



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMON COUNCIL**

**2011
JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES
FUNDING PROGRAM**

APPLICATIONS & SUMMARIES

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To: Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee
From: Council Office
Re: Packet of Social Service Funding Applications
Date: April 13, 2011

33 Applications for Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding

Thirty-Three agencies have submitted applications for 2011 Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding. This year we have \$220,000 available for grants and a total request of approximately \$383,367. This packet includes:

- 1) Two Indexes – one listing requests in alpha order, the other organized by amount requested;
- 2) Application summaries; and
- 3) Applications with background materials. *(Some of the inessential materials are not included in the interest of space.)*

Meeting – Monday, April 18, 2011, 5:00 pm, McCloskey Room to Discuss Applications

The Committee will meet on **Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the McCloskey Room** to share impressions about the applications, decide which applications merit presentation, and raise questions for agencies to address during their *Presentations* a week later, *on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.* This meeting will also give the Committee members a chance to disclose any conflicts of interest (*see below*) and raise any other questions about the procedure to be followed over the course of the next few meetings.

Conflict of Interests

Please be prepared to disclose any special relationships that you, your spouse, or dependents may have with any of the agencies seeking funds. The term “special relationship” is vague, but is intended to include those relationships that would give the appearance of impropriety if left undisclosed. In the past, members of the Committee have disclosed those relationships at the first meeting, declared their intent to participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest given this relationship, and have participated in the relevant votes. The Committee may adopt other restrictions on participation at this meeting. Please share your thoughts.

(Schedule on Other Side - Over)

Schedule (*Committee and Council Meetings and Actions are highlighted in bold*)

* Committee Initially Discusses and Eliminates Some Applications	Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., McCloskey Room (Rm 135, City Hall)
* Committee Hears Presentations	Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers (Rm 115, City Hall)
Committee Members Submit Rating of Applications	Wednesday, May 4, 2011 by Noon, Council Office (Rm 110, City Hall)
* Committee Discusses Funding Recommendations at a Pre-Allocation Meeting	Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., Council Library (Rm 110, City Hall)
* Committee Makes Funding Recommendations	Monday, May 16, 2010, 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers (Rm 115, City Hall)
Agencies Complete the Funding Agreements	Tuesday, May 31, 2011, Council Office (Rm 110, City Hall)
* Committee Evaluates the Program	Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Council Library (Rm 110, City Hall)
Council Office Distributes Legislative Packet	Friday, June 10, 2011 (<i>in afternoon</i>)
* Common Council Action on the Recommendations	Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (Rm 115, City Hall)
HAND Holds Technical Assistance Meeting	Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 8:30 a.m., McCloskey Room (Rm 135, City Hall)

** These are either meetings of the Committee or Common Council. The other listings are either Committee deadlines or staff meetings and actions.*

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Application Summaries

Mission

Amethyst House, Inc. (Amethyst) has been serving Bloomington since 1980. It is a Bloomington-based non-profit United Way agency that provides recovery-focused residential and outpatient services for people with drug, alcohol and gambling addictions, as well as educational and self-awareness groups for persons with signs of potential substance abuse. Its mission is to “partner with individuals, families and communities impacted by additions and substance abuse issues by providing quality recovery services and guidance for clean, sober and healthy living.” It collaborates with the court and criminal justice system and a network of social services agencies to provide services to its clients, train staff, and raise money for these purposes. Amethyst has three transitional residential facilities in Bloomington that house 22 men as well as 11 women and up to a total of four dependent children and that provide 5 weekly 12-Step AA/NA meetings for about 100 persons, who include both new comers and people with long-term sobriety.

Project

Amethyst House requests \$4,924.95 to purchase and install three sets of energy-efficient washers and dryers (with 5-year extended warranties). Two sets will go into the men’s house and one set will go into the women’s house. The machines are used frequently by the 17 men, 11 women and their dependent children, and, when needed, visiting family. This includes residents with jobs who launder their uniforms (often required at fast food restaurants) on alternate days in order to keep them clean.

Criteria

Need. The application in 2003 stated that the SPAN/MC ranked drug and alcohol abuse and affordable housing among the five highest priorities for social services in this community. It cited other local studies (by the CARES board and in the HAND’s Consolidated Plan) for the need to increase the beds for men seeking treatment for substance abuse.

One-Time Investment. This is a one time request to replace old machines that were used when donated to the facilities. The new machines have warranties that assure they’ll be functioning for at least five years. The application indicates that future replacement of these machines will be provided through the operating budget, fundraising and donations.

Fiscal Leveraging. Amethyst House is a non-profit that garners approximately \$920,000 in funds from a variety of sources (including about \$185,000 from grants, donations and other fundraising) to run all of its programs. It also lists 10 volunteers.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The investment in energy-efficient washers and dryers will allow residents to do their laundry at lower than current costs for the agency. These machines also will provide broad and long-lasting benefits by helping residents keep clean, be ready for employment, and face their addictions and improve their lives and the lives of those around them.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

3 Washers (@ \$652.51)	\$1957.53
5-year Warrantees for the Washers	\$350.97
3 Dryers (@ \$652.51)	\$1957.53
5-year Warrantees for the Washers	\$350.97
Delivery and Hook-up	\$199.95
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$4,924.95

Unstated discount

Total Project Costs \$4,924.95

SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Start-up funds, office equipment and furnishings	\$20,000
1997	Denied	Transitional Housing for men and women	\$8,557
1999	Granted	New Van	\$10,000
2000-Oct.	Granted	Rebuild foundation of Women’s facilities	\$7,500
2001	Denied	Phone, Voicemail, Computer networking	\$5,000
2002	Granted	To help rebuild and expand the men's facility by restoring the historic façade.	\$20,000
2003	Granted	To purchase and install a stairway elevator at Men’s House facility	\$4,521
2006	Granted	To pay for insurance, utilities, food, and salaries to operate the Men's House	\$8,000
2010	Granted	To replace vinyl and carpet flooring in, and purchase three dishwashers for, the Men’s and Women’s houses.	\$7,860

One-to-One Program

\$14,100

City Residents Served by this Project in 2011:

322 (of 350)

Agency [Employees - Full-time: 5; Part-time: 12/Volunteers: 400]

Mission BBBS is a youth development organization with more than 38 years of service to the community. Its mission is to “provide children facing adversity with strong, enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.” They currently serve over 850 children in their community-based 1-1, in-school 1-1, Club Bigs (with Boys and Girls Club) and First Friends (which provides group mentoring for youth on the waiting list). BBBS serves at-risk children (e.g. with a single or incarcerated parent) and high-risk children (e.g. who already involved with Child Protective or Juvenile Court services), 80% of which are living in households with income at or below the poverty level.

Project BBBS is requesting \$14,100 in bridge-funding for its One-to-One Program to pay for salaries (one FT and two PT Match Support Specialists), utilities, outreach, activities, equipment and supplies and travel/training to offset a decrease in special event/activity fundraising of about \$50,000 and an anticipated reduction in CDBG funding and avoid closing 40 current matches.

Criteria

Need. Previous applications have noted that the HAND *Consolidated Plan* places a high priority on youth services and acknowledges that caring adult role models and mentors make a positive and measurable difference in the lives of the at-risk youth. Those applications further note that the 2003 *SCAN Report* identifies positive youth development as one of its top ten priorities, especially the lack of appropriate consistent role models, and recommends targeting low-income families and other at-risk children in order to remove barriers to their success. The national BBBS organization has found that local organizations best serve the community when it reaches at least 10% of the at-risk youth in the community, which would require an increase of 138 matches.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for \$14,100 in bridge-funding for operational costs due to a drop in fund-raising and anticipated drop in CDBG funding for this year. BBBS experienced about a \$50,000 drop in fund raising and responded by reducing their workforce and hiring two staff to augment special event income, write more grants, and “putting the marketing and internet resources available through the BBBS national office to use.”

Fiscal Leveraging. The requested grant is about 13% of the budget for the One-to-One Program which does not include all the mentor volunteers.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The children matched with BBBS mentors have been shown to be less likely to skip a day of school, start using illegal drugs or drinking alcohol than their peers and are twice as likely to complete a four-year degree as their parents. Local evaluation tools echo these findings and indicate these children do better in school and in their peer relationships. As many as 40 matches may be preserved (not closed) as a result of this grant.

Cost

Amount Requested

Personnel (FT Match Support Specialist and 2 PT Match Support Specialists)	\$10,326
Utilities	\$1,437
Outreach/Recognition	\$840
Activities for Little Brothers and Sisters (Boys and Girls Weekend Retreat)	\$691
Equipment/Supplies (food and office/household supplies)	\$525
Travel/Training (\$0.50/mile)	<u>\$281</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$14,100
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Other Funds

<i>United Way</i>	\$39,758
<i>CDBG (Subject to Reduction)</i>	\$14,100
<i>Special Events/Fundraising</i>	\$44,575
<i>Total Other Funds</i>	\$98,433
Total Project Cost	\$112,533

SSF Funding History

1995	Granted	Office Renovation	\$4,800
1999	Denied	Capital Grant	\$50,000
2000-June	Denied	Long Range Business and Growth Plan	\$20,000
2000-Oct.	Granted	To expand hours and activities for children at their Crestmont Site	\$9,500
2001	Granted	To purchase and install windows and doors for its facility	\$8,779
2002	Granted	To purchase computer equipment for recruitment and training initiative	\$3,623
2003	Granted	To pay for Manager and expenses for Girl’s Inc.’s Teen Outreach LEAP Program	\$11,904
2004	Granted	Purchase equipment and software to start Phase I of its long range service plan	\$4,500
2005	Granted	Salary of Partnership Coordinator for a multi-year Capacity Building project	\$5,000
2006	Granted	To rebuild & repair roof and replace water-damaged fiber board at 418 S. Walnut	\$8,109
2007	Denied	Congregation Volunteer Recruitment Project	\$5,215
2008	Denied	Bookend Bigs	\$7,905
2010	Granted	To purchase BlackBaud Sphere in a Box website software and associated set up and training fee for use by agency.	\$2,900

Renovation of Railroad Building

\$5,897.82

City residents served by this project in 2011:

1,216 (out of 1,280)

Participating Agencies: Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department; Center for Sustainable Living (Lead Agency)

Agency [Employees - Full-time: 0; Part-Time: 0/ Volunteers: 25]

Mission

The Bloomington Community Bike Project (BCBP) is a volunteer-run cooperative that is a member-project of the Center for Sustainable Living. It has been operating for over 10 years in the community and provides low/no-cost bicycle transportation options to city residents by teaching and offering an opportunity to build and maintain bikes, providing tools and equipment for their repair, giving or selling at low cost parts and safety equipment, and advocating for green and health life-styles.

Project

The PCBP is requesting \$5,897.82 for a \$21,900 renovation of the north-half of the railroad building at 245 West Grimes Lane (on the B-Line Trail at the south-end of the new bridge). This will expand its Community Bike Shop operations by reaching an additional 1,280 patrons beyond the approximately 3,000 patrons it will continue to serve at 7th and Madison. The building is owned by the City’s Parks and Recreation Department and contains equipment owned by the City’s Public Works Department. The project will entail relocating the equipment, cleaning up and recycling debris found in and around the building, replacing doors, locks and windows, checking and upgrading the wiring and lighting, resurfacing the floors, checking and repairing the furnace, repairing the plumbing and restoring the bathroom, and otherwise converting the interior and acquiring equipment for its new use.

Criteria

Need: The application asserts that a “large majority of its patrons fall under one or more priorities for social services funding as indicated in the SCAN Report” including youth, homeless, and persons with developmental disabilities as well as addictions. Please note that a conversation with the author confirmed that BCBP does not survey its patrons regarding these factors. It also refers to the current HAND Consolidated Plan for the need to improve infrastructure and public facilities. Lastly, it says the project “creat(es) social services synergies with” ... the Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiative and the Alternative Transportation and Greenways Plan ... (,) provid(es) easy access to targeted neighborhoods” and will help the City carryout its goal of obtaining a platinum designation from the League of American Bicycle Friendly Community by 2016. In support of this application, a search of the SCAN Report also revealed that transportation is a problem for the target populations – particularly lack of public transportation to work (20%) and lack of any transportation to and from childcare services (76%).

One-Time Investment: This is a one-time investment in capital improvements.

Fiscal Leveraging: This \$10,000 request is leveraged by another \$11,900 of contributions from the City Parks and Recreation department (\$3,000), Bloomington Bike Club (\$900), various other groups (\$4,100), and BCBP (\$3,900), which also provides the volunteers who run this initiative. Please note that the grant would be used to improve part of a City-owned building, which the Committee has never approved in the past. In what may serve as an analogous situation, the Elaboration of Criteria notes that the Committee has never funded applications submitted by City departments on the theory that they have other avenues for garnering City funds.

Broad and Long-Lasting Effects: This project will expand the capacity of BCBP to serve its “ever-growing number of patrons” many of whom it says are “economically and socially disadvantaged people who either can’t afford, don’t want, or are otherwise unable to drive a car.” The project will “play a synergistic and long-lasting role in continuing to reach out and provide a healthy and sustainable form of transportation for our citizens.”

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority	
Doors and Locks	\$1,184.40
Replace Windows	\$1,345
Floor Resurfacing	\$1,750
Furnace Repair	\$700
Renovate Restroom	\$918.42
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$5,897.82

* Other Funds

Bloomington Community Bike Project (Confirmed)	\$3,900
Bloomington Parks and Recreation (\$1,000 confirmed) (Painting, Infrastructure & Kiosk Repair)	\$3,000
Beta Alpha Psi (for electrical and plumbing)	\$3,000
Others (Bike Club - \$900; Tweed Ride - \$200; Solution Tree - \$200; Clips of Faith - \$700)	\$2,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 17,797

SSF Funding History

2005	Denied	Human Power: Service Learning on Wheels	\$3,060
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Mission The Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) has been serving the community for over 40 years. Its mission is to “act as stewards of public funds and trust (to) provide safe, decent, affordable housing opportunities through partnerships, while serving all customers with respect.” They offer “three affordable housing communities and provide more than 1,300 Housing Choice Vouchers, also known as Section 8, that allow income eligible families to rent in the private market. Over 65 families participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS).” (*Per website*)

Project

BHA requests \$14,350 in bridge funding to help pay for a GED/Adult Basic Education instructor and GED tests (for those who don't qualify for WorkOne funds - \$350) and, thereby, continue a class that began at their Community Center in August of 2010. A collaboration between BHA, which provides funds for teachers, books, and internet access along with facilities (including computers) and staff support, Bloomington Housing Authority Resident Council (BHARC), which provides \$4,000 for instruction, and the Broadview Learning Center, which also provides instructors, makes this \$41,154 program possible. Thirty-two people have attended these classes. Almost all are struggling mothers and 90% attend on a regular basis. By next spring, BHA expects 18-20 students to obtain a GED and 88% of the ABE students to “gain grade levels.” A letter from Sherry Dick of the BLC speaks highly of the “feeling of camaraderie and enterprise” in the program and another from the BHRAC mentions the “imperative” for these classes to reach the “lowest income, highest need area” in the City.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the SCAN Report for the proposition that the ‘lack of continued education and skill development beyond high school is directly linked to low income, which ... is one of the root causes of poverty’ and its hardships. It also notes that education can “break the cycle (of poverty) from one generation to the next” and that partnerships between non-profits, government and the private sector are necessary to address this barrier and challenge.

One-Time Investment. This is a \$14,350 request for bridge-funds for continuing this class through the spring of 2012. The grant writer emailed that the requisite significant loss of funding was loss of grants from Boys and Girls Club ((\$7,000) and BHRC (\$4,000). Its plan for future funding relies, in part, on “the completion of two successful school-years ... encourag(ing) potential funders to continue the program.” This year and in the future, BHA will also “explore options for funding with Workforce Development funds, corporate sponsorships and fundraising activities.”

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$14,350 request is part of a collaborative effort of three agencies costing approximately \$41,154 which does not include a \$7,000 grant provided by the Boys and Girls Club last semester.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This program will help these students improve their employability and self-sufficiency, prepare for further education and training, give them more confidence, interact with positive role-models, and set a better example for their children and the next generation. This will improve their lives and the lives of their children and reduce the social and economic costs associated with poverty.

Cost**Amount Requested in Order of Priority**

Teacher Salary	\$14,000
GED Tests	\$350
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$14,350
<i>Other Funds and Contributions</i>	
<i>Broadview Learning Center (BLC) – GED/ABE Instructor (\$750) & Teaching Asst (\$6,000) – 3 semesters</i>	\$6,750
<i>Bloomington Housing Resident Council (BHRC) – GED/ABE Instructor for 3 semesters .</i>	\$4,000
<i>Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) – GED/ABE Instructor for 3 semesters (\$3,000); Instructional Supplies (books, calculators, etc) (\$1,050); Snacks (\$750)</i>	\$4,800
<i>BHA In-Kind Contributions – Use of Building (\$506.25); Phone and Internet (\$236.25); Staff Expense to Support Classes (\$10,512)</i>	\$11,254.5
Total Project Costs	\$ 41,154.5

SSF Funding History

1998	Granted	Insulate 8 buildings and purchase hand held carbon monoxide detector	\$5,000
1999	Granted	Roof replacements	\$9,300
2000	Granted	Outdoor lighting at two facilities	\$7,045
2001	Granted	To purchase and install outdoor lighting for Walnut Woods complex	\$6,502
2004	Denied	Transportation and meals for Women in Sports Day	\$2,730
2005	Granted	Washers, dryers, vacuum cleaners and accessories, for Lice Program	\$5,000
2007	Granted	Bridge funding for Crestmont Neighborhood Nurse Project	\$5,600
2008	Granted	To help renovate Boys and Girls Club facility at 1033 and 1037 N Summit	\$12,481

Bloomington Meals on Wheels – One Year Subsidy for Three Persons

\$3,960

City Residents Served by this Project in 2011.

81 (out of 81)

Agency [Employees - Full-time: 0; Part-time: 1/Volunteers: 200]

Partnership Agency: Indiana University Health (IUH) Bloomington, Meadowood Retirement Community, Answer Indiana, Area 10 Agency on Aging

Mission: Meals on Wheels (MOW) has been serving meals to homebound persons within the City since 1973. These persons are certified by doctors to be unable to purchase or prepare nourishing meals due to medical or physical disability and pay \$5.50 for one hot, medically-specific meal and a sack lunch for 10 days every two weeks (\$55/two weeks). This program is a collaborative effort where the homebound persons are referred by Answer Indiana (as well as other sources) and screened for eligibility by Area 10, and meals are prepared at cost by IU Health Bloomington and Meadowood Retirement Community, and then delivered by 200 volunteers. Along with providing food to those who cannot otherwise provide for them, this program also offers a respite from the person’s usual network of care-givers and daily contact with persons who are often isolated from the community. Currently 72 persons receive these services on six routes within the City. In August of 2010, MOW hired Kathy Romy as its first director and staff in order to better manage operations and expand persons served by this program.

Project In a conversation the grant writer clarified the request. MOW is requesting \$3,960 for a pilot project to subsidize delivery of meals to nine persons with income at or below 150% poverty income guidelines for one year. The grant will fund meals for three persons and NAP credits worth \$7,920 will fund meals for an additional six persons for the year.

Criteria

Need. The applications cites both the current HAND Consolidated Plan and updated SCAN Report for the proposition that non-profit agencies that serve low income individuals and families with their basis emergency needs (which includes food), provide a safety net for community members in need, or offer other valuable services that improve quality of life deserve funding.

One-Time Investment. As clarified by a conversation with the grant writer, this \$3,960 request is for a pilot program to serve meals to low-income persons for one year. The plan for future funding includes a March fundraising letter campaign to 14,000 residents with the goal of raising \$5,000 and pursuit of NAP credits. It is also searching for other grant opportunities.

Fiscal Leveraging. This is a collaborative effort (see Mission) with a large volunteer component, where a budget of approximately \$75,000 in 2010 provided in-home meals to about 72 persons for the year. This \$3,960 request will be leveraged with NAP credits of \$7,920 to serve a total of nine new low-income clients.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This request would allow a year’s worth of meals to go to nine homebound persons whose income is at or below 150% of the poverty line. This service offers an opportunity for these people to stay at home longer and, thereby, reduce health costs for the community as a whole as well as improve these persons quality of life, and give respite to the informal network of caregivers who often are essential to the person’s well-being.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

One Dietary Specific Hot Meal and One Sack Lunch for 3 Persons (3 x 5.50/day x 5/days/week) \$3,960

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,960
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Other Funds and Contributions

NAP credits to serve an additional six low-income homebound persons. \$7,920

Total Project Costs \$ 11,880

The budget for the service to the 72 fee-paying homebound persons amounts to \$75,000. It includes assistance from Answer Indiana (for referrals valued at \$2,400/person/year), Area 10 (for screening), IU Health Bloomington and Meadowood Retirement Community (for producing meals at cost), and 200 volunteers (to deliver the meals). It also includes funds for a part-time Director, who started in August and is the first staff for agency.

SSF Funding History

None

Mission The Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) of Bloomington is a part of national “guidance” organization which fosters the physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth of boys and girls ages 6-18 with a special concern for those most in need of service. All the Boys and Girls Club programs are designed to build character and strengthen life skills while providing hope and opportunity. There is a main facility at 311 South Lincoln, a satellite facility at 1108 W. 14th Street in the Crestmont Center, another in 200 W. Association St, Ellettsville, and a camp site at Lake Lemon. Programs are staffed by trained youth development professionals, Indiana University students, and community volunteers. B&GC provides transportation services from school to its programs and programs of other youth agencies every school day. Over 1,300 youth are currently registered members of its three clubs at a charge of \$5.00 per year (with scholarships available for those who need assistance).

Project B&GC is requesting \$14,500 in bridge funding for part of the salary of the full-time, Director of the Crestmont site. The agency received bridge funding two years ago for this position and, before the federal cuts loomed, the agency director thought he would seek a grant for safety equipment. However, the expected loss of federal support (please see below) changed his mind. The application states “The club is accessible, provides vital tutorial aid and mentoring, serves the needs of working families and feeds its members ... and serves as anchor for the youth ...in the surrounding community.” A call to B&GC established that approximately 60% of the youth come from single-parent households or households that qualify for free or reduced lunches at school and approximately 51% of the households had an annual income of less than \$5,000.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the SCAN Report for the need to provide programs for youth in households experiencing socio-economic ills, who face greater life difficulties than other children. After-school programs, in particular, were identified, in part because they meet the needs of working families and provided a meal. The application also cites goals set forth in the HAND Consolidated Plan to reduce the need for emergency services and improve the living environment in low income areas.

One-Time Investment. This is \$14,500 request for bridge funding to cover the salary of the Crestmont director. The application cites the expected loss of \$13,891 in CDBG funding (which provides 20% of the program’s funding) and AmeriCorps support, as the requisite significant loss in funding. Efforts to reduce cost, seek additional revenue, and utilize a capacity-building grant are intended to put this program a sound position for 2011/2012 and are offered as part of the necessary well-developed plan for future funding.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$14,500 request would be leveraged by over \$50,000 in other funds from United Way, federal and State grants, fundraising, and other sources as well as an average of 27 volunteers who work one shift per week through the school year.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This program provides a safe, productive place for approximately 130 youth to go after school. In survey on behalf of B&GC of America, a majority of club alumni say the Club “saved their life.”

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Salary for FT Crestmont Director (*a call confirmed a need for at least \$9,500*) \$14,500

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$14,500
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** Other Funds*

Fundraising (\$22,880), Other funds (\$17,800), Other State and Federal Funds (\$15,520); United Way (\$2,800) \$59,000

CDBG (down from \$13,891) \$0

Total Project Cost * \$73,500

** Note: This assumes the \$59,000 figure on the funding page is incorrect and should be \$54,000 (as indicated in the budget). The \$83,903 figure does not account for any reductions.*

SSF Funding History

1996	Granted	Central Air Conditioning	\$3,000
1997	Denied	Van	\$15,000
1998	Granted	Renovate and equip facility for a teen center and learning center	\$23,000
2003	Granted	Job Development Specialist for TEENS supreme Career Prep Program	\$25,000
2004	Granted	Pay for salaries, transportation, and other operating costs related to the No Kid Left Behind Program	\$8,000
2006	Granted	Pay for staffing, supplies, food, and rent for the Crestmont Youth Camp.	\$ 8,160
2007	Denied	Pay for improvements to summer camp facility at Lake Lemon	\$ 9,370
2008	Granted	Purchase mini-bus to transport children	\$17,000
2009	Granted	To help pay for salary/ benefits for Unit Director at Crestmont site.	\$14, 257
2010	Granted	To purchase bicycles and equipment for its Club Riders Program	\$3,567.14

Mission

The Community Kitchen (CK) has been in this community since 1983 with the mission of “work(ing) alone and in collaboration with others, to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas, through direct service, education, and advocacy.” They provide hot food every day except Sunday at two locations (South Rogers and West 11th Street – CK Express), prepare meals for agencies serving at-risk youth (Summer Breakfast and Feed Our Future), deliver food to children attending Arlington, Clear Creek, Fairview, Grandview, Summit and Edgewood elementary schools (Backpack Buddies), and prepare two meals per day per person to HIV+ patients through Positive Link. CK served 211,322 meals in 2010, a 14% increase over 2009 and a new record. Approximately 75% of the meals went to children under 18 and senior citizens. Please note that they do not impose an eligibility requirement on those seeking food.

Project CK is moving from 917 to 1515 S. Rogers and requesting a one-time, \$10,448 grant to purchase prep tables, move existing equipment, and purchase a washer and dryer. The first priority is for the prep tables (with casters) that will now be located in the kitchen rather than dining area. The second priority is for the existing equipment to be professionally moved to their new site. Please note that all of the equipment is well within their life expectancy and working well, and some of it was purchased through previous JHSSF grants. Their third and fourth priorities are to purchase a washer and dryer to launder aprons, towels and the children’s backpacks (due to a threat of bed bugs). The new equipment will be necessary because CK will no longer be able to use the ones at Martha’s House.

Criteria

Need. The *SCAN Report* identified hunger as a significant issue in the community and this agency as the primary provider of free meals in the community. *HAND’s Consolidated Plan* calls for funding non-profits that serve basic needs of low-income individuals and families.

One-Time Investment. This \$10,448 request is to purchase or relocate equipment for CK’s new site. This equipment should last for many years before needing to be replaced.

Fiscal Leveraging. The CK is an efficient organization that received all of its \$787,000 revenues in 2010 in the form of donations, volunteer work, and grants.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Good food and nutrition are a cornerstone for healthy and successful individuals and families. Investment in this equipment will improve the efficiency and increase the capacity of this agency and “have a lasting impact on (their) operations and ability to meet community needs.”

Cost*Amount Requested*

Purchase Prep Tables – 3 (6 foot) @ \$300 and 1 (4 foot) @ \$250	\$1,150
Purchase Casters – 4 sets @ \$175/set	\$700
Relocate walk-in cooler/freezer, 5 coolers, 2 ovens, convection oven & dishwashing machine	\$7,400
Purchase 4.0 cu ft front load washer	\$599
Purchase 7.3 cu ft electric dryer	\$599

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,448
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Other Funds

Total Project Costs **\$10,448**

CK received about \$787,454 in revenues from donations, in-kind contributions and grants in 2010.

SSF Funding History

1995	Granted	Used vehicle to serve meals	\$9,000
1997	Granted	Transport containers to provide meals to at risk youth in after school programs	\$1,300
1998	Granted	Purchase upright commercial oven, mobile sheet pan rack, and mats for kitchen floor	\$4,675
1999	Granted	Ice machine and freezer	\$4,650
2000-June	Granted	Eight dining tables	\$2,460
2001	Granted	To purchase equipment for second food preparation and distribution site	\$10,721
2002	Granted	To purchase a copy machine shared with Shelter, Inc. and aprons, and hairnets	\$3,639
2003	Granted	Replace fire suppression system, loading dock, and 60 chairs for the S. Rogers site	\$10,104
2004	Granted	Replacing a door and dishwashing machine, purchasing a garbage disposal and kitchen grade metal shelving	\$7,780
2005	Granted	Replace produce cooler and purchase food trays for free meal service	\$4,100
2006	Granted	To purchase and repair a used van from Girls, Inc.	\$8,402
2007	Granted	To replace and install an aged walk-in freezer with a larger one	\$29,800
2008	Granted	To purchase a commercial-grade refrigerator for use at 917 South Rogers Street.	\$2,350
2009	Granted	To purchase 200 (printed) backpacks for take-home food program	\$1,005
2010	Granted	To purchase pallet truck, ice machine and two “trainable” trash can dollies for S. Rogers site.	\$7,851

Mission El Centro Comunal Latino (CCL) is grassroots non-profit that began in 1999. It “seeks to provide an accessible and safe place for all Latinos, especially those who are Spanish speaking, to find information, access to resources, and a place to hold community events.” It also “promotes communication and understanding (between) service agencies and Latinos in order to facilitate Latinos’ integration (into) and encourage their participation (with) the (Monroe County) community.” CCL’s “work includes direct service, health programs, tutoring services for all ages, the Interpreter Network, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, the Legal Advice Project, the *Informat*e series of presentations on community issues, and the *Bienvenidos* program that helps immigrants acculturate to life in the U.S. CCL is currently located within the Monroe County Library and logs 300 direct service visits and serves approximately 600 persons per year.

Project CCL is requesting \$10,400 for part of the salary of an Agency Liaison and for interpreter services for the *Hablamos Juntos* (Speaking Together) pilot project. This project builds on past efforts to address the difficulties Latinos with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) continue to face when seeking services. In 2008, a group of 10 bilingual members of the community were trained to provide interpreter services in health care, social service, and other community settings and last summer another 10 were added to the pool. This pool of interpreters is intended to replace the informal, inexpert, and non-confidential services currently provided by family and friends. They provide professional level services for a fee to entities receiving federal funds which are, under Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, required to provide meaningful access to their services. The fee is \$20/hour for non-profit and \$25/hour for for-profit organizations. The Agency Liaison will work with agencies to develop Language Access Plans that will be formalized with a Memorandum of Understanding. The request for interpreter services will cover “emergent situations” when providers have not arranged for those services.

Criteria

Need. The application notes that the *SCAN Report* classifies Latinos as an “at-risk population” who: suffer from language and cultural barriers; are uninformed about services, laws, and rights; become caught up in legal problems; need, but don’t receive medical services in a “culturally appropriate format,” and often don’t have adequate access to services due to the language barrier. It also notes that the Latino population has increased 80% from 2000 – 2010, when the Census listed it at 4,029.

One-Time Investment. CCL is requesting \$10,400 in start-up funding for this new approach toward providing local interpreter services for LEP Latinos and the service community. According to the application, the revenue raised this year will give the staff, members of the CCL board, and the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs time to seek funding for the next year.

Fiscal Leveraging. The request would be leveraged by \$8,489 from the Indiana Minority Health Coalition grant, board contributions, fundraising, and the work of approximately 60 volunteers. A conversation with the grant writer clarified that the new pool of interpreters were intended to improve the quality of the service and not reduce the number of volunteers.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. *Hablamos Juntos* addresses the problems of the growing population of Latinos with Limited English Proficiency face receiving necessary services and fully integrating into the community. It offers to enrich lives and help make Bloomington a more welcoming community.

Cost

Amount Requested in order of Priority

Agency Liaison– for part of salary	\$7,200
Interpreter Services	\$3,200
Total Amount Requested	\$10,400
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Stakeholder contributions for interpreter services</i>	\$1,000
<i>Indiana Minority Health Coalition Grant – for Liaison salary, interpreter services, and other payroll expenses</i>	\$8,489
Total Project Cost	\$19,889

Note: CCL wishes to extend the grant into 2012.

SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Purchase software, office equipment, and furniture for a central office & meeting space	\$1,500
2006	Granted	To purchase a portable DLP projector and laptop and provide stipends for speakers for the Informat Series initiative.	\$2,468
2007	*Granted	To fund Outreach Program Coordinator to operate and expand existing programs.	\$11,000
2008	Granted	*In 2008, the JHSSF Committee withdrew 2007 funding due to the proposed late start of this program and granted the same funds for the same project for that year.	\$11,000
2010	Granted	To pay part of the salary for the Volunteer Coordinator position.	\$3,500

FCC Gathering Place Breakfast Kitchen Repair Project

\$7,447.11

City Residents Served by this Project in 2011: 250 (of 300 unduplicated persons)

Agency [Employees: Full-time - 4; Part-time - 3 /Volunteers – 200+]

Mission

The First Christian Church (FCC) strives to be a faithful, growing church that manifests true community, a deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice. In 2006, its leaders decided to begin a Sunday morning breakfast in its upstairs gathering room at the corner of Kirkwood and Washington Street and called it “The Gathering Place.” Since then, it has been open to all, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religious affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability, and does not involve religious indoctrination. FCC estimates that average of 120 plates of food are served to approximately 90 guests each Sunday of the year. Approximately 95% of these guests are also served by the Shalom Community Center, Martha’s House, and/or the Interfaith Shelter. These meals are served on glass tableware and stainless steel cutlery with food largely provided by Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The food is prepared from scratch and includes eggs, pancakes, fruit, cold cereal, juice, milk, and coffee and are the only free meals offered in the downtown that day.

Project

The FCC is requesting a one-time capital grant of \$7,447.11 to cover about 30% of the cost to repair and replace the kitchen floor serving the Gathering Place, which is in poor condition (with missing tiles and deteriorating subflooring) and “threatens to compromise sanitation, pose(s) danger to volunteer workers, and (might) shut down the program.” Prior to serving as the prep facility for the Gathering Place, the kitchen was used only three or four times a year for pitch-in dinners. Now it is used about once a week for a few hours on Sunday night for church events (because of the dishwasher) and four times a week for about 20 hours in preparation for the Gathering Place as well as for the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Monroe County CARES (annual meeting), IVY Tech’s Community Service Program and the Monroe County Pre-Trial Diversion Program.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the SCAN Report and the HAND Consolidated Plan for the need to provide food to the low-income and homeless in the community and help agencies that provide that service.

One-Time Investment. This request is for a one-time capital investment to repair the floor in the kitchen.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$7,441 request constitutes 30% of the cost of the repairs with the rest of the funds coming from the church, memorial donations and a matching grant tied to the City’s grant. In addition, the project will make the area safe for the many volunteers who prepare, serve and clean up after the meals.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The Gather Place bridges a gap in a basic service by providing a hot meal to the low-income and homeless on the one day it is not offered anywhere else in the downtown.

Cost

Amount Requested in order of Priority

Subfloor Repair and Replacement – Total Cost is \$15,870	\$4,435
Equipment Removal and Return – Total Cost is \$5,500	\$2,724.85
Floor Installation – Total Cost is \$3,619.24 (per estimate)	\$287.26
Total Amount Requested	\$7447.11
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>FCC Dedicated Funds</i>	\$7,892.86
<i>Memorial Donations</i>	\$2,107.24
<i>Anonymous Donor</i>	\$7,500
Total Project Cost	\$ 24,947.21

SSF Funding History

2006 Granted To purchase two jumbo storage cabinets, an upright freezer, and supplies for the Gathering Place. \$1,250

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Futures Family Planning Clinic

\$3,000

City Residents Served by this Project in 2011.

Majority (of 1,460)

Agency [Employees - Full-time: 2; Part-time: 2/Volunteers: 0]

Partnership Agencies: Monroe County Health Department (Lead Agency)

History of Title X Funding in this Community A conversation with the grant writer helped clarify this request and provided the following background. This application is best understood in context of federal (Title X) monies which are now the primary vehicle for the provision of reproductive health services to low-income households in this community. Up until 2006, Title X monies were accepted by Bloomington Hospital for services provided at the Public Health Clinic. At that time, the hospital dropped this program largely because the revenues fell too short of the costs of running it. Then, in order to assure continuation of these services in the community, the Monroe County government, through its Health Department, accepted those funds to provide these services through the Futures Family Planning Clinic. At the time the application was due in the Council Office, the grant writer, like many others in the community, was unsure of the continuity of Title X funds, given the budget battles in Washington, D.C.

Mission The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) is a department of Monroe County government whose mission is to “promote the best achievable scope and quality of health services for the public.” As mentioned in the previous paragraph, Monroe County began accepting Title X money in 2006 to continue reproductive health services for low-income residents of the county. These services were provided by the Future Family Planning Clinic (FFPC), which operated within the MCHD. The FFPC provides gynecological exams, STD testing and treatment for men and women, birth control education and services, pregnancy testing, and referrals resulting from information discovered during those visits. It is the primary provider of reproductive health services to low-income households in the community. It treated 1,470 clients at 2,600 visits in 2010 (an increase of 31% over 2009), with 85 % of those individuals having household incomes below the poverty line and with 90% of them uninsured. Most were unable to make contributions (which are on a sliding scale) for those services. In the event federal funding is not drastically cut, the grant will allow FFPC to shift money to other priority services like STD testing.

Project The Futures Family Planning Clinic (FFPC) is requesting \$3,000 to purchase birth control pills at greatly discounted prices for its clients who are all from low-income households. The request was made when the future of Title X money was in doubt. While, by mid-April, it appears that the bulk of those funds will still be available, there is still the possibility that smaller cuts will be made.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report recognized that the need for reproductive services was a growing. (p. 44) and serious issue. Note: The grant writer mentioned that starting next year, it will be able to give a much more accurate figure for the number of City residents served by the program.

One-Time Investment. This \$3,000 request was made when the Clinic’s funding was in doubt. The purchase of pills would have allowed the Clinic to provide them to clients during whatever transition would occur. In the event of a loss of funding, the application mentioned negotiating a merger with some other entity in the community. In a follow-up phone call regarding the future viability of the Clinic in the event of a severe cut in funding, the grant writer said that it could reduce its services to the very low income.

Fiscal Leveraging. The \$3,000 request would be leveraged by special “340B pricing” which is only available to agencies receiving Title X money and would result in the purchase of approximately \$22,600 worth of birth control pills. The fiscal agent is Monroe County, which has the power to levy property taxes. Perhaps the best rationale for using City funds here is that it is a home of last resort for an essential service that (aside from support services) is exclusively funded by federal money.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This grant will alleviate the effects of poverty by helping prevent unplanned pregnancies, improve the health of clients by encouraging earlier entry into the health care system, and reduce the medical, economic and social costs associated with lingering and unattended reproductive health problems.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Birth Control Pills (at special discounted 340B pricing) \$3,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,000
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Other Funds and Contributions

Title X Funds \$267,680

Monroe County Health Department (facilities, administration,...)

Total Project Costs **\$ 270,680**

SSF Funding History

None

Mission Genesis House “exists to provide a safe environment for the homeless community of Bloomington (to) ... find rest every night.” It was formed in the spring of 2010 by Genesis Church, which began providing a low-barrier shelter during late spring, summer, and early fall on its grounds at 801 North State Road 45/46 Bypass, in response to a call from religious leaders and social service agencies. In its first season of operation, it provided an average of 29 guests with 146 consecutive nights of accommodations. The application indicates that the guests will be bused to and from a location in the downtown area for a period in the evening and the morning. Guests must be at least 18 years of age, sign a waiver of liability, refrain from possessing or consuming drugs or alcohol, abide by the rules (that focus on the necessity of respecting others), be screened by a metal detector, and surrender all bags for their stay (with the use of medicines monitored by volunteers). They must register between 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm (when they receive a number corresponding to their bed and stored bags) and leave by 8:00 am, and are provided coffee and a snack both at night and in the morning. Other “secondary accommodations,” including toiletries, clothing, a book exchange and other additional supplies are made available. The application makes clear that there is no expectation that guests will seek religious guidance, but that “guests who have expressed interest in receiving any additional spiritual or emotional provisions may seek out volunteers and Genesis Church staff, but these services will not be endorsed nor will they be considered part of Genesis House.”

Project After conversing with the Council Office, GH is requesting \$18,790 in a pilot project (not bridge funding) to continue a low-barrier warm-weather shelter begun last year. This includes funding shelter improvements (that will expand its capacity - \$900), cots (\$1,440) and sleeping bags (\$250), evening and morning snacks (\$6,500) and related supplies (\$1,600), supplies to clean the shelter and cots (\$1,600), gas for busing the guests (\$3,250), and a contingency of \$3,200 to cover unexpected costs as well as wear and tear. Another \$18,125 will be raised to pay for a Director of Operations to recruit, train, schedule, and otherwise manage the volunteers, coordinate the 72 4-hour shifts each week (as well as fill-in when necessary), reach out to the community, and raise funds.

Criteria

Need. The application says the *SCAN Report* highlights the need for emergency housing for natural disasters and fires, family crises and homelessness. It also refers to a survey in the HAND department that identified 233 homeless individuals in the City in 2009 with 59 living outside of a shelter. Lastly, it cites *Responding to the Homeless: Policy and Practice, New York, Plenum* for the proposition that “mental illness, substance dependence, physical illness, and criminal involvement are often interconnected with homelessness, as both risk factors and consequences ... (where) the lack of support from either family or social services ... exacerbate these risks and effects.”

One-Time Investment. After discussing this proposal with the Council Office, the grant writer agreed that the request was more like funding a pilot project in its second season than funding an established program that lost significant revenues. The plan for future funding relies on working with a Volunteer Task Force to identify grant opportunities, cultivate new and develop existing donors, and arrange for a special, funding raising event this June. It is also working with the South Central Housing Network to find a permanent facility. Last year, GH was able to generate \$11,552 through donations from the community and the church.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$18,790 request will be leveraged by another \$18,125 to hire an Operations Manager and over 140 volunteers who will fill 72 4-hour shifts at the shelter each week from late spring until November 1st.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Genesis House fills a gap in services by providing a low-barrier nightly shelter during the warm-weather months especially suited for persons experiencing homelessness due to substance abuse and criminal involvement. This efforts offers an opportunity to ameliorate the hardships and risks associated with homelessness and to make this a more healthy and safe environment of all the community residents.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Shelter Improvements - \$450 for materials and \$500 for labor	\$950
Cots and sleeping bags - \$1440 for cots and \$250 for sleeping bags	\$1,690
Snack – food and coffee and paper and plastic ware	\$8,100
Cleaning	\$1,600
Transportation	\$3,250
Miscellaneous (repairs, wear and tear, and to cover increasing costs)	\$3,200

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$18,790
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Other Funds and Contributions

<i>Internal and external fund raising (pending) – towards paying Director of Operations</i>	\$11,925
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<i>Congregational donations (confirmed) – also towards Director of Operations</i>	6,200
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Total Project Costs	\$ 36,915
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SSF Funding History

None

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Upgraded Phone System and Voice Mail System

\$2,925

City Residents Served in 2011:

364 (of: 402)

Agency Employees [full-time:1/ part-time: 1/ volunteers: 150+]

Mission

Girls, Inc. (GI) has been in Bloomington since 1975 with the mission of inspiring all “girls to be strong, smart, and bold.” It serves girls age 6 - 18 with quality, research-based programs that “empower girls to reach their full potential and understand, value and assert their rights. GI provides girls with a safe environment where they can take risks, overcome challenges, and strive to be the best they can be.” It transports and provides programs to girls after school, at summer and winter camps, and via sports leagues. This transportation along with low fees and scholarships (about \$6,000 was provided in each of the last three years) allow girls of low-income household to take advantage of this program. In a follow-up email, the director noted that 38% of its girls are from single parent families and 29% are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Project

GI requests \$2,925 to replace a phone and email system that is almost 20 years old with one that will make their operations more efficient, effective and secure. Unlike the current system, the new one will allow calls to be transferred between their two buildings without use of an intercom and also transferred to voice mail. The Voice Mail will also be hosted internally and, thereby, avoid a monthly charge and allow staff to changes messages more easily. Along with the convenience and cost savings, these changes are also about safety of children and the confidence of their caretakers who need, for example, to know quickly that their child did or did not get on the bus.

Criteria**Need.**

The application cites the SCAN Report for needs that are met by GI. First, caring adult role models and mentors make girls more likely to complete school, do better academically, make healthier life choice(s) and engage in fewer destructive behaviors. Second, “low academic attainment and a lack of life skills and competencies have a demonstrable negative impact on quality of life and future earnings potential.” Third, barriers like transportation impair children’s access to after-school programming.

One-Time Funding. This is a request for one-time funding to replace an aging out-of-date phone and voice mail system with a new one that will result in more efficient, effective and secure operations and for many years.

Fiscal Leveraging. Per conversation with the director, this request is leveraged by annual revenues of over \$200,000 from a variety of sources and over 150 volunteers.

Broad and Long Lasting Benefits. This investment will allow GI to operate more safely, efficiently and effectively. Along with increasing performance in school, studies show that “participation in (their) activities increases self-confidence, decreases risky behaviors, and leads to an all around balanced and healthy life-style, which in the long-run improve their prospects in life.

Cost – Amount Requested in Order of Priority

(1) 5x9 Avaya Processor	\$795
(1) large PC Voice Mail	\$700
(5) 18 Button Display Telephone Set @ 179	\$895
Labor	\$500
Shipping	\$35
	\$2,925

*Other Funds***TOTAL PROJECT COST****\$2,925***See Fiscal Leveraging (above) for more about GI’s entire budget and revenues.***SSF Funding History**

1996	Granted	Van Purchase	\$10,000
1998	Granted	Purchase equipment to implement Operation SMART	\$6,500
1999	Denied	Automatic Doors	
2000-June	Granted	For supplies and equipment for summer camp program and two car infant seats	\$2,303
2000-Oct.	Granted	For the Friendly PEERsuasion Program	\$2,500
2000-Oct.	Granted	For books, refreshments, and misc. equipment for after school reading (Reading Renegades) program	\$620
2002	Granted	To pay for the salary of the director of the after-school and summer youth programs.	\$15,000
2004	Granted	Pay a portion of the cost of one used bus	\$10,000
2006	Granted	To pay for personnel expenses for a half-time Program Specialist and purchase Commit to be Fit support materials.	\$1,950
2008	Denied	Teen Exploration College/Career Program	\$2,500
2009	Granted	To pay for training staff.	\$2,930.71
2010	Granted	To help pay for the salary of the Program Director.	\$13,500.00

Mission

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County (Habitat) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization (affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International) with the mission of building simple, decent homes for and with people in need. They charge no interest, sell for no profit, and work with other housing organizations to eliminate homelessness and poverty housing in Monroe County. Since their inception in 1987, they have built 109 homes resulting in the housing of 154 adults and 230 children from low-income families. In addition, Habitat provides a nationally recognized homeowner education program and operates Restore. Restore sells used building and household materials to raise money for Habitat, provide low-cost materials to the community, and recycle rather than land-fill these products.

Project

Habitat is requesting \$18,116.73 in one-time funds to purchase a used Bobcat compact tractor (\$16,500) and a siding brake (which bends trim) (\$1,616.73) to increase its construction capacity by 50% in 2011. These labor-saving pieces of equipment will help Habitat build 15 homes in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, where as many as four sites will be under construction at the same time. The Bobcat can move heavy construction materials around sites and save as much as 60% of the volunteer time spent on landscaping by grading and spreading topsoil and mulch. The siding brake can save time spent by volunteers on bending trim from 40 hours per house to two hours per house.

Criteria

Need. SCAN identifies the need for safe and affordable housing in our community, especially opportunities for home-ownership by low-income families. It recognizes that 56.5% of the community pays a disproportionately high percentage of their income on housing and that affordable housing was a major problem for 27% and a minor problem for 54% of respondents. It also recognizes problems low-income households face obtaining conventional financing for housing, cars, and higher education. About 43% of households with income of less than \$25,000 and about 28% of households with income of less than \$15,000 own their own homes.

One-Time Funding. This is a request for one-time funding that will increase Habitat's capacity to build houses.

Fiscal Leveraging. Habitat will leverage this \$18,116 request by providing all of the other expenses for the Bobcat including insurance, maintenance and fuel for the first year at cost of \$1,200. It will also train volunteers, operate the equipment and maintain the inventory of tools at a cost of \$3,672 and purchase more tools at a cost of \$1,500. In addition, an estimated 1,000 construction volunteers will invest more than 8,000 hours towards constructing these homes at an estimated cost of \$156,720 in labor.

Broad and Long Lasting Benefits. The purchase of the Bobcat and Siding Brake will allow Habitat to increase its capacity to build homes for this and future years and, thereby, serve a larger number of low-income families in need of affordable housing in the coming years.

Cost – Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Used Bobcat Mini-Tractor	\$16,500
Siding Brake (which bends trim)	\$1,616.73
Total Amount Requested	\$18,116.73
<i>Other Funds</i>	
Habitat – Insurance, maintenance and fuel	\$1,200
Habitat – training volunteers, operating machinery, and maintain inventory	\$3,672
Habitat – purchasing additional tools	\$1,500
Volunteers – 1,000 persons for 8,000 person-hours	\$156,720
Total Cost of the Project	\$181,208.73

SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Pave Habitat street	\$8,550
2000	Denied	Pay for Volunteer Coordinator	\$25,000
2005	Granted	Purchase items for Re-Store facility which sells donated construction materials and uses revenues for its operations.	\$10,000
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Mission

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County (Habitat) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization (affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International) with the mission of building simple, decent homes for and with people in need. They charge no interest, sell for no profit, and work with other housing organizations to eliminate homelessness and poverty housing in Monroe County. Since their inception in 1987, they have built 109 homes resulting in the housing of 154 adults and 230 children from low-income families. In addition, Habitat provides a nationally recognized homeowner education program and operates Restore. Restore sells used building and household materials to raise money for Habitat, provide low-cost materials to the community, and recycle rather than land-fill these products.

Project

Habitat is requesting \$18,116.73 in one-time funds to purchase a used Bobcat compact tractor (\$16,500) and a siding brake (which bends trim) (\$1,616.73) to increase its construction capacity by 50% in 2011. These labor-saving pieces of equipment will help Habitat build 15 homes in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, where as many as four sites will be under construction at the same time. The Bobcat can move heavy construction materials around sites and save as much as 60% of the volunteer time spent on landscaping by grading and spreading topsoil and mulch. The siding brake can save time spent by volunteers on bending trim from 40 hours per house to two hours per house.

Criteria

Need. SCAN identifies the need for safe and affordable housing in our community, especially opportunities for home-ownership by low-income families. It recognizes that 56.5% of the community pays a disproportionately high percentage of their income on housing and that affordable housing was a major problem for 27% and a minor problem for 54% of respondents. It also recognizes problems low-income households face obtaining conventional financing for housing, cars, and higher education. About 43% of households with income of less than \$25,000 and about 28% of households with income of less than \$15,000 own their own homes.

One-Time Funding. This is a request for one-time funding that will increase Habitat's capacity to build houses.

Fiscal Leveraging. Habitat will leverage this \$18,116 request by providing all of the other expenses for the Bobcat including insurance, maintenance and fuel for the first year at cost of \$1,200. It will also train volunteers, operate the equipment and maintain the inventory of tools at a cost of \$3,672 and purchase more tools at a cost of \$1,500. In addition, an estimated 1,000 construction volunteers will invest more than 8,000 hours towards constructing these homes at an estimated cost of \$156,720 in labor.

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Agency [Employees - Full-time: 8; Part-time: 4/Volunteers: 1,770]

Mission Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc.’s (HHFB) mission is to “collect, store and distribute surplus and donated food products to non-profit organizations with feeding programs that serve ill, needy and infant individuals and work to educate the community on hunger issues.” Their “parallel mission is to support resource sustainability by rescuing donated food that might otherwise be disposed of and wasted and channeling that food to programs that feed people in need.” Over the last five years their distribution levels have almost doubled. In 2010, HHFB distributed about 3.24 million pounds of food to 96 member agencies in nine counties with over 50% of the food distributed to 45 agencies within the City. Since 2010, its warehouse and administrative offices have been located in the county.

Project HHFB is requesting \$11,631 in start-up funds for salaries and benefits and a pallet truck to increase their capacity to address a rising need for food. Its priorities are to bring one driver from part-time to full-time (\$5,178), acquire a walkie pallet truck (\$4,199), and bring a second driver from part-time to full-time (\$2,254). The funds for salaries will allow the Warehouse Manager to focus on maintaining the facility and inventory, prepare for new audit requirements from their national partner (Feeding America), and identify new sources of food. Those funds will also reward existing drivers (who all make a living wage even though not required by the City) and, with further training and certification, take advantage a new, grant-acquired truck – the largest in their fleet – to be even more efficient. The 4,500 lb capacity pallet truck will help move more than six tons of food distributed every day.

Criteria

Need. According to the application, the SCAN Report, the HAND 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and United Way all recognize that providing food as a high community priority. In addition, HHFB provides food to other agencies that address other high priority needs in the community including youth services (Boys and Girls Crestmont Club and Stepping Stones), substance abuse (Amethyst House), domestic violence and low-income (Middle Way House), housing and homelessness (Martha’s House, Shalom Community Center, the summer and winter low-barrier shelters), and other food distribution sites (Community Kitchen and Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard).

One-Time Investment. This is a \$11,631 request for start-up funds that will build capacity, prepare for more rigorous industry audits, and reward existing personnel. The application says HHFB will absorb the full costs of the staff hours in 2012 budget which was large enough in 2010 (over \$495,000) to affirm the viability of this plan.

Fiscal Leveraging. The \$11,631 request will be leveraged by over \$500,000 of other revenues (2010), well over 1,700 volunteers, and the partnerships with 45 other local agencies. The director told the Council Office that the investment should not change the fact that a majority of the beneficiaries will be residents of the City.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. This request for pilot project funds will increase the capacity of this agency to provide quality food (that would otherwise go to waste) to people in need, assure the food and agency operations are safe, and support its staff. Feeding the hungry improves their health and often their economic prospects.

Cost – Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Increase Drive to Full-Time	\$5,178
4500lb Walkie Pallet Jack	\$4,199
Bring Second Driver to 40 hours per week	\$2,254
Total Amount Requested	\$11,631

Other Funds

Total Project Cost \$11,631

Note: HHFB had revenues in excess of \$500,000 in 2010 and served over 45 agencies within the City.

SSF Funding History

1994	Denied	Warehouse addition, freezer, cooler, capital expenses	
1996	Granted	Refrigerated truck	\$3,800
1997	Granted	Equipment for Food Repackaging Room for meal rescue program	\$9,200
1999	Granted	Cooler and condensing unit	\$14,394
2000-June	Granted	One low-lift pallet truck and three sets of racking	\$4,549
2001	Granted	To purchase food for city residents	\$3,000
2004	Granted	Pay for renovations to the facility	\$13,294
2006	Granted	To install lights, replace door, reinstall floor scale, and purchase safety equipment for two trucks.	\$6,670
2008	Granted	To purchase a refrigerated cargo van for use in the Meal Share prepared food rescue program	\$31,414
2010	Denied	Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department and Hoosier Hills Food Bank Garden and Orchard	\$39,000

Mission

Martha’s House (MH) is a 28-bed facility whose mission is to provide safe shelter to men and women experiencing homelessness while they work to stabilize their lives. It opened in 2002 to continue emergency housing after Shelter, Inc. closed and incorporated as a not-for-profit in 2004. MH runs two programs – Emergency Shelter, where clients can stay for as long as 120 days and Permanent & Supportive Housing (the Bridges Program), where clients can stay as long as they are meeting the requirements. MH staff work with clients in both programs to establish goals regarding employment, life skills, social services and housing and then evaluate their progress. As of the beginning of last year, it had provided food, clothing and shelter to 1,600 non-duplicated clients and provided over 38,000 nights of stay. In 2010, MH served 286 unduplicated clients for a total of over 9,000 nights with the average length of stay being 31 days.

Project

In a conversation with staff, the MH Director clarified the request. MH wants \$25,000 in bridge funding for salaries for the Resident Advocates (\$9,000) and Case Manager (\$8,000) and Utilities (\$8,000). The grant will help off-set both delays in grant cycles and actual reductions in funds. The order of priority may change as more is known about this year’s revenues.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report recognized that homeless individuals and families: do not have access to enough affordable housing in this community; often have multiple problems that block their prospects for self-sufficiency; and, would benefit from more sheltering places. The SCAN Steering Committee recommended that Monroe County “expand the community capacity for providing emergency shelter to individuals and families.” MH writes that its services help break the cycle and the downward spiral of poverty that threaten its clients.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge funding to offset delays in funding cycles as well as possible reductions in funds in order to continue these essential services. In this time of economic uncertainty the director foresaw a delay and possible reduction in the \$23,500 ESG, reductions in the FEMA grants and the need to cover utilities which had been covered by the Perry Twp. Trustee. The Director told the Council Office that she has dropped health insurance for employees because of a 40% increase and shared the following plan for future funding. First, along with other special events, MH will hold a signature funding raising event in November which will raise some money this year and more money in future years. Second, it will diversify its revenue stream by developing its donor base (via newsletters) and targeting organizations that already serve sectors of its client populations (e.g. veterans). Lastly, it will seek more grants.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$25,000 request for bridge funding will be leveraged by over \$160,000 in other revenues and the work of 30 volunteers.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MH provides emergency housing and self-sufficiency services to hundreds of persons each year. This request for bridge funding will allow this agency to continue during a time of uncertainty in governmental grants.

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Resident Advocate Positions – Salaries and Benefits	\$9,000
Case Manager – Salary and Benefits	\$8,000
Utilities	\$8,000
Total Amount Requested	\$ 25,000

Other Funds

<i>Grants – including from Federal, State, and Local entities and NAP credits</i>	<i>\$105,900</i>
<i>Events – including signature event in November, Homeward Bound Walk, and others</i>	<i>\$15,500</i>
<i>Donations</i>	<i>\$17,552</i>
<i>In-Kind Income – including material, rent, and some services</i>	<i>\$32,328.26</i>
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 196,280.26

MH provided a revised budget that includes the “Bridges” program as well (in the second-to-last column).

SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Salaries and operational costs needed to operate 28-bed emergency shelter & facilitate a new self-sufficiency & outreach program	\$17,823
2005	Granted	Salary for Assistant Director and House Managers of the Emergency Shelter program	\$12,500
2006	Granted	To pay for personnel expenses for the Martha's House homeless shelter.	\$8,000
2007	Granted	To pay for a commercial washer and dryer for the emergency shelter.	\$2,400
2008	Granted	To cover personnel expenses as bridge-funding to operate shelter services	\$16,000
2009	Granted	To pay for the salaries and benefits for Resident Advocates for the Emergency Shelter program.	\$24,557.92
2010	Granted	To purchase and pay for the shipping of fourteen, two-drawer under bed storage units for the facility at 919 South Rogers Street.	\$4,225

#17 MIDDLE WAY HOUSE

A More Sustainable Future

City residents served by this project in 2011:

Agency Employees [full-time: 26/ part-time: 48/ volunteers: 340]

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\$ 21,297

250 (of: 450)

Mission

To end violence, both structural and interpersonal, in the lives of women and children. From a crisis line in 1971, Middle Way House (MWH) grew in response to the identified needs of victims of abuse and now provides 24-hour crisis intervention, emergency shelter, transition and permanent housing, life skills development and personal growth activities, legal advocacy, pre-employment training, placement assistance and supported employment, comprehensive programming for children and youth, violence prevention and professional development training.

Project

MWH requests \$21,297 for its *A More Sustainable Future* project – an initiative to make New Wings and The Rise more energy efficient. MWH points out that while the building was designed with sustainability in mind, its current operating costs are far higher than they anticipated. To help stem these costs, MWH request funds for 1) a heat pump/AC unit; 2) funds to shift lighting to LED and 3) a green roof module & enhancement.

Heat Pump/AC Unit (\$6,387 parts & labor): The heat pump/AC unit is needed to heat and cool the Crisis Line Office on the first floor. At present, the three-story building is served by one unit. To address the high cost of temperature regulation, MWH has been turning down the unit to “maintenance level” starting at 9p. After 9p, most residents are on the third floor, and largely unaffected by the change. However, the change made conditions unbearable for staff working the Crisis Line on the first floor in the summer and winter. MWH responded by adjusting the temperature on the first floor, even though 2/3 of the floor is not in use after 6p. By putting the Crisis Office on its own heat pump, MWH expects to save \$1,900/year.

LED Initiative (\$14,310 parts& labor): Given the nature of its work, MWH has special security needs and lights certain parts of the building 24 hours/day. These areas include spaces such as: facility exterior, hallways, offices, reception areas and foyers. Currently, these areas are lit with florescent lights. By switching out 220 of these bulbs with LED lighting, MWH expects to save \$72,000 over the life of the lamps.

Green Roof Expansion (\$600): MWH also points out that the cost of feeding residents has increased. In 2011, it expects to provide 16,500 meals to women and children. MWH proposes to reduce its food costs by expanding its rooftop gardening initiative. \$400 is requested for 16 green roof modules and \$200 is requested for growing media, seeds and seedlings. MWH expect this expansion to increase its arable land 10 fold.

Criteria

Need. HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* ranks services for battered and abused spouses as a “high priority.” The *Plan* refers to MWH as part of an anti-poverty strategy, and points out that MWH provides a safety net and offers self-sufficiency programs, case management services and appropriate counseling referrals. MWH writes that it houses “women and children who need a safe place to live and have nowhere else to go. We meet their needs for housing, food, other necessities of daily living, and social services as long as they reside with us.”

One-Time Investment & Leveraging. This is a request for one-time funding. MWH has 340 volunteers and writes that it has \$600 in matching funds from Trinity Episcopal, and an expected \$2,600 from the Bloomington Garden Club and \$1,200 from Captain Planet.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits MWH provides safe housing, food, social services and other necessities to women and children 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, “which saves lives every season of the year.”

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

ton heat pump/AC Unit Mitsubishi Split Unit	\$6,387
100 LED florescent replacement bulbs @\$66/bulb	\$6,600
120 2’ LED bulbs @ \$60/bulb	\$7,200
Labor for bulbs \$8.50x 60 hours	\$ 510
160 green roof modules	\$ 400
Green roof: growing medium, seeds, starts	\$ 200

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 21,297
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Other funds

<i>Bloomington Garden Club (pending)</i>	\$2,600
<i>Trinity Episcopal (confirmed)</i>	\$ 600
<i>Captain Planet (pending)</i>	\$1,200
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$25,697

SSF Funding History

1993	Denied	Transitional housing project and day care center	
1994	Granted	Women’s and children’s transitional facility	\$35,000
1996	Granted	Child care facility	\$17,350
1997	Denied	Construction Fees	
1999	Denied	Interim Salary for Coordinator	
2000-June	Granted	To construct addition onto their shelter	\$10,000
2000-June	Granted	To buy and install security devices for two facilities	\$2,426
2000-June	Denied	Travel and Conference	
2000-Oct.	Granted	To buy an Industrial Grade document scanner for Confidential Document Destruction Program	\$3,211
2001	Granted	To support pilot childcare nutrition program/enterprise by paying salaries of cook	\$23,885
2003	Granted	Purchase thermal carriers; pots, pans, and food trays; and, dishwasher proof dishes and flatware in order to extend program to Area 10 Agency on Aging	\$4,100
2004	Granted	Pay a portion of salary and benefits for a Housing Specialist who will develop a cooperative housing program & facility for low-income women	\$7,500
2005	Granted	Steel ramp, tow bar loops, lifts for Confidential Document Destruction	\$10,000
2006	Granted	To pay for the personnel expenses of the Childcare Program Coordinator.	\$12,000
2007	Granted	Salaries, taxes, and benefits for House Manager & weekend staff at Emergency Shelter.	\$6,500
2008	Denied	Alternative Power and Energy for New Wings Community Partnership	\$55,000
2009	Granted	To purchase beds and mattresses for the Emergency Shelter.	\$10,500
2010	Granted	To purchase kitchen equipment for Food Works	\$10,554

Agency Employees [full-time: 2/ part-time: 6/ volunteers: 101]

Mission

Monroe County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides advocacy services to children who are caught up in the local court system due to abuse and neglect. These services are provided by carefully selected and trained volunteers who operate with the coaching and supervision of paid staff. CASA’s goal is to hold parties accountable and ensure that children attain safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

Project

Since the local program began in 1983, its caseload has steadily expanded. Since 2007, CASA has seen a 15% increase in children served. However, the number of children appointed by the courts exceeds the number of children CASA is able to help. For example, in 2010, courts appointed 399 children to the program, of which CASA was able to serve 311 – the remaining 88 never had a CASA due to lack of volunteers. To help recruit, train and supervise more volunteers, CASA requests \$1,605.23 for technical equipment. Specifically, it requests two laptops, a portable projector screen and a table top display board.

CASA points out that it will use this technology in three ways:

- 1) Use for ETO Training. Last year, CASA purchased an outcome-based database system called *Efforts to Outcomes* (ETO) to better measure the efficacy of its volunteers’ advocacy. It is a complex system that requires CASA volunteers to input information as they “work” their case, resulting in a greater need for training of CASA’s 101 volunteers. A SPEA Service Corps graduate student conducts trainings one-on-one and in group sessions. The proposed laptops would be used in these trainings.
- 2) Supervision. Laptops will also be used by CASA supervisors during court hearings and Family Team meetings. CASA writes that this will allow for more effective supervision as up-to-date information will be at the immediate disposal of supervisors.
- 3) Recruitment. The laptop, folding screen and display board will be used to recruit more CASA volunteers. Last year, CASA gave 27 presentations in the community – the technical equipment will help CASA augment its message and communicate via powerpoint and video. The display board will be used when technology is not possible.

Criteria

Need. SCAN points out that “those working with children see an urgent need to streamline the system. Currently...CASA, estimates it is only serving 30% of the children who need their services. There is growing concern that allowing time to pass before addressing a problem or settling a case can be especially detrimental to children who are still developing mentally, physically and emotionally.” CASA points out that while it is now serving a higher percentage of the abused and neglected children in Monroe Circuit Court since the SCAN report, these positive changes also encumbered the CASA program with a higher case load and minimal increase in funding. Last year, courts appointed 399 children to CASA, but CASA was able to serve 311. Of March 2010, CASA had 32 children on the waiting list for a volunteer. The staff is currently supervising 115 cases involving 205 children. Prior to 2008, CASA’s maximum case load was 75.

One-Time Investment & Fiscal Leveraging.

CASA leverages 101 volunteers for its work. A SPEA graduate student is conducting the ETO training.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

CASA writes that child abuse has both immediate and long-term ramifications for the community, including significant financial burdens. According to recent research, maltreatment approximately doubles the probability of engaging in many types of crime. CASA points out that the “current financial instability of the country has a greater change to negatively impact the families and children CASAs serve which, in turn, will inevitably increase the demand from the community for child advocacy services.” A U.S. Department of Justice audit of CASAs concluded that a “child with a CASA volunteer is less likely to reenter the child welfare system. The proportion of reentries is consistently reduced by half.” CASA writes that their work prevents later drains on social services and prevents juvenile and adult crimes.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

2 HP Laptop @ \$499.99/ea. (plus ship & handle)	\$ 999.98
Portable Projector Screen (plus ship & handle)	\$ 394.00
Table top Display Board	\$ <u>211.25</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 1,605.23
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SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Renovation for office, conference room and storage	\$2,500
2000	Granted	Hire staff for tracking services and measuring outcomes	\$3,200
2009	Granted	To pay for rent, salary, and volunteer training for Court Appointed Special Advocates program.	\$8,066.76

Preventing Suicide in Bloomington

\$ 3,684

City residents served by this project in 2011:

240 (of: 300)

Agency Employees [full-time:0/ part-time: 0/ volunteers: 25]

Mission

The Monroe County Suicide Prevention Coalition (MCSPC) operates as a formal committee of the Monroe County Chapter of Mental Health America. The mission of MCSPC is “to understand and prevent suicide through research, education and advocacy, and to reach out to people at risk and those impacted by suicide.”

Project

MCSPC seeks \$3,684 in pilot funds to grow their outreach effort. Formed in the summer of 2010, MCSPC has worked over the last nine months to coordinate broad stakeholder support to address suicide prevention, intervention and post-suicide support needs. To further this effort, it requests funds for evidence-based community suicide awareness training and education. Specifically, MCSPC requests display materials, printing, in-service resources and formal training workbooks for both formal suicide prevention trainings and for outreach.

Protocol Training These are formal ½ day trainings which follow SafeTALK and QPR models. Both are trainings intended to: recognize when a person might have thoughts of suicide; know how to ask good questions; how to listen and how to quickly connect the person with thoughts of suicide to suicide intervention resources.

Outreach These in-service efforts are intended to reach an audience not likely to attend the formal trainings. Outreach will be comprised of shorter in-service presentations of 20-30 minutes for a wide number of civic/charitable groups. Such outreach presentations may be made at youth groups, church groups or other interested stakeholder meetings. MCSPC anticipates that its outreach efforts may encourage some outreach attendees to participate in the formal trainings.

Both trainings will be offered to targeted youth-relevant audiences, including probation department employees, Department of Child Services, high school and middle school teachers, parks and recreation personnel, Planned Parenthood and local ministerial associations. MCSPC will not charge for the training to ensure optimal access to community members so they can be “suicide aware” without financial barriers.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN report advises that “mental health services are seen to be in a state of crisis.” MCSPC points out that untreated mental health and substance use problems are primary risks for suicide. SCAN also points out the need for services for at-risk youth. In 1999, youth under the age of 25 accounted for 14% of all suicides in the US; Hoosiers between the ages of 10 and 24 commit suicide more often than their age cohorts in the rest of the US. The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicated that over 17% of Indiana high school students had seriously considered suicide and over 9% had made an attempt.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for start-up funds. MCSPC will fund in the initiative in the future through a combined strategy of fund raisers, donations, and small grants. MCSPC expects that its on-going costs beyond start-up to be manageable and states that both MCSPC and the local chapter of the Mental Health Alliance have specific committees focused on fundraising to ensure the success of MCSPC.

Fiscal Leveraging. MCSPC has secured \$100 in private donations and \$500 from Centerstone for this project.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MCSPC writes that its evidence-based prevention programs help trainees identify signs and suicide risk. Because suicide is a leading cause of death for adolescents and adults, MCSPC writes that training many individuals and groups will help prevent citizen suicides. “Our hope is to engage community culture such that we can influence more effective community policies and strategies for minimizing loss of life due to suicide in Bloomington and Monroe County.”

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Display Materials

6’ folding display table	\$80
folding chairs	\$60
Tri-fold board	\$10
	\$150

Printing

Brochures	\$160
Banner 6’x3’	\$144
Graphic Designer	\$750
	\$1,054

In-service Presentation Resources

No Kidding, You Too	\$ 15
Shadow Voices: Finding Help in Mental Illness	\$ 20
Cut: Teens & Self Injury	\$ 125
Suicide: A Guide to Prevention & A Life Saved: The Story of a Suicide Intervention	\$ 190
LCD Projector	\$ 400
Laptop computer w/ internal DVD drive	\$ 700
External Altec computer speakers for presentations	\$ 130
	\$1,500

Training Workbooks

SafeTALK Training Workbooklets	\$1,000
QPR Training Workbooklets	\$ 500
	\$1,500

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 3,684
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Other Funds	\$ 600
TOTAL COST	\$4,284

SSF Funding History – None

Mission

MCUM, “is a nurturing organization serving working families and those in distress by assisting with emergency needs and subsidized childcare. We provide quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance for the poor and community service opportunities.”

Project

In 2010, MCUM’s Emergency Food Pantry distributed enough food to make 44,073 meals. MCUM requests funds to replace three Food Pantry freezers and to upgrade its electrical work to accommodate the freezers and to meet building code. This will enable MCUM to connect an even larger volume of food, especially protein, to those in need

Electrical work: MCUM has to upgrade its electrical work to accommodate the new freezers and to meet current code. Specifically, it needs to replace two 100-amp electrical panels with new 200-amp panels and to replace a fuse box with a 100-amp panel. In addition to supporting the freezers, MCUM writes that the upgrade will stabilize the electrical service for the whole building. Without the upgrade, it cannot expand any of its program services.

Freezers: While most of the food distributed by MCUM last year was boxed or canned, it does have two chest freezers and two upright freezers to store frozen food. Three of these freezers have been in use for over 20 years. MCUM requests \$8,936.69 to replace these freezers with three larger, more energy-efficient units. It proposes to replace its two 17-cubic feet chest freezers with a chest freezer that is 49 cubic feet and one that is 35 cubic feet. It proposes to replace an upright freezer with a 19 cubic feet upright.

Criteria

Need. HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* states that the City’s priority strategies include working to “[p]rovide funding to non-profit organizations that serve low income individuals/families with their basic emergency needs: food, shelter and health care” and to “[p]rovide funding to non-profit organizations that provide a safety net for community members in need.” MCUM also points out that its emergency services program is both a form of intervention and of prevention. “By helping families cope with a difficult time. . . we help families regain self-sufficiency and avoid long-term struggles that might include homelessness, incarcerations, and other challenges that are difficult to recover from and are expensive for the community to address.”

In 2010, MCUM saw a record number of *new* applicants for assistance – 38% of 1,096 were asking for MCUM help for the first time. This reflects a growing trend of an increasing number of first-time applicants seeking relief. All of the clients served by MCUM are at-risk citizens. Of the households served by MCUM in 2010, 73% were “extremely low income;” 17% were “low income;” 51% were households with children; 9% were households with elderly; 29% were households with disabled; 23% were single-mother households.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for one-time funding for equipment.

Fiscal Leveraging. MCUM writes that this project expands and strengthens its ability to work with other partners, including the food bank and community donors. Of the food brought to the pantry in 2010, 86% was donated from community members, 11% came from the USDA commodities program and 3% came from the Hoosier Hills Food bank.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MCUM writes that, “[b]y strengthening our ability to provide assistance during difficult time, funding this request can help prevent long-term crises and encourage self-sufficiency. The result is families with housing, children with food and clothing, adults with the resources they need to regain their stability, and a healthier community overall.”

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Electrical upgrade	\$5,499.00
19 cubic freezer (\$1,745 freezer +102 installation)	\$1,847.00
49 cubic freezer (3,553.04 for freezer + 204 installation)	\$3,757.04
35 cubic freezer (\$3,220.65 freezer + 102 installation)	\$3,322.65
Service call/ flat fee (if freezers are purchased separately, fee due upon each delivery)	\$10.00

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 14,435.69
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Other funds

\$0

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$14,435.69

SSF Funding History

1996	Denied	Facility Addition - Daycare	\$50,000
1997	Granted	Addition and renovation of child care facility	\$51,000
1998	Granted	Renovate existing building to meet new building code	\$9,925
1999	Granted	Equipment for food area	\$11,850
2001	Granted	To pay rent and utilities for city residents at risk of being displaced	\$32,884
2003	Granted	Subsidize childcare costs for low-income households within the City	\$20,000
2004	Granted	To subsidize child care services for low-income during the summer months	\$15,000
2005	Granted	Caseworker salary for Emergency Services program	\$16,000
2006	Granted	Expenses of an additional social worker for the Emergency Services program	\$20,000
2007	Granted	To subsidize affordable childcare costs for working families residing in the City.	\$28,080
2010	Granted	To purchase cots, cot carriers, cot name plates and emergency kits for the Affordable Childcare program	\$5,540.53

#21 MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

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Garden & Nutrition Support Vehicle

\$15,000

City residents served by this project in 2011

3,350(of 5,875)

Agency Employees [full-time:3/ part-time: 2/ volunteers: 140]

Mission

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is a community food pantry whose mission is to provide wholesome, healthful food to people in need as well as nutrition and gardening education and to provide services in ways that build community while enhancing the dignity, respect and self-care of all involved. In 2010, MHC provided food to 5,875 unduplicated clients for 97,644 (duplicated) total instances of services (a bag of groceries) and redistributed 960,000 pounds of healthy food. MHC is the largest agency partner of Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB), distributing 31% of HHFB's food in 2010. All of MHC's clients meet CDBG income eligibility guidelines. One-third of its clients are children under age 18, 6% of its clients are ill or disabled.

Project

MHC requests \$15,000 to purchase a pre-owned cargo van for its *Garden and Nutrition Programs*. The van will be used to transport garden supplies and tools between MHC's four garden locations (all within City limits) and to move nutrition supplies to and from nutrition education sites (all within City limits) and as additional storage for both programs. Based on its investigation of comparator vehicles, it estimates the van to have a fuel efficiency between 14-18 MPG (combined city and highway). MHC advises that fuel efficiency will be an important factor in vehicle selection.

Until recently, MHC relied primarily on a staff member's personal truck, supplemented by volunteer vehicles. The staff truck is no longer available and volunteer vehicles will not sufficiently meet MHC's needs. In 2009, the JHSSF Committee granted MHC \$28,650 to purchase a cargo van for its *Food Pantry Program*. MHC writes that this van cannot also be used for the Garden and Nutrition program due to concerns of possible food contamination with gardening supplies, such as straw, fertilizer and compost. MHC adds that using the van for both purposes would also be logistically challenging due to the growth of both the gardening and food pantry programs.

MHC's *Garden Program* began over 10 years ago and has distributed over 14,000 pounds of fresh produce. In 2010, the Program distributed 2,057 pounds of fresh vegetable in four gardens. MHC writes that the expansion of the Crestmont Community Garden and MHC's garden in Butler Park, MHC has almost two-and-a-half times the gardening space in 2011 and anticipates greatly increasing the fresh food produced for the pantry during the 2011 growing season.

Criteria

Need. Both *SCAN* and *HAND's Consolidated Plan* make clear that emergency food services are one of the community's urgent social service needs. MHC cites the *Plan's* priority to "provide funding to nonprofit organizations that serve low-income individuals and families with their basic emergency needs: food, shelter and health care." Under a Bloomington Housing Authority's survey, MHC as the second most utilized agency under "Public Assistance General" category. *SCAN* reports that 17% of all households and 50% of low-income households reported problems having enough money for food.

One-Time Investment This is a request for one-time funding.

Fiscal Leveraging MHC has secured \$994.50 toward the purchase of this vehicle for insurance, dealer fees and vehicle registration. While MHC cannot negotiate a price until it makes an offer on a specific vehicle and cannot make an offer until it has funding in hand, the agency states that Curry Auto has worked with MHC in the past on vehicle purchases and given the agency a discount. MHC writes that "we feel confident that our relationship with them will positively affect our negotiations."

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The MHC Garden program helps supply its Pantry with fresh, local, organic produce. MHC also teaches residents how to grow their own healthy food *via* programs such as *Seed Starting*, *Worm Composting* and *Chickens in the City*. It reaches out to area youth *via* gardening classes through the Banneker After-School Program and Summer Camp, Girls, Inc. and the Crestmont Boys & Girls Club. MHC writes that these programs have effects on health, health care costs, employment and education (better health means greater productivity) and overall quality of life.

Cost -- Amount Requested -- Ranked by Priority

Pre-owned cargo van \$15,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$15,000
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Other funds -- MHC (confirmed)

Dealer fees \$74.50

Insurance -- 1 year \$820.00

Vehicle registration \$100.00

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$15,994.00

SSF Funding History

1999	Granted	Refrigeration unit	\$1,029
2000-Oct.	Granted	To establish a new Southside food pantry in concert with the Community Kitchen and the Perry Township Trustees	\$9,000
2002	Granted	To fund a new nutrition education program	\$5,000
2006	Granted	To pay for the purchase and installation of one two-door freezer unit and one two-door refrigeration unit.	\$6,670
2008	Granted	To provide bridge-funding to pay for salaries to operate the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard community food pantry	\$24,000
2009	Granted	To help purchase a cargo van for the Food Pantry program	\$28,650.00

#22 MY SISTER'S CLOSET

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*Maximizing Impact: Addressing the Needs of Clothing Voucher Recipients
with Extended Store Hours*

\$ 4,524

City residents served by this project in 2011

113 (of 125+ voucher recipients)

Agency Employees [full-time:0/ part-time: 1/ volunteers: 25]

* Note: After MSC submitted its application, it learned that it will be able to take advantage of a new space to relocate its store, to be located at 406 W. 2nd effective June 1, 2011. MSC advises that this move will increase its retail floor space by more than 30% and will offer greater visibility, ease of access, proximity to other social services, retail and adequate parking. Its original request for \$4,524 to expand its store hours still stands; the only change is that the request attaches to expansion of store hours at its new space, not old one.

Mission

My Sister's Closet (MSC) is an outlet for new and gently-used women's professional clothing. Its mission is to assist women of low-income to achieve self-sufficiency by providing free workforce attire for interviewing and job placement. Its long-term goal is to promote opportunities for women's economic and job stability. MSC partners with social services agencies to provide low-income and at-risk clients with vouchers for free clothing via its Bargain Boutique. Each voucher recipient qualifies for two outfits for interviewing and a total of five outfits once they have been hired in a job at least 30 hours a week, or a total of two outfits for part-time work. Voucher recipients also receive free haircuts and other help to prepare for interviews. The boutique is also available to other residents in need of low-cost clothing who do not qualify for vouchers.

Project

MSC requests \$4,524 to expand its store hours at its new location. At present, MSC's Boutique at 1010 S. Walnut is open 22 hours/week, Wednesday-Friday, 10a-3p and Saturday 10-5p. MSC cut back its weekday hours due to its proximity to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and the parking demands made by Cupboard clients visiting to get groceries during the week from 4-6p. Based on an informal survey of women who did not redeem vouchers, MSC's hours were not convenient given work, travel, childcare and school schedules.

To remedy this dilemma, MSC is both moving to a new space with greater accessibility and increasing its hours from 22 hours, four days a week to 49 hours, six days a week. It will relocate its store to 406 W. 2nd (in a strip mall, next to *Mary M's*). The store will be open Tuesday-Saturday, 10-7p and Sunday, 1-5p. MSC anticipates that in the first year of operation at its new location, it will see a 10% increase in voucher redemptions and a 25% increase in overall traffic for non-voucher holders.

To make this expansion possible, MSC will create a part-time position as Assistant Store Management. To date, the revenue from the MSC boutique store pays for the wages, liability insurance and taxes of its one part-time employee. Based on MSC's performance at its former location across from City Hall (circa ~2000-2004) – a location with higher traffic, better visibility and more proximate to retail – MSC projects a \$10,000 increase in store sales at the new location. MSC advises that given this projection, it expects to be able to self-fund the new Assistant Store Manager position after the initial pilot provided by a JHSSF grant.

Criteria

Need. MSC points to SCAN's call for needed provision of services to address under- and unemployment by "removing barriers and facilitating access to gainful employment opportunities." SCAN states that having enough money to buy shoes and clothing was identified as a problem for 62% of provider clients.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for operational funds to help MSC expand its store hours. After the life of the grant, MSC expects the revenue from the expanded hours to sustain the enhanced operation.

Fiscal Leveraging. Expanded hours are expected to self-fund operations after the first 26 weeks. MSC will create an unpaid internship for an apparel/textile merchandising student. It will also retain its current space on S. Walnut provided by the Perry Township trustees for \$1/year while researching the possibility of opening up a My Brother's Closet or some other option of expanding My Sister's Closet. In addition, MSC partners with over 20 different local agencies to collectively serve the needs of women in the community experiencing physical emergencies, domestic violence, homelessness, joblessness and displacement. (See application for list of MSC partners.)

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MSC writes that "[n]early doubling our store hours means twice the opportunity to clothe vulnerable populations entering or re-entering the workforce who are also combating under- and unemployment, poverty and the inability to properly provide individuals and their own families."

Cost --Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Wages @ \$7.25/hour x 20 hours x 26 weeks \$3,770
Employment taxes (20%x \$3,770) \$ 754

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 4,524
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Other Funds (store revenue – expected after 26 weeks) \$4,524
TOTAL PROJECT COST (@ 52 weeks) \$ 9,048

SSF Funding History

1999	Denied	wages, rent, credit card processing, parking stickers & loan repayment	\$25,000.00
2001	Granted	To purchase display, tagging & laundry equipment for clothing donation program	\$ 1,130.00
2003	Denied	Re-open retail and service facility	\$ 9,959.77
2007	Granted	To purchase equipment for resale store of women's workforce clothing and a display case to inform the public about the program.	\$ 2,500.00
2008	Denied	Supporting Progress Towards Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency (VISTA volunteer)	\$13,200.95
2009	Granted	To pay rent and purchase boxes for storage facility.	\$1,781.88

**#23 NEW HOPE FAMILY SHELTER, INC.
(UNITED WAY, fiscal agent)**

New Hope Start Up

\$ 27,721

City residents served by this project in 2011

36-54 individuals (of: 84-126)/year

Agency Employees [full-time:1/ part-time: 3/ volunteers: 300]

Mission

“To provide temporary shelter for homeless families in Bloomington and Monroe County and, in collaboration with other agencies, to help those families regain housing by addressing the problems that led to homelessness.” New Hope has applied for 501(c)3 status.

Project

New Hope Family Shelter, Inc. (NH) is a proposed new day-and-night family shelter serving intact families, mothers who are not victims of domestic violence and families headed by single dads. Its main shelter house will be located at 409 W. Second Street. It hopes to open its main shelter by July 2011. Toward this end, NH requests \$27,721 for rehabilitation of the main shelter. Rehabilitation includes the construction of a handicapped-accessible full bathroom and a laundry. NH writes that this rehabilitation is required by code and must be completed before the facility is used for its intended purpose.* NH expects to shelter 28-42 families a year (84-126 individuals). NH expects to serve 12-18 families (36-54 individuals) at its main shelter house each year. Of the individuals served at the main shelter, NH projects that 22-32 of those will be City residents.

Physical Location:

NH proposes to provide seven units, each of which accommodate a family. These units will be located in three different areas. Three units will be located at the main shelter house on W. Second, one will be provided at Rosie’s Place and three will be rental units. The site of the three additional rental until has yet to be determined. NH is looking at areas proximate to its main shelter and near the IU stadium. Bloomington Hospital has donated the use of the main shelter on W. Second for \$1/year. Rosie’s Place is providing NH the space for free and NH has budgeted \$450/month for each of the three additional rental units.

Case Management Focus:

NH states that its signature characteristic is case management. NH plans to hire a director by early May. The NH director will have daily contact with residents and will meet formally at least once a week with residents and will assess each family’s progress toward its goals. The director will follow up with families who leave the shelter for up to a year, providing additional help with job searches, obtaining benefits, making referrals and similar services. Families will be permitted a maximum stay of 90 days. Please see NH’s attached *Business Plan* for more details of its operating strategy.

* (Note: HAND completed its investigation of the main shelter site at 409 W. Second on 13 April 2011. HAND has documented the need for the structure to undergo lead remediation on its interior, exterior and its basement. The structure must pass clearance before it is inhabited.)

Criteria

Need. HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* identifies the need for a family shelter in Bloomington as one of the primary gaps in the community’s provision of social services. At present there are only two units in the community accommodating families in need – one at Rosie’s Place (run by the Bloomington Township Trustees) and a HAND-owned house on W. Tapp road that accommodates a family in need.

NH points out that Middle Way House reports up to four families a week seek shelter outside its mission. A 2006 Shalom survey indicated that one new family/week seeks shelter. Rosie’s Place provided shelter for seven families in 2009. NH writes that it estimates that up to 30 families need shelter each year. In a communication issued subsequent to its application, NH said that after an article in the Herald-Times about NH, it received inquiries from six families seeking shelter.

One-Time Investment. NH writes that the funds requested are a one-time investment to help make their facility accessible and compliant with law.

Fiscal Leveraging. Bloomington Hospital is providing the use of a house (proposed main shelter) for five years for a nominal amount (\$1/month) and has agreed to provide parking and to maintain the house’s exterior. NH has secured \$2,500 from the Home Modification for Accessible Living for part of accessibility modifications and requests JHSSF funds for the balance. NH points out that community members have volunteered to provide labor, skills and materials to complete the rehabilitation of the main shelter house, local merchants have donated paint and supplies, other organizations have offered use of equipment and a number of groups have offered “days of service.” For operating expenses for the first year, NH writes that it has \$22,790 on hand or committed but needs an additional \$46,210 to meet its target for opening the shelter with half the first year’s operating expenses of \$69,000 in hand.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. NH writes that the long-lasting benefit of this project will be “to securely launch a new social service agency to meet this community’s need for a family shelter.”

Cost --Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Restoration work at proposed family shelter at 409 W. 2nd	\$27,721
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$27,721

Other Funds

<i>Home Modification & Accessibility Program</i>	\$2,500
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$30,000

SSF Funding History -- None

Mission

Options’ mission is to partner with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self-directed and enriched lives through education, information and support. It serves people with disabilities of all ages in the area of employment, community living, continuing education and respite. In 2010, Options served 375 individuals and families. It helped 95 individuals gain and keep employment and made 23 new placements. It supported 16 people in community living and had 69 customers enrolled in its continuing education courses.

Project

Options requests \$6,000 for a high-speed scanner to help them better shift all their work to a paperless environment. In 2008, the JHSSF Committee gave Options funds to launch Progress Track I – a system that linked computer kiosks and Options staff to its electronic records while in community living homes. Since 2008, Options has added more kiosks and has been transitioning all its paper records into customer record software. As Options’ work involves a great deal of paperwork, the effort to digitize its records is “daunting.” While the organization writes that it has been working diligently to scan its paper records, it says that it just cannot keep up. At present it is using a small desktop scanner that does not allow for multi-page feed, color scanning or two-sided scanning.

Options says that upgrading its scanner to a high-speed, high-volume model will effect improvements in efficiency, safety and money. Efficiency: At present, staff currently spends about 15 hours per week scanning required documentation into its customer record software. Use of the requested scanner would cut that time in half. Safety: In the past, both staff and health care professionals have relied on paper records; when such records were not up-to-date, health care professions did not have full information. Transitioning these records to an electronic environment wherein all information is immediately updated in all locations will improve services. Money: In the last two years, Options has experienced a 15% cut (\$2.1 million) to its budget and a 6% increase in demand for its services. In response, Options has cut many administrative staff positions while retaining as many direct service positions as possible. A high speed scanner will help Options spend less time on scanning and uploading documents and more time turning to client services and other tasks.

The scanner requested is a Fujitsu fi-6770A with high-speed real-time image processing, duplexing capability and image software and an image processing board.

Criteria

Need. SCAN emphasizes the challenges faced by those who serve individuals with disabilities. Because of funding losses, Options writes that improving efficiencies in the interest of improved customer service is imperative. Specifically, “by getting more information into our customer record system we will make our scattered site strategy easier and less expensive to manage continuing to allow people remain at home in their community.”

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request. Options will maintain and upgrade the scanner as needed.

Fiscal Leveraging. Options has dedicated \$712.53 toward the purchase of the scanner and \$240 toward scanner installation and training of staff.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

Options writes that this scanner will help them: 1) complete transfer of all existing customer files to digital format by the end of 2011; 2) reduce staff scanning time to less than 8 hours per week and free staff time for more customer service; 3) provide field staff with enhanced access to historical data; 4) access more complete information translates into improved customer care; 5) reduce costs for paper, supplies and space.

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Fujitsu FI-6670A Scanner \$6,712.53

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 6,000
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Other Funds

contribution toward scanner (Options)	\$712.53
Scanner training for staff -- \$60 x 4 (Options)	\$240.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$6,952.53

SSF Funding History

1997	Granted	Upgrading phone and voice mail system	\$13,500
1998	Granted	Repair 1991 Club Wagon for client purpose	\$3,000
2000-June	Granted	Materials, computer, and furniture for resource library	\$5,000
2001	Granted	To purchase CPR training equipment to train staff	\$4,966
2002	Granted	Materials for a program between Options and Center for Behavioral Health to address persons with dual diagnosis	\$5,000
2003	Granted	Materials for resource library & speaker fees. Family Partnership	\$1,725
2004	Denied	Career Exploration Day Transportation and Costs	
2005	Granted	Modify wheelchair accessible van for community participation program	\$7,500
2006	Granted	To format and rebuild computers and install modems and software as part of the Equalizing with E-cycling program.	\$4,000
2008	Granted	To purchase refurbished computers, modems and internet services to link between community living homes and the main office	\$4,000
2010	Granted	To pay for software, training, video production and resource materials for the Power Up program.	\$9,750.00

T@P: Teens at PALS (Pilot)

\$ 3,000

City residents served by this T@P in 2011:

25 (of: 25)

[Residents served by PALS overall: 160 (of 260)]

Agency Employees [full-time: 2/ part-time: 4/ volunteers: 150]

Mission

PALS provides high-quality, safe, educational, fun and therapeutic animal assisted activities such as therapeutic horseback riding, hippotherapy, animal care and pet encounter therapy to children and adults with physical, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities. Since 2000, PALS has provided 13,900 therapeutic riding lessons. PALS averages 65 riders/week. PALS is the only therapeutic riding center in the Bloomington area accredited by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association .

Project

PALS is requests \$3,000 to launch a pilot program, *Teens at PALS* (T@P). Requested funds will be devoted to 50% of part-time coordinator pay, purchase of a computer and printer and funding for transportation on Rural Transit for participants needing help getting to the program.

The focus of the pilot is to engage 25 at-risk and disadvantaged youth volunteers in helping to provide therapeutic equine assisted activities to people with disabilities. While PALS has worked to recruit at-risk teen *riders* in the past, this is the first time PALS has worked to recruit at-risk youth as *volunteers*. PALS advises that this initiative will better help them carryout their mission to reach out to both disabled residents and at-risk youth. Due to time constraints at the riding arena, PALS finds that nearly all its therapeutic riding lessons are occupied by people with disabilities. T@P is intended to provide a meaningful experience for at-risk youth by engaging them as volunteers to help at the barn and with riders. All T@P volunteers will be City residents. PALS will partner with Stepping Stones, Bloomington High School North and the Teen Learning Class at the Broadview Learning Center to recruit T@P youth.

Criteria

Need. PALS writes that in Monroe County, "there is a lack of activities for youth ages 13-18 during the mid-to-late afternoons to encourage healthy and active lifestyles." SCAN points out that, "[p]articipating in these (recreation) types of activities can help develop valuable competencies and social skills while contributing to self-esteem and a sense of purpose. Research shows that youth that are involved in activities with caring adult role models and mentors are more likely to complete school, do better academically, make healthier life choices, and engage in fewer destructive activities." PALS states that the number of individuals with disabilities and those at-risk continue to grow in Indiana and that "PALS offers a unique, active, and fun program the meets the needs of the community and has numerous benefits to its participants."

One-Time Investment This is a request for start up funds to pilot T@P. PALS writes that "[t]o ensure that this effort is sustainable moving forward, PALS will pursue ongoing funding from individuals as well as foundations." PALS ongoing fundraising includes: direct mail, special events, grants and individual and corporate donor stewardship.

Fiscal Leveraging. PALS will fund the balance (\$1,995) of the volunteer coordinator’s position.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Like its rides, PALS expects T@P volunteers to learn life skills that prepare and encourage them to be a healthy and active part of their community. PALS cites skills learned as: improved communication, building positive relationship and learning to care for animals. Based on a 2009 PALS survey, 75% of riders experienced improved self-confidence, 62% developed respect for animals, 56% experienced an increase in positive relationship skill, 47% experiences a sense of responsibility and 41% experienced improved communication skills. PALS writes that it expects that the same sort of results for its T@P volunteers. PALS will measure T@P efficacy by implementing a survey to be administered before and after the program.

Cost

Volunteer Coordinator Position @ \$10/hr, 3.5 hours/week x 50 weeks	\$1,575
[Volunteer Coordinator works 7 hours/week. ½ of this time is projected to be devoted to T@P]	
Equipment: computer & printer (for T@P & volunteer logging of “barn hours”)	\$ 980
Transportation: Rural Transit @ \$1.50/round trip x 20 trips for 25 youth (less PALS contribution of \$380)	\$ 445

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,000
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Other Funds

PALS contribution to coordinator position	\$1,575
PALS contribution toward transportation	\$ 380
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 4,995

SSF Funding History

2003	Granted	Purchase and install two hydraulic mounting lifts to be used for and owned by the PALS therapeutic riding program	\$3,400
2005	Denied	Leadership camp & copier	\$3,300
2006	Denied	Therapeutic Arena Props and Special Horse Tack	\$1,435
2007	Denied	Sponsorship for a therapy horse	\$3,900
2010	Granted	To provide scholarships for at-risk and disadvantaged youth	\$3,453.57

#26 PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF INDIANA, INC.

Half Price HIV Testing

City residents served by this project in 2011:

Agency Employees [full-time: 130/ part-time: 28/ volunteers: 176]

Mission

Planned Parenthood of Indiana’s (PPIN) mission is “to provide comprehensive reproductive health care – confidently, compassionately, affordable; to protect through prevention – educating honestly and confidently, compassionately, affordably; to protect through prevention – educating honestly and accurately; and to support those who need us most – without bias or judgment, without fear, without fail.” In 2010, Monroe County PPIN served 5,485 unduplicated patients, 72% of which were below 150% of the federal poverty level.

Project

Planned Parenthood requests funds to implement half-price confidential HIV testing (OraQuick) at Bloomington Health Center to address increased demand for these testing services. From 2008 to 2010, requests for HIV testing in Monroe County increased from 269 to 448 – a 40% increase. In response, PPIN requests funds to provide ½ price testing to 448 City residents. As each HIV test costs \$25, each patient will be required to pay \$12.50 for the test. PPIN advises that a subsidized, rather than free, test is more likely to attract those who need the tests the most. In PPIN’s experience, when tests are offered for free, the tests attract people those interested in getting the test for free, not those in need. By subsidizing the cost of the test, PPIN proposes to provide this service to those in need who may not be able to afford it at full price.

Criteria

Need. SCAN makes clear that lower income residents face substantial hardship in accessing health care. While 90% of SCAN 2003 respondents had health insurance, 22% had difficulty paying for health care. SCAN also recognized the challenges in providing services for AIDS and HIV-positive patients. The more 2007 *Report on the Status of Women in Bloomington and Monroe County* points out that, sexually-transmitted diseases are a common threat to younger women’s health and the need for greater education and proper screening is critical.

Per above, the demand for HIV testing in Monroe County has increased by 40% over the last two years. PPIN also points out that while almost 90% of Indiana students have been taught about HIV and AIDS, only 58% report using a condom. According to a *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System* study in 2009, approximately 38% of the people interviewed had been tested for HIV.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for one-time funding. PPIN says it intends to use the JHSSF grant to leverage other funds to build the program. In particular, PPIN will use a JHSSF grant “to advertise our services and to build upon the National *Get Yourself Tested* campaign. Based on the popularity of the IN AIDS Fund 1/2 price testing in Marion County, we are confident this will help expand our initiatives in Bloomington.” (via e-mail communication)

Fiscal Leveraging. PPIN patients will be charged \$12.50 to cover half of the HIV testing fee.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. The proposed program will reach a historically-underserved population at a time when health care services are in highest demand and residents are struggling with affordable health care. Subsidized tests will encourage more people to be tested and will decrease the transmission of HIV.

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Half price 448 OraQuick Test Kits (@\$12.50 each) \$5,600

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 5,600
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Other Funds

Patient contribution \$5,600

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$11,200

SSF Funding History

1997	Denied	ADA Approved restrooms and waiting room expansion	
1999	Granted	Exam table for handicapped	\$5,000
2000-Oct.	Denied	Offset \$34,000 needed for program	
2001	Granted	To purchase equipment to test for anemia	\$1,394
2002	Granted	To purchase an autoclave for the purpose of sterilizing instruments.	\$1,495
2003	Granted	Purchase four computers for its 421 South College facility	\$3,600
2004	Granted	To purchase 6 sets of cervical biopsy equipment	\$2,923
2005	Granted	Security cameras and equipment for the facility at 421 S. College Ave.	\$1,500
2006	Granted	To install cabinetry and purchase files and furniture for the front desk renovation	\$2,440
2007	Granted	To pay for wellness exams for the Friend to Friend Patient Pass program which serves low-income women in the City of Bloomington.	\$5,000
2008	Granted	To pay for colposcopies for women with abnormal Pap test results	\$2,500
2010	Granted	Recession Rx	\$5,000

Raise the Roof

\$ 24,500

City residents served by this project in 2011:

1,200 (of 1,400)

Agency Employees [full-time: 3/ part-time: 8/ volunteers: 1,457]

Mission

The Shalom Community Center is a daytime respite and resource center for residents of Bloomington who are living in poverty and experiencing its ultimate expressions: hunger, homelessness, and lack of access to health care and basic life necessities. Its principal purpose is to serve as a front door to the larger community and the institutions which can help bring stability and a greater degree of self-sufficiency to those in need. The Center employs a low-barrier outreach model, which is considered to be best practice on a national level. This model includes the delivery of a continuum of onsite social services by area agencies, the provision of basic life supports, and the utilization of an asset-based, client centered approach to employment. Shalom’s overriding goal is to maximize opportunities for all people to develop their assets and talents to the fullest extend possible and to take responsibility for their own lives.

80% of the people Shalom serves at its South Walnut Street location are City of Bloomington residents.

Project

Shalom Center requests \$24,500 to build a 8’x16’ “dormer” on the top floor of its new building at 620 South Walnut Street. Shalom points out that with its move to the new building and the addition of its medical respite room, it needs more space for programs, community events and social service agency visits.

In 2010, Shalom held 5,135 individual meetings with over 20 different social service agencies, such as Social Security, Department of Veteran Affairs, VIM, HAND, Positive Line, Centerstone and WIC. It’s Job Links program served 375 job seekers; its HELP legal clinic served 419 clients; it also introduced an adult education/GED class in January 2011 in cooperation with MCCSC and has plans to fund the program for another year. Shalom writes that between these agency visits, its hunger relief work, casework services, a medical respite center, its family room, its life skills programming, it has run out of space. To address space constraints, it proposes to build a new room to accommodate classroom, programming and meeting space.

A key component of Shalom’s vision for the next year is to increase the number and frequency of visits from social services agencies and to expand its life skills programming. The creation of the dormer will allow them to expand such services.

Criteria

Need.

According to HAND’s Consolidated Plan, “A significant part of the City of Bloomington’s Anti-Poverty Strategy is to provide access to information and emergency assistance to the most vulnerable elements of the community. Shalom seeks to be a “one-stop shop” for emergency assistance and social service information, access and coordination. It offers hunger relief and many shelter services, case management, financial assistance for homeless preventions, transportation assistance, street outreach, support with identification, legal assistance, life skills training, and respite room” for people who are homeless and ill or injured or employed at night.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for one-time funding for expansion of Shalom’s classroom, program and meeting space.

Fiscal Leveraging. CDBG grant will provide \$7,500 toward the renovation of the room and neighboring storage areas. Shalom also writes that more that \$150,000 has been raised and spent on the purchase and renovation of its new building within the last year.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

Shalom writes that the goal of this expansion is to allow the agency to “expand its life skills training and improve our clients’ access to social service agencies.”

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Construction of 8’x16’ dormer: \$25,000
(Construction includes: wood framing, drywall, painting, roofing/flashing or dormer; siding, windows, insulation, minor electrical work.)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 24,500
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Other costs
HVAC Installation \$ 7,000

Other Funds
CDBG Grant \$ 7,500
TOTAL PROJECT COST \$32,000

SSF Funding History

2003	Granted	Pay for six phone sets and install three new phone lines at its 219 East 4th Street facility	\$ 1,900
2004	Granted	To pay for a part-time Food Service Coordinator to expand its breakfast & lunch program as well as train & provide work experience	\$ 5,500
2005	Granted	Vertical lift for Shalom Center annex at 110 S. Washington St.	\$ 9,000
2006	Granted	To purchase a communication system and a technology system network that includes both server and software to be installed at 110 S. Washington	\$ 7,809.18
2007	Granted	To purchase and install a three-compartment deep well sink and convection oven for the Shalom Community Center currently located at 219 E. 4th Street.	\$ 5,450
2008	Granted	To purchase and install food service equipment for the Shalom weekday food program	\$11,080
2009	Granted	To purchase food as well as kitchen and miscellaneous supplies.	\$18,000
2010	Withdrawn	Emergency Hunger Relief	\$ 9,300

#28 SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION**Monroe County Circles® Initiative (Bridge Funding)****City residents served by this project in 2011:****Agency Employees [full-time: 107/ part-time: 10/ volunteers: 670]****Mission**

South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP)'s mission is to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence. SCCAP administers the Circles® Initiative and Head Start programs in Monroe County and it also operates the Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Individual Development Account and Section 8 programs in Monroe, Morgan, Owen and Brown Counties.

Project

SCCAP requests \$24,897 in bridge funding for the Circles® initiative to help it survive an expected cut in federal funding in 2011. Monroe County Circles® was launched in 2008 and is a national anti-poverty model predicated on the idea of effecting wide-spread change by pairing economically challenged residents who are seeking economic stability with middle- and upper-income residents. Teams work together on a weekly basis until the Circles® family has achieved its goals. Monthly town hall meetings are held "to address the community barriers that are discovered by the Circles® as they transition from poverty to prosperity."

The Circles® program relies in good part on funding from the Community Services Block Grant program (CSBG). At present, the US House of Representatives is proposing a 44% cut to CSBG in 2011 and the US President is proposing a 50% cut to CSBG funding for 2012. If cuts are close to proposed levels, SCCAP advises that it will lack funds to continue the Circles® initiative. SCCAP writes that the loss of the Circles® program would affect "at least 20 participating low-income families annually, as well as more than 1,200 people who received training about issues of poverty."

Of the 60 Circles® initiatives around the country, Monroe County Circles® is recognized to be one of the most successful and local Circles® staff often provide training at national conferences and to other communities. In 2010, Circles® had 29 people graduate from a 18-week training program; had 17 active participants in Circle Leaders, who had previously completed their training and were working intensively toward economic stability through partnership with 44 middle-income volunteers.

Criteria

Need. HAND's *Consolidated Plan* describes the need for programs to help low-income people in its Anti-Poverty Strategy. This strategy "for reducing the number of poverty level families" includes City revitalization activities, housing improvement programs and a network of various non-profit agencies... ." SCCAP writes that, within this network, there is not another community program analogous to Circles®.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for one-time bridge funding to allow SCCAP to pursue other funds. Because the local initiative has garnered national recognition, SCCAP believes it can attract national and regional funders such as: Walmart Fdtn., Annie E. Casey Fdtn., Charles Stewart Mott Fdtn., the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust, the Mellon Fdtn., among others. SCCAP has made Circles® funding a top priority for its development director and SCCAP supporters launched a direct mail campaign in late 2010.

Fiscal Leveraging. SCCAP will leverage \$40,103 in additional funds for this project. These funds are anticipated from the CSBG program. SCCAP anticipates funds at this level, but notes that it will not know how much CSBG funding it will have for the rest of 2011 until the US Congress approves a 2011 budget. In 2010, Circles® had 220 volunteers who donated 2,850 hours of service.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. SCCAP writes, "[i]n this time of economic despair, Bloomington needs to offer opportunities that are more promising than traditional ineffective approaches to helping citizens rise from poverty. Circles® engages people from all parts of the community to play a part in reducing poverty, which the best way to make a lasting and broad impact on this persistent problem."

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Circles® Coordinator Salary	(+ match =25% of annual)	\$11,213 [expected match from CSBG per below]
Fringe Benefits		\$ 2, 803 [expected match from CSBG per below]
Circle Coach Salary (+ match = 25% of annual)		\$ 8,775 [expected match from CSBG per below]
Fringe benefits		\$ 2,106 [expected match from CSBG per below]

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED**\$ 24,897****Other Funds**

Coordinator Salary: CSBG	\$11,213 (pending)
Fringe: CSBG	\$ 2,803 (pending)
Circles® Coach : CSBG	\$ 8,775 (pending)
Other Circles® Expenses: CSBG/other	\$15,206 (pending)
<i>[Total Leverage</i>	<i>\$40,103]</i>

TOTAL PROJECT COST**\$ 65,000****SSF Funding History**

1997	Denied	Renovation, cribs, cots, strollers and refrigerators	\$28,600
2002	Granted	Establish a revolving loan program for auto repairs of clients	\$ 5,000
2003	Granted	Pay for the development of computer software	\$ 6,292
2005	Granted	Material & equip. for Head Start classrooms at Templeton and Summit schools	\$ 8,000
2006	Granted	Children's Door project	\$ 2,230.80
2007	Granted	Purchase & installation of surfacing material for playgrounds	\$ 5,000
2008	Granted	To cover salaries, materials, stipends, meals, and childcare for Circles® pilot	\$18,000
2010	Granted	Parking lot expansion at 1500 W. 15 th .	\$16,521.00

General Operating Support – Bridge

\$15,000

City residents served by this project in 2011:

18 (of: 18)

Agency Employees [full-time: 2/ part-time: 3/ volunteers: 10+]

Mission

Stepping Stones, Inc.’s (SSI) mission is to provide a semi-supervised transitional housing and supportive services program for youth between the ages of 16-20 that are experiencing homelessness. SSI’s supportive housing program provides services to its residents 24 hours/day, 7 days/week up to two years. The program has three primary components: 1) housing for nine residents; 2) educational services & vocational planning and preparation and; 3) supportive services including life skills development, case management, and assistance for current and former residents. SSI describes its program as analogous to foster care wherein residents are provided meals, mentoring and a home.

In addition, SSI provides outreach services to other at-risk youth the community, including youth on SSI’s waiting list. SSI provide these youth with job coaching, tutoring and connect them with GED and vocational opportunities. SSI receives referrals from MCCSC, Monroe County Probation, Youth Services Bureau and other community programs.

Project

SSI requests \$15,000 in bridge funding for its supportive housing program. SSI is anticipating cuts to both CDBG and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). SSI writes, “Since our initial CDBG award in 2008, we have already seen a 30% decrease in the award with a speculative 20-60% decrease from this current year’s award. EFSP funds are also slated to be cut.” Bridge funds are generally needed for various components of the SSI program (payroll, professional fees, communications, insurance, materials & supplies, postage and travel). SSI prioritizes the need for bridge funds to pay one staff member whose position is almost entirely funded through donations. It requests funds for payroll for this position for 25 weeks. However, due to budget cuts, SSI has many components of its housing program for which funding has not yet been identified and could apply any JHSSF to any of the below-listed components of its supportive housing program.

Criteria

Need. SSI cites a study that stated 75% of youth experiencing homelessness have dropped out or will drop out of school. In addition to providing area youth a safe, stable and supportive home, 100% of SSI youth attend school while enrolled in its supportive housing program. SCAN and other reports point to link between low educational attainment and quality of life. HAND’s Consolidated Plan ranks both “homeless facilities” and “youth services” as high priorities. The Plan’s Anti-Poverty Strategy states that there is a “need for a residential mentoring program for ‘runaway’ or ‘throwaway’ teens who are struggling to survive, having no resources to attain independence.” Since November 2009, SSI has increased the number of beds to its program from 6 to 9 and states that the need for this youth housing remains strong and is possibly growing.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge funds. Bridge funds will allow SSI time to seek other funding to apply toward operational costs. SSI points out that it has a good track record of raising funds. For example in 2008-2009, SSI saw a 41% increase in program awards, include 29% increase in awards from new sources. From 2009-2010, SSI saw a 32% increase in program awards outside of JHSSF.

Fiscal Leveraging. SSI has submitted applications for operational funds from the following: \$15,000 Fifth Third; \$8,000 from Vectren; and \$4,000 from United Hope. Additionally, SSI leverages in-kind services from: Centerstone (est. \$25,000), Amethyst House, IU Health, IU School of Social Work and SPEA, Promptcare, Mother Hubbards’ Cupboard, Volunteers in Medicine and Youth Services Bureau.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. Through housing, education encouragement and attainment, vocational planning, and other life skills training, SSI advises that it provides the most vulnerable of the economically disadvantaged population an opportunity to succeed as adults SSI states that by helping troubled youth complete high school and increasing their earning potential and by providing these young people a safe and nurturing environment and by reducing the pressure on alternative systems like foster care, juvenile and adult corrections and emergency systems yields healthier and more productive citizens and a healthier community.

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Payroll (administrative + taxes) (\$15/hr. x 40 hours/week x 25 weeks)	\$15,000 (of \$30,777)
Professional fees	\$ 5,000
Communications	\$ 1,872
Insurance	\$ 1,500
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,013
Postage	\$ 1,600
Travel	\$ 950

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 15,000
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Other funds	
Fifth Third (pending)	\$15,000
Vectren (pending)	\$ 8,000
United Hope (pending)	\$ 4,000
[Total leverage:	\$27,000]

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$64,813 (for entire Stepping Stone supportive housing program)

SSF Funding History

2006	Denied	Incentive Project	\$ 4,598.00
2007	Granted	Tutoring and back-to-school supplies for the Tutoring program.	\$ 1,314.00
2008	Granted	Independent Living Project – household items, books, supplies, fees	\$ 5,000.00
2009	Granted	To pay for rent, deposit, payroll and insurance to expand housing services	\$20,000.00
2010	Granted	To purchase furniture and software and to pay for the rent of a storage unit.	\$ 4,300.00

Mission

In partnership with the community, the mission of Stone Belt Arc., Inc. is to prepare, empower and support persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of the community. It provides educational programs as well as employment, residential, psychological & clinical health services.

Project

Stone Belt requests \$15,275 for a one-time investment in equipment for the agency’s full transition to an Electronic Health Record (EHR) in its Milestones Clinic. Stone Belt writes that federal law requires that all medical and mental health providers fully utilize an EHR by 2015. The total project cost is estimated to be \$243,275 and the agency is working on securing funding for the most expensive component of the program – the NextGen software (\$228,000). It seeks JHSSF for the other components of the initiative.

The Milestones Clinic supports people of all ages with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses by providing psychiatry, therapy, behavioral interventions, social work and nursing services. All of these services require the keeping of detailed and confidential records among and between staff and health care providers. Currently, the agency’s record-keeping system consists of a combination of electronic and paper data – a hybrid that Stone Belt says is insufficient for “effectively and pro-actively recording and sharing critical and time-sensitive health data in order to provide the highest level of care.” A full EHR is a complete record of patient encounters that will improve safety and care. EHR includes clinical messaging and e-prescribing.

Criteria

Need. SCAN points out that mental health services are seen to be in a state of crisis, with only an estimate 15% of mental health needs being met. SCAN also identifies service to with developmental disabilities are a priority for social services funds. Many of the Milestones clients with developmental disabilities are also dually diagnosed with mental illness.

Milestones supports more than 500 people with developmental disabilities, virtually all of whom are low income. The clinic also provides thousands of reduced-free and pro-bono mental health services each year to low-income, children, adolescents and families. Milestones psychiatrists treat adults in every developmental disabilities agency within 60+ miles of Bloomington. Approximately 1,500 City residents are served by the clinic.

One-Time Investment.

This project represents a one-time investment. Stone Belt has already initiated this digital conversion and that JHSSF will enable them to fully implement the project.

Fiscal Leveraging.

Stone Belt plans to leverage \$228,000 toward the completion of this project through fund raising and its own resources. The agency is working with a *pro bono* professional grant writers versed in HER to secure leveraged funds for the costs associated with the purchase of the software suite. The agency will devote its own resources as required to implement the project. Stone Belt has negotiated a discount on much of the hardware. (Stone Belt notes that it does receive funds from a County tax levee. These taxes represent 2% of Stone Belt’s overall revenue and 3% of its revenue for Monroe County residents.)

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

Stone Belt writes that Milestones provide individuals with disabilities mental health services they would not otherwise be able to afford. This translates into more productive community members, reduced pressure on emergency services, reduced truancy, increased academic success and improved overall quality of life. Implementation of EHR will allow the agency to provide “even more far-reaching, extensive and effective strategies in order to create a mentally healthy community for everyone.”

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Dedicated Blade Server (qty: 1)	\$7,000
Computer Workstations for Administration (qty: 1)	\$1,600
Dragon Medical Software (qty: 1)	\$1,600
Scanners – Card & Document (2@\$500/ea.)	\$1,600
Electronic Signature Pad (5@ \$300/ea.)	\$1,500
Mobile Computers (2@550/ea)	\$1,100
Wireless routers (5@ \$175/ea)	\$ 875

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 15,275
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Other Funds

<i>NextGen – Software (pending)</i>	\$228,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$243,275

SSF Funding History

1997	Primary network server for computer system	\$15,000
1999	Industrial sewing machines	\$ 4,000
2000	Equipment & software for "compu-play" facility	\$11,500
2005	Salary - curriculum specialist for new career advancement program	\$ 5,000
2007	Furniture and software and to pay for the rent of a storage unit.	\$7,746.00

#31 SUSIE'S PLACE

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Recording Technology & Training Funds**\$10,233.40****City residents served by this project in 2011:****200 (of: 800-1,000)****Agency Employees [full-time: 3/ part-time: 0/ volunteers: 3]****Mission**

Susie's Place (SP) mission is "to provide a neutral, child-friendly center to investigate alleged child abuse and neglect, while keeping the comfort and safety of the child the first priority." Its advocacy center "upholds a specific goal of reducing the risk of additional trauma to alleged child victims of crime and child witnesses to violent crimes." SP started in Avon, IN and recently opened a child advocacy center in Bloomington in 2010. SP is a multidisciplinary team approach which "brings together all the professionals and agencies needed to offer comprehensive services; law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, victim advocated, forensic interviewees, mental health and the medical community."

Project

SP requests \$10,233.40 in matching funds toward its "Recording Technology and Training" initiative to help meet the needs of its new Bloomington facility. Specifically, it requests funds for travel and lodging to two conferences to send: 15 team members to attend the 23rd Annual Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, TX and two forensic interviewers to the Cornerhouse Advanced Forensic Interviewing School in Minneapolis, MN.

SP has received a match from the American Bar Association of \$30,700 requests a 25% match from JHSSF. The total \$40,933.58 project includes computers, printers and other computer equipment, in addition to the training component. The total project proposed to the ABA encompasses grant funds that support both the Avon SP location and the Bloomington location. Approximately 60-65% of the project will be designated specifically to the Bloomington location.

Note: After submitting its application, SP has advised that, "In order to ensure that 100% of Jack Hopkins Social Services Grant funds are allocated to support Bloomington residents and specifically the Bloomington child advocacy center, I am confident that the ABA will permit Susie's Place to complete a budget modification to designate matching funds that are exclusive to the Bloomington Susie's Place center. This will not change the total project cost or match amount but will simply designate line items that are exclusive to Bloomington as matching funds. This budget modification request will be completed at any time upon request of the Jack Hopkins Social Services grant committee." *For complete list of all line items, please consult the application.*

Criteria

Need. The decision to open a Bloomington location was based in part on the number of reports of child abuse and neglect – 2,348 in 2010.

One-Time Investment. SP writes that this is a request for a one-time investment. SP says that it will pursue grant opportunities, develop community partnerships to secure private and business donations/sponsorships, and conduct special event fundraisers to work towards secure sustainability.

Fiscal Leveraging. SP has leveraged \$30,700.18 from the ABA.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. SP writes that creating relationships with key community stakeholders has been key in Susie's Place success. The organization has interagency agreements with include local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Child Services and the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office. With adequate technology, SP writes that "technology problems will nto serve as a hindrance when dealing with crimes against children. Along with highly trained team members we hope to cover all bases when serving child victims."

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Travel to Dallas, TX Training	\$6,000.00
Lodging for Dallas Training	\$2,173.40
Travel to Minneapolis Training	\$ 700.00
Lodging for Minneapolis Training	\$1,360.00

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,233.40
<i>Other Funds (American Bar Association)</i>	<i>\$ 30,700.18</i>
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 40,933.58

SSF Funding History -- None

#32 VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

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*Promoting Patient Assistance Efficiency With an Eye
Toward Electronic Medical Record Implementation*

\$ 2,700

City residents served by this project in 2011:

2,625 (of: 3,500)

Agency Employees [full-time: 10/ part-time: 2/ volunteers: 160+]

Mission

VIM addresses the health care needs of the uninsured principally through a volunteer corps of physicians, registered nurse practitioners and other medical and non-medical volunteers. In addition, permanent clinical and administrative staff provides consistency and structure to the clinic's services and operations. In cooperation with others in the community, VIM provides the following services to the uninsured: 1) easily accessible, quality primary and preventive healthcare, 2) treatment for both acute and chronic conditions, 3) health education that empowers individuals to take responsibility for their own well being. VIM expects to complete 27,000 patient visits in 2011. Since VIM's opening in April 2007 through December 2010, it has completed 86,400 patient visits. Approximately 75% of its patients are City residents.

Project

VIM asks for \$2,700 to purchase three Fujitsu advanced sheetfed scanners to help it prepare for the implementation of an electronic medical record system.

At present, VIM scans in eligibility applications and tax returns of its patients. Its pharmacy staff uses tax returns to help patients apply for assistance programs to buy medication. Interactive patient charts are also scanned. Electronic records lead to an efficient system wherein VIM staff can easily refer to up-to-date patient information internally without reliance on, and storage of, paper files. VIM writes that a key part of fully electronic medical record system is the ability to scan multiple charts quickly into the system. The Fujitsu scanners requested are highly rated, fast and mobile so they can be used in various parts of the clinic. VIM states that use of such scanners will improve efficiency which will lead to better patient care.

Criteria

Need.

Both *SCAN* and *HAND's Consolidated Plan* point out the need for "access to affordable health care." VIM writes that it "leverages and coordinates the existing resources of the health care community to provide medical, dental and behavioral health services. In order to provide high quality care to the uninsured, investments must be made to meet VIM's basic infrastructure needs and maximize return on investment."

One-Time Investment.

This is a request for one-time funding to promote patient safety and improved operational efficiency. "These benefits translate into the clinic having greater capacity to serve its clients and, therefore, make a significant contribution to VIM and the health of our community."

Fiscal Leveraging. VIM relies on 160 volunteers and leverages other community resources by virtue of its cooperative relationship with various providers and agencies in the health care community.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

VIM writes that these scanners will maximize VIM's capacity to utilize patient assistance programs and bolster office efficiency at the same time. The use of high-quality scanners will streamline the process for determining patient eligibility within the clinic as it relates to pharmaceutical medication availability. Residents will have enhanced access to high-quality primary, dental and behavioral health care, enjoy better health outcomes and create a healthier community overall. Less paper also means VIM will have more physical space for patient care.

Cost -- Amount Requested -- Ranked by Priority

Fujitsu fi-6130 Sheetfed Scanner (3@ \$860 +\$40 s&h) \$ 2,700*

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 2,700
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Other Funds \$ 0

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 2,700

* VIM points out that if JHSSF monies are not granted to purchase three scanners, the purchase of one or two of these scanners would still be helpful.

SSF Funding History

2007	To purchase computer equipment, commercial grade multi-function printer, subscription to messaging system, and IT network and support for a new, community health care clinic for uninsured residents of Monroe and Owen counties.	\$32,250
2008	To purchase computer equipment for three clinical work stations, a monitor and software to improve delivery and lower the cost of medical services.	\$10,725
2010	To purchase Kirby Lester Tablet Counter	\$ 5,880

#33 WINDFALL DANCERS

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Windfall Dancers Community Access Project: THE RISE

\$9,560

City residents served by this project in 2011:

50 (of: 50)

Agency Employees [full-time: 1/ part-time: 1/ volunteers: 40]

Mission

Windfall Dancers, Inc. seeks to ignite a passion for dance in the community by providing quality instruction, engaging performances, innovative programming, community outreach, and a nurturing environment for creative expression. Windfall is comprised of two parts: its dance company and its dance school. Its dance school offers class to all ages in various dance styles and offers scholarships to defray the cost of tuition.

Project

Windfall requests \$9,560 to pay for a year’s worth of dance classes for 50 residents of Middle Way’s The RISE Transitional Housing, a facility for families experiencing abuse. Described as a community access project, the goal of this initiative is to establish healthy exercise habits, increase overall well-being through increased self-esteem, fitness and a sense of community.

Each of the 50 RISE participants will be provided with one dance class of their choice for a year. Each class meets once per week for the entire school year (August-April). Class choices include: modern, ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, musical theater and creative movement. Windfall will offer a total 30 teens/adult classes per participant (at 1.5 hours/class) and 20 child/teen/adult classes per participant (at 1 hour/class).

Windfall states that it is a priority for the organization to grow its outreach effort. Windfall has worked with staff at The RISE to craft this program and develop a process to select residents who will most benefit from these classes. To evaluate the program’s efficacy, participants will be asked to complete both before and after session questionnaires to self-evaluate. Questionnaires will measure self-perception, health and well being.

Criteria

Need.

SCAN points out that youth participating in after-school activities develop competencies and social skills and greater self esteem. Youth involved in activities with adult mentors are also more likely to be academically successful, make healthier life choices and engage in fewer destructive activities. SCAN states that special efforts should be made to reach out to youth and families in crisis to provide such activities to remove or mitigate barriers to participation. Windfall writes that activities such as music and dance lessons often have instructional fees and are not equally accessible to all residents.

One-Time Investment.

Windfall states that this is a one-time request for a pilot project. The agency is committed to continuing the program through additional grants and donor support. A JHSSF grant will allow Windfall to launch the program and collect the necessary data to solicit other funding.

Fiscal Leveraging. Windfall has secured \$2,000 from a private donor and has submitted a grant for \$1,000 to the Bloomington Arts Commission. Windfall has worked with RISE staff to develop the program and RISE staff will provide transportation to participants to and from the Windfall Studio. Windfall states that it is committed to this program and will pursue new grant opportunities each year to sustain it.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

Windfall states that this program will improve the physical and mental well being of 50 residents at The RISE. By improving the quality of life of residents, the program will help to “maximize women’s and children’s reintegration into the larger community.”

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

30 teen/adult classes (@\$108/person/semester x 2 semesters)	\$6,480
20 child/teen/adult classes (@\$ 77/person/semester x 2 semesters)	\$3,080

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 9,560
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<i>Other costs</i>	
Dancewear (shoes, tights, leotards)	\$ 2,000
Administration	\$ 1,000

<i>Other Funds</i>	
Private donor	\$ 2,000
BCAC Grant	\$ 1,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 12,560

SSF Funding History -- None