Emergency assistance for refugees resettled in Bloomington, who are		
	struggling to meet their basic needs, such as housing and food, while		
Exodus Refugee Immigration	working toward self-sufficiency and supporting their families.	Ś	11,250.00
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	Personnel expenses, program costs, and participant scholarships for		
Girls Inc. of Monroe County	Girls Inc. of Monroe County's youth development programs,	Ś	10,000.00
·····	Support the purchase, assembly, and distribution of 960 Health and		
	Hope To-Go Bags for Bloomington's unhoused population over a 24-		
Healing Hands Outreach Center	week period.	\$	9,273.60
Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center DBA Susie's Place	Upgrade worn furniture and to improve technology for staff.	Ś	3,994.89

PART 2			
	We are requesting \$35,000 to purchase healthy food that will		
Hoosier Hills Food Bank	supplement our ongoing donated food collection efforts.	\$	35,000.00
Indiana Recovery Alliance	Fund a full-time grant manager	\$	20,000.00
	To create Lantern's Kinship Family Support Project, providing hands-on		
	help, programming, and resources for adopted, foster, collaborative,		
Lantern Support Services	and kinship families.	\$	15,360.00
	Requesting \$5,400 (\$225/session) to pay for group process therapeutic		
Monroe County CASA	services with Spencer Psychology.	\$	5,400.00
	To fund essential pet care services for low-income families in		
Monroe County Humane Association	Bloomington.	\$	11,125.00
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	A new greenhouse for our Garden program.	\$	5,700.00
	Upgrading existing client computer bay that is currently using four		
	outdated, five-year-old computers. And, To our Client Services		
	Coordinator a partial salary who will be heading up our new client		
My Sister's Closet / Amethyst House	training program	\$	18,500.00
	For men's jeans, shoes, underwear, jackets and shirts to supplement our		
New Leaf New Life	Reentry Mentorship Program.	\$	6,328.90
	To be used to support the Children's Summer Food Program and the		
Pantry 279	cost of food deliveries.	\$	12,000.00
	To replace furniture and educational and development resources in two		
Pathways	of our Compass Early Learning Center classrooms.	\$	20,000.00
People and Animal Learning Services / Centerstone Recovery	funding for equine-assisted learning program to support adults		
Men's and Women's Program	undergoing addiction recovery.	\$	9,600.00
	To provide low-to-no cost access to sexual and reproductive health		
Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana,	services for patients who are uninsured, under-insured, and/or living at		
Kentucky	or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.	\$	7,500.00
	to continue and expand the Refugee Employment Program. It will		
	reimburse refugees wages currently paid by ReStore sales revenue and	<u>,</u>	20,000,00
ReStore / Habitat for Humanity	a percentage of staff time needed to help refugees,	\$	30,000.00
	To remove the wood lop siding surrently installed at the accurate materia		
South Control Community Action Broaren	To remove the wood lap siding currently installed at the agency's main	e e	20.000.00
South Central Community Action Program	building and replace it with insulated vinyl siding.	\$ \$	30,000.00
Special Olympics Indiana Monroe County	To replace and update our sports uniforms. to facilitate Job-A-Palooza for people of all ages and disabilities in	Ş	1,560.00
Stone Balt / Down Syndrome Family Connection		ė	E 000 00
Stone Belt / Down Syndrome Family Connection	October during Disability Employment Awareness Month.	\$	5,000.00
Tandem Community Birth Center and Postpartum House, Inc.	Support our postpartum doula services for low-income clients.	ć	6 000 00
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PART 3			
	For financially need-based Monroe County soci	al service organizations	
	to visit the museum through complimentary ad	mission and/or field	
WonderLab Museum	trips.	\$	7,509.00

TOTAL \$

510,377.27

Applicants not recommended for funding			
Crested Hill Refuge	mental health care, with equine therapy		
Habitat for Humanity	Truck for Habitat construction		
New Hope for Families	Shade sails in our Early Learning Center's outdoor classrooms		