



City of Bloomington Common Council

Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program 2014

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(Individual, then collaborative)

A digital version of this packet can be found by accessing the Hopkins Committee page, linked [here](#).

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To: Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee
From: Council Office
Re: Packet of Social Service Funding Applications
Date: April 24, 2014

40 Applications for Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding

Social service agencies have submitted 40 applications for 2014 Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding. This year we have **\$266,325** available for grants and a total request of approximately **\$658,691**.

Packet Materials and Link to Application Material

This packet includes:

- This memo;
- Two Indexes – one listing requests in alpha order, the other organized by amount requested; and
- Application Summaries (presented in alphabetical order).
 - *Please recall that this is the first year that applicants filed electronic applications. Recall, that unlike past years wherein staff have summarized applications, this year we asked agencies to provide their own summaries. Therefore, the language you see in the summary re: project synopsis and satisfaction of criteria are those words of the applicants. Note that staff provided Outcome Indicators (as set forth in applicant's narrative), History of Funding, and Staff Comments. Any changes to agency-provided information is noted in the Staff Comments and typically affected the Table of Cost/Amount of Request in the summaries.*

In order to save paper, the original application materials are in electronic form and can be found on [Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee](#) webpage. At this link, you'll find the Applications for 2014 which are presented in alphabetical order and include the:

- Application Form;
- Narrative;
- Program Budget;
- Estimates and excerpts from catalogues (*if any*);
- Memoranda of Understanding (*in regard to the two applications under the Collaborative Initiative*);
and
- Financial Statements.

Please let staff know soon whether you need a hardcopy of the Summaries or more extensive materials as soon as possible, so that we can run them off in time for your use. Please know that the hardcopies will not include complete versions of some of the more lengthy secondary documents (e.g. Financial Statements).

Meeting – Thursday, May 1st 2014, 5:30 pm, Council Library to Discuss Applications

The Committee will meet on **Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Library** to share impressions about the applications, decide which applications merit presentation, and raise questions for agencies to address during their *Presentations* on *Thursday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers*. 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 undermine the public (and agencies’) confidence in the process if left undisclosed. In the past, members of the Committee have disclosed those relationships at the initial review of applications, 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 (*Committee and Council Meetings and Actions are highlighted in bold*)

* Committee Initially Discusses and Eliminates Some Applications	Thursday, 01 May 2014, 5:30p Council Library (#110)
* Committee Hears Agency Presentations	THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2014, 5:30p Council Chambers (#115)
Committee Members Submit Rating of Applications	Wednesday, 14 May 2014, Noon
* Committee Discusses Funding Recommendations at a Pre-Allocation Meeting	Monday, 19 May 2014, 5:30p Council Library (#110)
* Committee Makes Funding Recommendations	Thursday, 22 May 2014, 4p Council Chambers (#115)
Agencies Complete Funding Agreements	Early June 2014
* Committee Evaluates the Program	Wednesday, 11 June 2014, 5:30p Council Library (#110)
Council Office Distributes Legislative Packet	Friday, 13 June 2014
* Common Council Action on the Recommendations	Wednesday, 18 June 2014, 7:30p Council Chambers (#115)
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** 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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1. AMETHYST HOUSE, INC.

Amenities Improvements for Men's and Women's Halfway Houses - \$9,816

City Residents Served: ~110 (out of ~110)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
10	9	8

Mission: "Amethyst House partners with individuals, families, and communities impacted by addictions and substance abuse by providing quality recovery services and guidance for clean, sober, and healthy living."

Project Synopsis: Amethyst House is requesting \$9,816.00 from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Fund for the sake of continued improvements to our long-term residential programs, including both of our halfway houses as well as our Men’s Three-Quarter Way House. These improvements include new twin mattresses for every resident at all three transitional housing locations, the purchase and installation of shower stall doors for our Men’s Halfway House bathroom, and a new energy-efficient refrigerator for our Women’s Halfway House. Respectively, these improvements will serve Amethyst House in the long term in the form of an improved standard of living for our residents, preventative measures toward structural water damage, and reduced utilities costs.

Criteria:

Need – Amethyst House is currently in its 33rd year of operation, serving as many as 34 residential clients at any given time, both men and women (sometimes accompanied by their young children) who are recovering from the profound impact of drug and alcohol addiction. Our residential program requires a minimum six-month commitment from our clients, yet offers housing up to two years’ time, if clients wish to stay beyond the six months. The at-risk population which we serve often experiences chronic homelessness and incarceration/institutionalization as a result of their addictions; Amethyst strives to help clients break this cycle with stable housing and aiding them in maintaining sobriety and building financial independence (in accordance with #7 "Meeting Essential Needs" in United Way's SCAN report).

The Jack Hopkins funding initiative has served Amethyst on numerous occasions, including major renovations and improvements, new appliances, and upgrades for wheelchair accessibility. We hope that we will once again be considered by the Jack Hopkins Committee as we continue to upgrade our living facilities to better serve our clients.

One-Time Investment – N/A

Fiscal Leveraging – As noted above, Amethyst will utilize the donations of the annual Homeward Bound event to supplement this proposed project. In addition to Homeward Bound, a local business (Flannelgraph Records) has committed to a small fundraising initiative for Amethyst, and will donate proceeds from upcoming CD sales; the anticipated amount to be received is around \$100.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Over the past 33 years, Amethyst House has managed to sustain itself on a modest budget and with limited staff and resources. Every year, we become an increasingly unique organization in that we remain one of the few non-profit, long-term residential facilities within the state of Indiana for substance abuse treatment. Furthermore, we are one of just a handful of treatment facilities which are financially accessible for those who do not have private health insurance to absorb the cost.

However, in utilizing older buildings for our residential houses, Amethyst is often faced with repairs, upkeep, and improvements. And every year, given new grant funding opportunities, we look for ways in which we can request assistance for bettering our facilities. We remain proactive in renovations and repairs that will prevent larger-scale and/or long term damage to our houses; this helps minimize financial impact to our organization and allows us to continue to serve as a critical resource for those battling substance abuse.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative cited outcomes “determined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Outcome Measures (NOMS), including Reduced Morbidity, Social Connectedness, Employment/Education, and Stability in Housing” and proposed goals for 2014.

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. New Mattresses (34 @ \$199) – with a total cost of \$6,766	\$5,746.00
2. Bathroom Renovation – with a total cost of \$3,233	\$2,872.00
3. Energy Efficient Refrigerator – with a total cost of \$1,317.97	\$1,198.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$9,816.00
Fundraising (Confirmed)	\$1,500.97
Total Project Cost	\$11,316.97

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1995	Denied	Start-up funds, office equipment & furnishings	\$20,000.00
1997	Denied	Transitional housing for men and women	\$8,557.00.
1999	Granted	New Van	\$10,000.00
2000- Oct.	Granted	Rebuild foundation of women's facilities	\$7,500.00
2001	Denied	Phone, voicemail, computer networking	\$5,000.00
2002	Granted	Rebuild & expand men's facility by restoring historic façade	\$20,000.00
2003	Granted	Purchase & install a stairway elevator at Men's House facility	\$4,521.00
2006	Granted	Pay for insurance, utilities, food, and salaries to operate men's house	\$8,000.00
2010	Granted	Replace vinyl & carpet flooring in, & purchase 3 dishwashers for, the men's and women's houses	\$7,860.00
2011	Granted	Buy & install washers & dryers for men's & women's houses	\$4,000.00
2012	Granted	Bathroom renovation	\$3,775.00
2013	Granted	Renovate the room at men's house and renovate the chimney at women's house	\$9,090.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – Note on Question in the Application for Next Year:

Due to the wording of the question, this and other agencies, whose requests did not entail operational funds, skipped over this criteria. Next year, this question may be expanded to ask whether the request is for a one-time investment and, if so, how long the items purchased or improvement made will last.

One-to-One Youth Mentoring - \$25,000

City Residents Served: 173 (out of 226)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
1	11	250

Mission: Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Project Synopsis: We are a mentoring organization that serves youth ages 6-17. Our traditional program matches at-risk youth (Little) with a caring adult (Big) in a positive mentoring relationship. Bigs and Littles develop their relationship by exploring their local community, building on common interests, and engaging in sports, crafts, music, and other community-supported activities. Our School Program pairs youth and adults together for one hour a week at the child's school to have lunch together, do homework, or play. Our After-School Program, held at two Boys and Girls Clubs, allows Bigs and Littles to do fun activities at the Club or walk to the library. We also offer an activity program, held once or twice per month, targeted toward our wait-listed children. What separates us from similar organizations is our use of the Search Institute's 40 developmental assets as a way to frame our programming. We train volunteers and professionally monitor these relationships using these assets. The Institute showed that adolescents who exhibit 30 or more of these assets were more likely to go to college and achieve success, which ultimately came down to having stable support systems. The youth we serve have less than 20 assets, so we coach our volunteers to be assetbuilders. Our Youth Outcome Survey shows that our youth consistently acquire 2-4 new assets within the first year of being matched.

Criteria:

Need – According to the 2012 SCAN Report, “youth born to single parent households are more likely to live below the federal poverty line. Also youth in single-parent households experience greater rates of parental absence, lack of parental involvement in childrearing, and a lack of supervision, all of which have been shown to place youth at greater risk for poor educational attainment, behavior problems, and poor psychological well-being.” We provide services for the city’s most high-risk families involved with the Department of Child Services, probation, social workers, and temporary or transitional housing. These are the children who, without intensive intervention and support, are at highest risk for removal from the home or involved with the judicial system. A snapshot of the conditions faced by our matched children reveals that 10% live in foster care, with grandparents, or with another relative; 11% have an incarcerated parent; 27% have a physical, emotional, or learning disability; 86% qualify for free or reduced lunch; 58% live in a single parent household; and 93% fall into at least one of these categories. By focusing our resources on developing the confidence, academic success, and trust of at-risk youth, we invest in the long-term effects of positive youth engagement.

One-Time Investment – In recent years, the economic downturn left Big Brothers Big Sisters facing a period of fiscal uncertainty. However, the success of this year’s Bowl For Kids’ Sake fundraiser, a re-energized Board of Directors, and the exciting expansion that came from our generously funded new basement, which provided the first step on our new path toward sustainability, has turned our gaze toward a path of growth. However, we need funding to propel us forward. With a stabilized financial situation, we can focus on engaging our donors, attracting new donors, and maintaining smart financial practices to achieve our vision.

Fiscal Leveraging – Big Brothers Big Sisters recognizes the importance of maintaining a diverse pool of funds to sustain the organization. This year’s Bowl For Kids’ Sake campaign success hinted at the full potential of resources that can contribute to sustainable growth, including private donors, company sponsorships, community partnerships, and in-kind donations. In addition, Big Brothers Big Sisters actively seeks and submits local, state, and national public and private grants. Funding from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee would contribute to the organization’s continuing trend away from fiscal uncertainty toward a new era of growth and sustainability.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The BBBS goals are to reduce factors that place youth at risk of delinquency, substance use, adolescent pregnancy, school drop out, and other social problems. Our One to One program accomplishes this by enhancing protective factors for youth which include: improving access to client-centered social services; establishing a support network of adults; providing opportunities for positive, safe, structured activities; setting clear behavior guidelines; promoting self efficacy, self discipline, and problem solving skills; and the opportunity to bond with positive, stable adults who provide consistent, caring responses. While Monroe County is fortunate to have a wealth of opportunities for youth outside of school, many cannot take advantage of these opportunities, due to money, transportation, and parental health issues. Our volunteers overcome these obstacles by going to the child’s home and taking them to activities. One of the most marked changes we see after a match is an increased use of community. Our 2013 Youth Outcome Survey results showed positive outcomes for the youth served. For example, **92%** of our youth improved or maintained in Social Acceptance, **79%** improved or maintained in Scholastic

Competence, **71%** improved or maintained in Educational Expectations, and **58%** improved or maintained in Attitudes Toward Risky Behaviors.

Outcome Indicators:

The application Narrative explained that BBBS “monitor the success of our program by conducting annual Youth Outcome Surveys” for Littles both before the match and one year later. These surveys will reveal the percentage of Littles who felt they had improved or maintained: Social Acceptance; Scholastic Competence; and Educational Expectations.

Although not stated as an outcome indicator, the Narrative also identified the Search Institute’s 40 developmental assets and the history of the organization serving youth with less than 20 and seeing them gain 2 – 4 assets per year of being matched.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Match Support Specialist position	\$14,000
2. Match Support Enhancement: Big Brother Big Sister Retreats (3 x 3,000)	\$9,000.00
3. Match Support Enhancement and Family Strengthening: Family Fall Festival at Crestmont	\$1,000.00
4. Match Support Enhancement and Family Strengthening: Fishing and Family Picnic	\$1,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$25,000.00
OJJDP Grant (Confirmed)	\$85,212.00
United Way (Confirmed)	\$34,176.00
NAP Credits (Pending)	\$30,000.00
BFKS (Confirmed)	\$100,000.00
Grants Pending (Pending)	\$18,500.00
Individual Giving (Confirmed)	\$12,000.00
Board Giving (Confirmed)	\$10,000.00
Agency Ask Event (Confirmed)	\$10,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$384,600.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
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	Expand hours and activities for children at Crestmont site	\$9,500
2001	Granted	Purchase & install windows and doors for its facility	\$8,779
2002	Granted	Purchase computer equipment for recruitment and training initiative	\$3,623
2003	Granted	Pay for manager and expenses for Girl’s Inc. Teen Outreach LEAP Program	\$11,904
2004	Granted	Purchase equipment & software to start Phase 1 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	Rebuild & repair roof and replace water-damaged fiber board at S. Walnut location	\$8,109
2007	Denied	Congregation Volunteer Recruitment Project	\$5,215
2008	Denied	Bookend Bigs	\$7,905
2010	Granted	Purchase <i>BlackBaud Sphere in a Box</i> website software and associated set up and training fee for use	\$2,900
2011	Granted	Provide bridge funding for salaries, utilities, supplies, and other operational costs for the One-to-One child mentor program	\$7,000
2012	Denied	Big Brothers Big Sisters Relocation	\$4,975
2012	Denied	COLLABORATION - PALS & BBBS: Project LEAD (Linking Essential Assets for Development)	\$32,833
2013	Granted	Finish basement of new facility at N. Walnut: including a training/conference room, dedicated intake office, meeting room, and 3 separate cubicles for match-support specialists and graduate interns	\$25,600

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – This is an application for bridge-funding and must address a significant loss of funding as well as a well-developed plan for future funding. While the application addresses the latter, other than stating that it is “facing a period of fiscal uncertainty,” it does not say more about a significant loss of funding. The Committee may want to explore that question with the agency.

Table of Costs - Amount of Request – Prioritized Items – The application’s prioritized list of items was incomplete and the summary was changed to add a Match Support Specialist position after a conversation with the agency.

Trauma Services - \$40,000

City Residents Served: 30,000 (out of 55,000)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
6	0	25

Mission: The Bloomington Hospital Foundation is the Bloomington community’s original healthcare not-for-profit. We are passionate about leading philanthropic efforts to improve the quality of healthcare, and changing the lives of patients, in the Bloomington area. We support Indiana University (IU) Health Bloomington in their effort to be one of the best hospitals in the State of Indiana.

Project Synopsis: In Indiana, the number one cause of death for Hoosiers under the age of 45 is trauma. Quickly transporting a patient to a verified trauma center can often mean the difference between life and death. Unfortunately for Bloomington residents, the travel time to the nearest verified trauma center is (on average) 68 minutes. That’s almost twice as long as the state average travel time of 36 minutes!

The Bloomington Hospital Foundation has begun the work on a special project called "Trauma Services" on behalf of IU Health Bloomington Hospital in order to raise funds to purchase vital equipment that is necessary to become a Level III Verified Trauma Center. Not only will thousands of Bloomington residents benefit greatly, but so will surrounding communities in the South Central region of Indiana. We do believe that the Trauma Services project will not only take trauma care to the next level of excellence here in our community, but will more importantly, also save more lives on a daily basis.

Criteria:

Need – In the Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's Consolidated Plan health services are specified as a need area. In particular, "it was rated the second most important issue by the Bloomington Housing Authority resident survey." The IU Health Bloomington Hospital and our Emergency Services were mentioned on page 51. Health care is an identified priority in Bloomington and has been served well by Jack Hopkins Social Services funding. The consolidated plan did identify the volume of patients that we are working with in 2009 (55,605) and our numbers have shown little decline over five years. Quick transport can sometimes mean the difference between life and death. Keeping patients close to home means minimizing hardship on families. We’ve identified the problem and now we look forward toward a solution with your generous help.

One-Time Investment – If we are awarded funding from Jack Hopkins it would indeed be a one-time investment. Trauma Services is an entirely equipment-based project and all of the items on our prioritized list are new equipment that will have a long lifespan. Further, all the equipment we will be purchasing will help IU Health Bloomington Hospital towards the goal of becoming a Level III Verified Trauma Center so this investment will have far reaching effects towards preeminent patient care.

Fiscal Leveraging – Every dollar raised towards the ultimate overall goal is a success. If we are able to reach our final goal of \$320,000 then we can purchase all the equipment on the list. Each time we receive a grant award, a major gift donation, or a corporate sponsorship (for events) then we report this to our stakeholders. When we are able to talk about our supporters for the Trauma Services project then it does often have a positive effect of encouraging subsequent donations.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Trauma is commonly called injury. Examples of injuries include car accidents, gun-shot wounds, falls from heights, 4-wheeler accidents, and the like. More than 32,000 Hoosiers are hospitalized each year from traumatic injuries and nearly 4,000 die from those injuries. That’s 11 Hoosiers every day! Numerous studies over the years have demonstrated that trauma systems improve survival rates in injured patients. A recent study found that mortality was reduced up to 25 percent when severely injured patients were treated at a verified trauma center. According to the CDC, having fast access to specialized resources and equipment is critical for injured patients. Our system in Bloomington as it exists now is not providing the necessary resources to support our trauma patients. In fact, people are often transported out of the city, out of the county, or our hospital is bypassed entirely to receive life saving measures but often to the tune of an average 68 minute commute, twice the rest of Indiana's travel time. Funding this project will effect Bloomington immediately and this equipment will help our hospital develop the innovative system to save more lives closer to home, when it matters most, which benefits all.

Outcome Indicators:

The application offers the number of persons served by the Sonosite Bedside Ultrasound Unit as a short-term outcome indicator and the number of persons kept locally as a long-term indicator.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

Sonosite Bedside Ultrasound Unit – S-Series (S-FAST)	\$47,720
<i>In the alternative, the applicant listed the following items that could be purchased this year at a lower cost: 1. Small Main Accudose for Trauma Bay (x2) @ \$14,000 = \$28,000.00; 2. Prime X Imagine Stretcher - \$19,000; 3. Level 1 Rapid Infusers (x4) - @ \$8,600 = \$34,000; 4. CritiCore Patient Monitoring Units (x2) 2 @ \$1,600 = \$3,200.00; Bladder Scanner for Trauma Bay = \$9,8000</i>	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$47,720.00
Donations/Grant Funding/Event Fundraising (\$10,000.00 confirmed)	\$280,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$327,720.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1997	Denied	Hospitality House: Adult Day Service Expansion	\$25,000.00
2000	Granted	Home Health Services: Pilot Healthcare for released inmates	\$3,000.00
2002	Denied	Community Health Services: PT Bilingual Therapist	\$25,000.00
2003	Denied	Hospitality House: Wheelchair Accessible Van	\$22,331.00
2004	Denied	Hospitality House: Materials for garden	\$3,873.00
2004	Denied	Positive Link: Personnel/materials for social assets bargaining	\$1,590.00
2005	Granted	Community Health Edu.: Facilitator salary for New Parents Initiative	\$3,000.00
2006	Granted	Positive Link: Supplies for Nutrition Links program	\$1,150.00
2006	Denied	Hospitality House: Rainbow garden	\$4,125.00
2007	Granted	Positive Link: Transp., training materials, and client services materials for Mpowerment group support program	\$2,360.00
2010	Granted	Community Health: Salary of the <i>Fresh Start to Life</i> Coordinator	\$6,809.76.00
2012	Denied	Community Health: Community Health Resource Library	\$10,000.00

Staff Comments

Need – The JHSSF Elaboration of Criteria calls for requests to address a “previously-identified priority for social services needs” and classifies medical services as a high priority. However, it also gives a high priority to programs “primarily serving low-income populations.” The application does not address whether this piece of equipment will primarily serve low-income populations. A review of past awards to the Foundation appear to primarily benefit low-income populations.

Table of Cost

Amount of the Request - The agency received an updated the quote for this piece of equipment at 4:51 pm on the day the applications were due and provided the new amount soon thereafter. The Summary reflects the updated amount.

Prioritized Breakdown of the Request – The solicitation material requests agencies to breakdown their request in terms of their priorities in the event the Committee recommends partial funding. This agency provided a list of supplemental equipment that would serve their goal of attaining the status of a Level III Trauma Center (and, per conversation with the grant writer, could be purchased this funding cycle).

Program/Project Budget – Our policies leave room for agencies to define the program or project. This agency, like others, defined it by the cost of the piece of equipment and provided a budget for that piece of equipment. *In the future, the Committee may want to clarify what it wants agencies to provide. In regard to this request, would it be a breakdown of the cost of the request for \$47,720? The cost for the hospital to attain status as Level III Trauma Center – which the application estimates at about \$327,000? Or, perhaps, budget for the program – i.e. IU Bloomington Emergency Services?*

Financial Statement – The solicitation materials request that applicants provide a year-end Financial Statement with information on revenue as well as assets. The applicant provided a statement of revenue for the Foundation, but not one regarding assets. *Also, in future years, the Committee may want to clarify whether the information should relate to the conduit (in this case, the Bloomington Foundation) or the beneficiary (in this case, IU Health – Bloomington).*

4. BLOOMINGTON PLAYWRIGHTS PROJECT

Providing Access for Stone Belt - \$3,000

City Residents Served: 17, 500 City

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
2	10	50

Mission: The Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP) strives to be a leading artistic force in the production and encouragement of new plays. The BPP provides opportunities for development, education, and production for promising and established writers and theater artists in a professional environment.

Project Synopsis: Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP) is home to a gorgeous art gallery with six display walls that can hold over 40 pieces of art at any given time. The space is currently rented by Stone Belt, an organization dedicated to empowering and supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. The gallery displays art from all three of Stone Belt's locations with the exhibits changed six times a year. Stone Belt has paid BPP's gallery rental fee of \$5,000 since 2011. During the coming year, however, Stone Belt will be unable to meet the established rental rate. BPP will reduce Stone Belt's rent by \$3,000 in an effort to continue to provide this unique opportunity for Stone Belts clients and seeks assistance from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to address this deficit during the coming year. This need will be addressed in the future through a new annual fundraiser beginning in Spring 2015.

Criteria:

Need – Stone Belt's art gallery, hosted by BPP, provides area artists with the opportunity to display and sell their artwork.

This gallery is essential to fulfilling several of Stone Belt's Principles of Service for their artist clients. These principles are:

- *Self-Determination is Essential.* The gallery enables artist-clients to determine which of their art works will be displayed and when as well as whether or not the works will be sold and when.
- *All People have Contributions to Make.* Through display of their work, the importance of Stone Belt artist-clients' contributions to the gallery, to the community, and to the art world will be reinforced.
- *Employment is a Fundamental Part of Adult Life.* This gallery provides artists with developmental disabilities the opportunity to be professionals in their chosen field.

Stone Belt is currently unable to pay for its current level of involvement with the gallery and has had to eliminate the staff position of its gallery coordinator and can pay only \$2,000 of the \$5,000 rental fee. This is unsustainable for BPP which depends in part on rental fees from the gallery to fund operating expenses.

One-Time Investment – Although it has previously been able to pay the full \$5,000 gallery rental fee, beginning with FY2014-15 Stone Belt will not be able to continue its rental at that fee level. BPP would like to continue to provide this opportunity for Stone Belt clients and the Jack Hopkins grant will provide the necessary funds to cover this one-year shortage. Beginning in Spring 2015, BPP will host a new annual fundraiser to support the Stone Belt gallery as well as its other community outreach programs.

Fiscal Leveraging – Beginning in Spring 2015, BPP will host an annual fundraiser to support the Stone Belt art gallery in addition to its other community outreach programs. Additionally, because Stone Belt will no longer provide a staff member as a gallery coordinator, in future years BPP will fulfill that need through an intern position. In the coming year, the Jack Hopkins grant will serve in part as compensation for an individual to coordinate the gallery.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – In existence for three years already, BPP's partnership with Stone Belt has positively impacted the lives of dozens of individuals with developmental disabilities as well as hundreds of members of the community. Through the art gallery, passionate and talented artists have the opportunity to become professionals within their chosen career field while the general public and collectors alike get the opportunity to enjoy this unique art. The ongoing program is enormously beneficial to the individuals with disabilities involved and is also an incredibly important part of our community as a whole. 100% of the funds from sale of the art work goes back to Stone Belt and a significant portion goes directly to the artists themselves.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative offers both quantitative and qualitative outcome indicators. The quantitative ones for 2014 include the:

- Number of artists whose work is displayed;
- Number of works of art sold from the gallery; and
- Number of works of art sold at on-site BPP art sales.

CostAmount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Subsidized art gallery rental	\$3,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$3,000.00
Stone Belt art gallery rental (Confirmed)	\$2,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$5,000.00

Past SSF Funding*No funding history.*

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – This is a request for funds to cover rent which, according to JHSSF policies, is an ongoing or operational cost that is only allowed in the event of a pilot project, bridge-funding, or a collaborative project. This appears to be a request for bridge-funding that must demonstrate a significant loss of funding and a well-developed plan for future funding. The posture of the request is unusual in that the applicant agency is the ultimate beneficiary of funds (as landlord). It addressed the well-developed plan for future funding, which included using funds to retain staff to help run and raise money for the gallery. The tenant (Stone Belt), on the other hand, provided the basis for the significant loss of funding.

Funding Time-Line – The request is for 3/5th of the annual lease of the gallery space at BPP or 7.5 months of rent. Without starting the reimbursements prior to June, this would entail request for reimbursements for lease into 2015.

5. BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Downtown Outreach - \$53,303

City Residents Served: Approx. 50 (undetermined)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers

Mission: The Bloomington Police Department (BPD) with the assistance of the Downtown Outreach committee will work to create relationships with homeless individuals to address and prevent behaviors resulting from not having basic needs met; for example substance abuse, aggressive panhandling, vandalism, theft. The goal will be to decrease arrests, decrease crime in the downtown area, provide more positive outcomes from BPD interactions, and create a healthier, safer and improved environment.

Project Synopsis: BPD & HAND co-chair a committee of partners to provide comprehensive services to individuals experiencing homelessness who have had multiple interactions with law enforcement. Partners as outlined above, meet to discuss various gaps in services and ways to interact with this population to help them avail themselves of these services. The goal of this committee is to decrease arrests/crime and provide access to long-term solutions for unmet basic needs.

Three components: 1) Street Social Worker -- provide basic conflict de-escalation education, first aid, mental health first aid, HMIS training, and an orientation to community resources and potential outreach locations. 2) Personal economic development: a) Instruction -- provide educational opportunities such as the Serv-Safe class or other certifications that will help attain employment; b) Equipment -- provide necessary equipment such as black non-slip shoes or glasses required for employment; and c) Transportation -- provide bus tickets or other forms of transportation to and from employment. 3) Medical assistance: a) provide financial assistance for required medical assessments to access a recovery coach; b) provide financial assistance to fill prescriptions or other uncovered expenses.

Other components of this program not funded by this grant include referral materials for distribution by BPD, providing instruction on renting and access to damage deposit loans through HAND, medical services through VIM, case management services and access to housing through Centerstone & Shalom, etc.

Criteria:

Need – The Housing and Urban Development Department of the federal government defines a homeless individual as someone who lacks fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence or if the individuals primary residence can be considered a shelter, other institution or structure not designed for living. Both the Service Community Assessment of Needs (2012) and the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan talk about the need for homeless services. The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan notes that "service coordination is a key part of the local strategy of support and effort to regain self-sufficiency." (Page 64) Bloomington has many agencies that provided a plethora of services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. SCAN 2012 shows that 36% of the unsheltered homeless are chronically homeless. Coordination of services for this population is of the utmost importance as they often have underlying issues that must be resolved such as a diagnosable substance abuse disorder, a serious mental illness, a developmental disability, or a chronic physical illness or disability. These underlying issues call for a more comprehensive response to a call for service in these cases.

One-Time Investment – The only operational request is for the Street Social Worker through the Shalom Community Center. This position will be partially funded through the Continuum of Care grant process which are reviewed and renewed annually. Statistics on the effectiveness of this position/program will create an a greater likelihood for future funding of this position through the Continuum of Care. The personal economic development portion of this request is currently covered under a grant to Centerstone from the Department of Labor that ends in September. This will bridge necessary services/items until a new grant can be secured.

Fiscal Leveraging – In-kind contributions include staff salaries from the various partners including City of Bloomington staff (primarily BPD), Shalom (with the exception of the Street Social Worker), Centerstone, VIM, etc. Leveraged resources include program components such as rental damage deposit loans from HAND, printing of resource cards by BPD, existing housing services such as Shelter + Care or Crawford Homes, etc.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Long-term benefits include:

1. Reduction in arrests. Community Policing in "soft" uniforms and on foot has shown to decrease crime in the areas where these programs exist. Since BPD has implemented the first phase of their community policing program, a reduction in offenses where alcohol may play a roll has already been seen.

2. Studies have shown that it takes an average of 75 interactions with chronically homeless individuals before they consider making a change in their life. Positive interactions between the Street Social Worker/BPD and individuals in need of services provide a framework for those individuals to accept/make use of those services. This will further reduce crime and emergency medical assistance and provide a healthier situation for those individuals and to the community as a whole.

3. A more coordinated/collaborative effort between BPD and the social service community will provide better long-term results for those individuals referred/served. Results from other communities with these kinds of programs have shown many positive results for the community as a whole and the individuals in particular.

Outcome Indicators:

According to the application Narrative, “outcome indicators for this group will be a reduction in arrests and services provided to those individuals already identified as having multiple interactions with the Police Department.”

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Street Social Worker \$23,403 (salary) + \$1,400 (laptop)	\$24,803.00
2. Personal economic development instruction	\$10,000.00
3. Personal economic development equipment	\$2,000.00
4. Personal economic development transportation	\$1,500.00
5. Medical assistance	\$15,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$53,303.00
Continuum of Care, through IHCD (Confirmed)	\$9,562.00
HAND R101 Renting in Bloomington Damage Deposit Loan Program (Confirmed)	\$3,000.00
BPD Duplication of Referral Material (Confirmed)	~\$100.00
Total Project Cost (+ in-kind)	\$65,965.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2000	Denied	Equipment to find those caught in fires	\$11,995

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – This is a pilot project which, according to the JHSSF Elaboration of Policies, should entail some expansion of services and a well-developed plan for future funding. The materials address the expansion in services and grants toward future funding. Given that the grant would be disbursed to a department of the City, the Committee may want to explore the latter further. The Policies also require programs to primarily serve city residents. The application notes that residency of these homeless clients is “undetermined.”

Fiscal Leveraging – The JHSSF Elaboration of Policies indicates that the Committee hasn’t “funded applications from City agencies ...on the theory that the departments have other, more appropriate avenues for (funding) and should not compete against other agencies, which do not have the benefit of city resources at their disposal.” In this case, the funds will be distributed from the City to local social services agencies.

Program Budget – While the Application sets forth the funding needs, the materials did not include a Program Budget.

501(c)(3) Status – The JHSSF Elaboration of Policies also require agencies acting as fiscal agent to be incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in order to assure accountability and the capability of raising funds. The Committee will need to decide whether that policy should apply or whether an exception, like the one made for the Bloomington Housing Authority, should be afforded here.

Funding Agreement - Collaborative Initiative? – Given the involvement of so many agencies and the distribution of funds to them, this may have been presented as a Collaborative Initiative. The Committee may want to inquire about any formal understandings the parties have entered into and whether additional signatories be added to the Funding Agreement. The collaborative nature of this project may also explain why the number of employees and volunteers for the lead agency were left blank.

Funding Timeline – The application indicates that the reimbursements will be filed by the end of December, which means the Funding Agreement will need to have a termination date in 2015.

Crestmont Unit Bridge Funding - \$23,270

City Residents Served: 200+ (out of 200+)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
11	36	660+

Mission: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington (BGCB) is a guidance organization whose mission is to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Our programs and services are designed to build character and strengthen life skills while providing hope and opportunity. The Club is unique among other local youth organizations for a number of reasons. It is a community-centered program with all Clubs being conveniently located near those members who need us most. It provides bus transportation to members, offering a seamless connection from school to the Club. It is facility-based, staffed with full time trained youth professionals and caring adult volunteers. It boasts specialized creative programs, low annual dues, and scholarship opportunities to welcome ALL children.

Project Synopsis: BGCB is requesting \$23,270 from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to serve as bridge funding for the Crestmont Boys & Girls Club covering expenses for personnel. The Crestmont Unit provides dynamic after school programs which help members to progress in three primary areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character & leadership. Programs include tutoring, dance, visual art, music, Triple Play healthy lifestyles programs, technology exploration, Junior Staff, homework help, tobacco and substance abuse prevention programs, cooking club, gardening and targeted mentoring programs.

All told, the Crestmont Club provides a positive, supportive atmosphere in which youth can grow. Staff and volunteers serve as reliable mentors to a demographic who are at high risk for dropping out of school, teen pregnancy, crime, abuse, and neglect. The Crestmont Club feeds, mentors, tutors, and protects its members. During the last program cycle completed, those members participating in Indiana's kids, a program providing homework help and tutoring for members specifically living in great poverty, increased their math and reading skills by 43% and 77% respectively. Education programs such as this positively impact academic attitudes and school attendance: national studies show that Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) members have a dropout rate that is half of the national average. The Crestmont Club and the personnel therein provide after school emergency and preventative service to this community's most vulnerable, yet most promising youth.

Criteria:

Need – BGCB's Crestmont Club addresses a community need by providing vital services to advance the quality of life for the youth of the Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA). In the BHA neighborhood, the average income per household with children is \$7,899.00 per year, with 100% dependent on Food Stamps. Additionally, 100% of individuals live below the low to extremely low-median community income level. The majority of households are single parent homes.

The 2012 SCAN points out the importance of after school programming for at-risk youth, noting that youth who are involved in activities with caring adult role models are more like to finish school, do well academically, make healthier life choices, and engage in fewer destructive activities. The SCAN also notes a barrier that exists for many in accessing arts, education, or sports opportunities. In 2003, the SCAN reported that 14% of households with annual incomes below \$15,000 viewed finding affordable after-school programs to be a major challenge. In 2012 that percentage has increased dramatically to 40%. According to the 2012 SCAN, 57% of families with an income below \$15,001 experience problems affording food. The Crestmont Club alleviates this by providing daily meals and snacks.

One-Time Investment – BGCB plans to work closely with Housing and Neighborhood Development staff for the coming grant cycle to submit the strongest application possible in efforts to secure CDBG funding for the coming year. BGCB's current Board of Directors and staff provide strategic leadership planning and support which are key to growth and sustainability. BGCB will continue to maximize resource development efforts, securing funding through special events, campaigns and grant solicitation. BGCB will continue to be successful with our youth programs and demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

Fiscal Leveraging – Positive program outcomes have allowed BGCB to expand the breadth and quality of the youth programming at the Crestmont Club. Jack Hopkins funding will allow BGCB to maintain a pathway of strong program development, thus allowing BGCB to raise additional funds. Furthermore, Jack Hopkins bridge funding will allow BGCB to focus full attention on a transformational project that could include a new Crestmont Club site, thus bringing more resources in support of our life-changing program.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Without the Crestmont Club, many youth within the BHA neighborhood and surrounding communities would not have a safe, productive place to go after school. Without the Club's programming, these children (100% of which are City of Bloomington residents) face a most certain

future riddled with devastating costs that are felt both personally and community-wide. Lack of educational attainment, teen pregnancy, hunger, disease, emotional disorders, crime, abuse and neglect follow these children of poverty unless someone steps in to provide hope and opportunity. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, youth living in poverty are 100% more likely to experience grade retention and 98% more likely to be expelled. Last year in Indiana's Kids, Crestmont members increased their reading and math scores by 43% and 77% respectively.

Nothing represents the Club's impact more profoundly: In an independent survey, conducted by BGCA, 57% of Club Alumni agree or strongly agree that "the Club saved their life."

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative states that "Due to the shortened timeframe of the grant cycle, indicators will primarily be in the form of staff hours worked and the number of youth served between June and December 2014 ...(and) frequency of attendance."

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Crestmont Unit Director & Program Director Salaries and Benefits	\$23,270.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$23,270.00
Riley Children's Foundation (Pending)	\$10,000.00
Triple Play Focus Grant (Pending)	\$5,000.00
FSSA Indiana's Kids (Pending)	\$6,400.00
Other Funds Needed	\$43,263.00
Total Project Cost	\$87,933.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1996	Granted	Central Air Conditioning	\$3,000.00
1997	Denied	Van	\$15,000.00
1998	Granted	Renovate & equip facility for a teen center and learning center	\$23,000.00
2003	Granted	Job Development Specialist for TEENSupreme Career Prep Program	\$25,000.00
2004	Granted	Salaries, transportation, and other operating costs for No Kid Left Behind Program	\$8,000.00
2006	Granted	Staffing, supplies, food, and rent for Crestmont Youth Camp	\$8,160.00
2007	Denied	Pay for improvements to summer camp facility at Lake Lemon	\$9,370.00
2008	Granted	Mini-bus to transport children	\$17,000.00
2009	Granted	Salary/Benefits for Unit director at Crestmont site	\$14,257.00
2010	Granted	Purchase bicycles and equipment for Club Riders Program	\$3,567.14
2011	Granted	Salaries for Crestmont Boys & Girls Club Director	\$12,000.00
2012	Denied	Teen Career Development Initiative	\$13,375.00
2013	Granted	Finish basement of new facility at 807 N Walnut	\$25,778.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – The JHSSF Elaboration of Criteria call for bridge-funding requests to demonstrate a significant loss of funding and a well-developed plan for future funding. The application materials address the latter, but do not identify the significant loss of funding. The Committee may want to explore that with the agency.

Table of Costs - Amount Requested and Funds Available – Staff added \$43,263 to the other funds needed under Amount Requested so that the request and funding added up to the program total of \$87,933. The Committee may want to confirm this number with the applicant.

Funding Timeline – The reimbursement plan calls for reimbursements from June through December which, unless the Committee wishes to allow reimbursements prior to June, may entail setting the termination of the Funding Agreement in early 2015.

7. MONROE COUNTY CASA

Outreach and Recruitment - \$2,365

City Residents Served: Approx. 80 (out of approx. 100)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
3	5	129

Mission: Monroe County CASA, Inc. is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains and supervises court appointed volunteers to advocate for children who are involved in juvenile court due to abuse or neglect. Volunteer advocacy is based on the belief that all children are entitled to a safe and permanent home.

Project Synopsis: Due to the constant need for CASA volunteers, we plan to start a new Outreach and Recruitment project. There are two major components of this project: Outreach in the form of increased presentations and information sessions in locations previously unable to accommodate us and marketing in the form of billboards. Therefore, we ask for \$2365 to purchase supplies necessary for this project. We will buy a portable PA/microphone system that we can keep in-house and use for presentations. Currently, we are constrained as to where we can go for presentations by the need for either a small space that does not require amplification or we have to rent equipment, which can be costly. We also will buy a portable “pill” computer speaker. These small but incredibly effective speakers give us the ability to play videos or use sound effects in presentations, making them more effective.

The second component is straightforward: we need billboards to market us and help the community see our name. Billboards will initiate conversations among the residents of Bloomington about Monroe County CASA. It would direct attention to who we are, so individuals can potentially become engaged as a volunteer. Monroe County CASA has been in Bloomington for 30 years and yet many people are not aware of the need for our advocacy.

Criteria:

Need – The 2010 SCAN, page 26, found that 77% of organizations found enhancing the visibility and reputation of their organization challenging; and that, despite higher volunteer rates...organizations...still report that it is a challenge to recruit and keep qualified and reliable volunteers.

Monroe County CASA is unique in its challenge to recruit and retain volunteers due to the intensity of commitment required. Even though the 2012 SCAN reveals that the number of child abuse cases in our local courts has decreased, the need for more intense advocacy has increased. The decrease in funding and policy changes made by the Department of Child Services (DCS) at the State level, created a much higher need for advocacy. MC CASA statistics show: in 2010 CASA volunteers advocated 20.04 hours per child as compared to in 2013 CASA volunteers advocated 37.47 hours per child. The advocacy CASA provides to our community’s child victims is done in complete confidentiality. We can’t talk about our cases. Child abuse is kept behind closed doors; at home, in DCS, and in the courts. If a family has not been afflicted by abuse, then one has no way of knowing the extent of its existence in Monroe County.

One-Time Investment – na

Fiscal Leveraging – Monroe County CASA raises over \$100,000 a year for unrestricted operating funds. Therefore, if additional funds for this project are necessary, then it may be possible to divert part of the funds for this use.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Child abuse and neglect are critical issues for all communities, and Bloomington is no exception. Few people are aware of the reality, severity, and pervasiveness of abuse and neglect, yet the effects for all of us are profound. Child abuse has both immediate and long-term ramifications for the community, including significant financial burdens. The conclusion in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Research Paper No. 06-31, states, “We find that maltreatment approximately doubles the probability of engaging in many types of crime...Finally, the probability of engaging in crime increases with the experience of multiple forms of maltreatment.” The US Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an audit of the National CASA Association, of which Monroe County CASA is a member. Their report states, “A child with a CASA volunteer is less likely to reenter the child welfare system. The proportion of reentries is consistently reduced by half, “ (8, 11, 12). The effects this has on our community is measured positively through both social and fiscal measures, preventing later drain on social services and prevention of both juvenile and adult crimes.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative proposed the following outcome indicators: increased enrollment of volunteers, decreased number of children on their waiting list, increased attendance at community events, and increased amount of funds raised.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Billboard Marketing (x2)	~\$1,800.00
2. Electronic Equipment	\$565.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$2,365.00
Fundraising Efforts (Confirmed)	\$900.00
Total Project Cost	\$3,265.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1995	Denied	Renovation for office, conference room, and storage	\$2,500.00
2000	Granted	Hire staff for tracking services and measuring outcomes	\$3,200.00
2009	Granted	Rent, salary, and volunteer training for CASA program	\$8,066.76
2011	Granted	Computers and presentation equipment to help recruit and train volunteers	\$1,600.00
2012	Granted	Purchase CASA manager database system	\$2,225.71

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment - This request partially involves operational or ongoing expenses (i.e. leasing a billboard for two months) and appears to be pilot project. Under JHSSF policies, pilot projects, typically offer to expand services and must demonstrate a well-developed plan for future funding. The application did not acknowledge that the request involved operational expenses, yet arguably addressed the expansion of services and plan for future funding.

Improving School Performance at Fairview through Mental Health Services- \$20,580

City Residents Served: 25 students + 100 family members (out of 25 students + 100 family members)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
11	20	27

Mission: Recognizing mental health care as an essential service in a flourishing community, Catholic Charities Bloomington (CCB) strives to remove barriers to quality mental health counseling by providing services on a sliding fee scale, by reaching out into the community to persons experiencing poverty, and by providing counseling support within school settings. In 2013 CCB served 583 individual clients and approximately 173 families, reaching a total of about 300 family members. These services required providing a total of 6021 hours of mental health counseling. Forty four percent of these hours were provided to clients who were on a sliding fee scale not covered by insurance. Another 40 percent were clients qualifying for Medicaid coverage, which requires additional funding to cover the full expense of the counseling they need. In addition CCB also provided approximately 840 hours of school based counseling at two Bloomington Schools last year, reaching over 200 children.

Project Synopsis: CCB is requesting **\$20,580** in start-up funds for the pilot program, *Improving School Performance at Fairview through Mental Health Services*. This program seeks to stabilize student performance, increase attendance, improve learning capacity, and elevate family involvement by placing mental health services in a struggling school. Facilitated by Catholic Charities Bloomington (CCB) and using Fairview Elementary as a model school, our program will identify struggling students, assess students’ mental health needs, implement individualized plans, and track student performance during the 2014-15 school year. Plans will emphasize the vital cooperation between mental health professionals, school personnel, and students’ families to truly reach the core of what each student needs to be successful. These individualized mental health plans might include child and family counseling interventions from CCB, participation in CCB’s trauma focused multi-family group program, participation in other CCB group therapies such as Incredible Years or Theraplay, continued participation in the student’s current mental health services, psychological assessments, and/or care from CCB’s Clinical Nurse Specialist, including medication management (in coordination with student’s pediatrician). Whenever possible and most effective, services will be provided at Fairview Elementary. A 16-week Project Coordinator will be responsible for tracking program participants, managing staff communication, coordinating family involvement, creating program procedures, and tracking outcome indicators.

Criteria:

Need – As of March 2, 2014, 87% of the Fairview student population qualified for the free/reduced lunch program. According to the Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN) for Monroe County, the “percent of households having difficulty having enough money to pay for family counseling” has increased from 6% in 2003 to 12% in 2010. However, of those households with an income less than \$15,001 and those with an income between \$15,001 and \$25,000, 32% and 44% of households respectively found it difficult to pay for family counseling. SCAN also notes that, although health services are often available in our region, “other variables can also play a significant role, including proximity, transportation, facility shortages, and economics. Accessible healthcare and transportation are more limited in the rural areas of these counties, which can create barriers to necessary care.” SCAN also indicates that seventy percent of nonprofit provider clients (those participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, etc.) reported difficulty getting support for children who were struggling in school in the last 12 months.

One-Time Investment – CCB already has in place well-trained, mental health professionals with experience and training in psychiatric and psychological evaluation, medication management, as well as experience in both agency and school counseling, who will be utilizing our resources and current individual, family, and group therapies to complete this pilot program. The funds requested would provide additional resources and staff to begin this innovative program and track it’s successes and failures. Once the procedures and practices are in place, CCB mental health professionals will be able to continue the program.

Fiscal Leveraging – CCB therapists and health professionals will primarily be funded from Medicaid, Medicare, and other insurance reimbursements. CCB also receives private donations during the year, which help to defray costs not covered by insurance. CCB staff will work to secure some in-kind contributions for the Community Open House, part of our community engagement plan, such as food, entertainment, and art activities. We also plan to obtain in-kind donations of food for our 10-week trauma focused multi-family group.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The long-term benefits for the society as a whole of educating our children is well established. Access to education and the ability to benefit from that education is a factor in almost all aspects of a person’s healthy functioning. This project focuses on a barrier to education that faces many children, which is untreated emotional and behavioral problems. Although the Bloomington community

has many excellent mental health programs and service providers, the access to those services are not equal for all children. This problem cannot be effectively addressed by the schools alone, or mental health providers alone, or families alone. This pilot program intends to implement, locally, the myriad of mental health treatment tools we already have available through research and experience, in a way that brings families, the school, and the mental health services together to reduce the barriers to mental health care for the children and families least likely to receive that care. What we learn from this project can, hopefully, help not only our Agency more effectively serve children who have the most difficulty accessing our services, but also provide information that can be used in other schools and by other mental health providers in our community.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative offered a number of possible short-term outcome indicators including: improved attendance; better class participation and grades; and, level of family compliance with recommendations. Possible long-term outcome indicators included: more stable attendance at school; improved test scores and semester graded; participation and attendance at mental health treatments/groups, and increase family involvement in school.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. In-School and Home-Based Mental Health Treatment	\$1,389.00
2. Project Coordinator	\$13,061.00
3. Clinical Nurse Specialist	\$2,540.00
4. Trauma Focused Multi-Family Program	\$1,360.00
5. Medical and Data Equipment	\$1,030.00
6. Community Engagement	\$1,200.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$20,580.00
Medicaid, Medicare and other insurance reimbursements (Confirmed)	\$38,300.00
In-kind donations (Pending)	\$1,000.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$59,880.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2006	Denied	Latino Outreach	\$4,800
2010	Granted	To pay for start-up costs for the <i>Incredible Years Social Skills Training Program</i> described in the agency’s application. These include training two clinical staff, purchasing DVDs and supplemental materials (e.g. puppets, laminated cards, and books) for various curricula designed to reduce aggressive and disruptive behaviors.	\$8,894.25
2012	Denied	Collaboration w/ Bloomington & S. Central Community Action Program - Prevention and early intervention mental health services for families living in poverty	\$22,846.73
2013	Granted	To train up to three therapists in, and buying equipment for, a counseling model entitled <i>Theraplay</i> , with the goal of broadening its use.	\$4,775

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – The Application requests funds for a Pilot Project and addresses the requisite expansion of services and well-developed plan for future funding. The Committee may, however, want to explore further how the professionals will be able to carry-on the work of the Project Coordinator in future years. Given the reputation for a high turnover of students at Fairview, the Committee may also want to explore how this program will follow-through with students who move from one to another school.

Collaborative Initiative? – This proposal calls for a high level of collaboration between agencies, but is not being pursued as a Collaborative Initiative. The Committee may want to explore what formal understandings have been entered into between this agency and MCCSC.

Funding Timeline – The request includes about \$13,000 for a Project Coordinator. According to the Application the staff positions will be reimbursed for a “July-September window.” The Committee may want to explore how long it will take to draw down that amount of funds.

Vehicle Purchase - \$21,032

City Residents Served: 1,784 (out of 2,050)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
5	8	100+/wk

Mission: Community Kitchen's mission is to work alone and in collaboration with others to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas through direct service, education and advocacy.

Project Synopsis: Community Kitchen seeks to add a vehicle to our operations. We request funds to purchase a 2013 or 2014 Ford Transit Connect. This vehicle would meet our most frequent pick up and delivery needs, as well as, be much better on gas mileage. Our two delivery vans are quite old (1997 & 1998). They get bad gas mileage and have reached the point that they require much more in maintenance costs. We need a third vehicle and we need to begin to replace the two that we have. For awhile we had a third vehicle (small pick-up) that had been donated to us. It allowed our Operations Manager to conduct smaller deliveries, pick ups and errands for better gas mileage and without tying up a delivery van. Our Summer Food Service Program has expanded enough since our move, that we now need both vans to run the delivery routes. All summer long from 8am - after noon, both vans are out on delivery routes to low-income neighborhoods. Without a third vehicle, our Operations Manager is very limited on when he can shop at the Food Bank or complete other tasks. Last summer when one van broke down on the Summer Food Service delivery route, we had a third vehicle to use while the van was fixed. Without it, the program would have had to pare back to one route for several days. Many children would not have received meals from us until the van was repaired.

Criteria:

Need – CK addresses Strategy #5 (Public Services Assistance) of the City’s Consolidated Plan 2010-14, “Provide funding to non-profit organizations that serve low income individuals/families with their basic needs: food, shelter and health care.” (p.19). Strategy #5 is listed as a high priority on the Housing and Community Development Activities Table with a significant needs gap. By providing emergency food assistance to anyone in need from two locations within the city, CK continues to address this strategy.

CK also fits into the City's Anti-Poverty Strategy. According to page 55 of the Consolidated Plan, a significant part of the Strategy is to “provide access to information and emergency assistance to the most vulnerable elements of the community.” Community Kitchen provides information and referral services on site three days/week and an emergency free meals service directly addressing this Strategy.

According to the 2012 SCAN Report, having enough money for food is an issue for many low-income families. 30% of Monroe County low-income families and 29% of single parent households reported having enough money for food was a major problem, while 17% reported it was at least a minor problem.

One-Time Investment – Community Kitchen is requesting funding for one-time investment in our ability to transport meal supplies and meals to community members in need. If funded, we would purchase a 2013 or 2014 Ford Transit Connect. This vehicle would be an investment in the dependability and efficiency of our transportation and operations.

Fiscal Leveraging – With the continued need for our services and the importance of access to basic food resources for all, CK has worked to minimize operating costs and provide our services in the most efficient manner possible. By investing in a third vehicle, we are ensuring that we maximize resources by keeping gas and repair costs lower. This vehicle will also ensure no interruption of our Summer Food Service Program, through which we are able to feed low-income children and receive state reimbursement funds.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Our 1515 S Rogers St facility has improved operations, efficiency and the cost effectiveness of what we do. The vehicle requested represents a long term investment in our future and preserves the ability of Community Kitchen to be able to help the community. Access to food and nutrition are commonly accepted necessities for healthy individuals and families. Proper nutrition helps ensure success in school and work, and better physical and mental health. As the need for Kitchen services continues to grow and we continue to reach out to more and more children, the benefits to the community are long lasting and take the form of more healthy children, better learners, lower drop out rates, lower incarceration rates and more productive citizens.

The funds requested through Common Council Social Services funding would provide a long-term investment in vehicles at CK and will have a lasting impact on our operations and ability to meet community needs.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative states that “While it is not possible to accurately quantify the effects of this vehicle purchase, ... (it) will greatly reduce the cost of repairs and gas usage.”

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Vehicle Purchase (if partial funding is significant enough)	\$21,032.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$21,032.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$21,032.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1995	Granted	Used vehicle to serve meals	\$9,000.00
1997	Granted	Transport containers to provide meals to at risk youth in after school programs	\$1,300.00
1998	Granted	Purchase upright commercial oven, mobile sheet pan rack, and mats for kitchen floor	\$4,675.00
1999	Granted	Ice machine and freezer	\$4,650.00
2000-June	Granted	8 dining tables	\$2,460.00
2001	Granted	Equipment for 2 nd food prep and distribution site	\$10,721.00
2002	Granted	Copy machine shared with Shelter, Inc, aprons and hairnets	\$3,639.00
2003	Granted	Replace fire suppression system, loading dock, and 60 chairs for S. Rogers site	\$10,104.00
2004	Granted	Replace door & dishwasher, purchasing garbage disposal and kitchen grade metal shelving	\$7,780.00
2005	Granted	Replace produce cooler and purchase food trays for free meal service	\$4,100.00
2006	Granted	Purchase and repair a used van from Girls, Inc.	\$8,402.00
2007	Granted	Replace and install an aged walk-in freezer with a larger one	\$29,800.00
2008	Granted	Purchase a commercial-grade refrigerator for use at S. Rogers	\$2,350.00
2009	Granted	Purchase 200 (printed) backpacks for take-home food program	\$1,005.00
2010	Granted	Purchase pallet truck, ice machine, and 2 “trainable” trash can dollies for S. Rogers	\$7,851.00
2011	Granted	Equipment & relocation costs for new S. Rogers facility	\$10,000.00
2012	Granted	Equipment purchase	\$7,555.00
2013	Granted	Purchase professional food processor, a commercial can opener, pots, food containers with lids, knife racks and a cutting board, and various serving utensils	\$3,475.00

Staff Comments

Financial Statements – The application included a Profit and Lost statement, but did not include a Balance Sheet.

Literacy Begins At Home - \$4,800

City Residents Served: 300 (out of 320)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
		7

Mission: "To provide the children from low-income families in Monroe County free new books that they can take home and own." Studies have repeatedly shown that lack of access to books at home is the biggest barrier to literacy and that children from low-income families have little or no print material at home. This results in low levels of achievement, elevated school drop out rates and juvenile crime. Monroe county has 17.6% or about 4000 children living in poverty. The books are distributed through Title I schools and qualified local literacy programs that receive book grants from us. The programs use our book grants to purchase books on the children's behalf. To qualify, the programs must be a Title I school or have at least 70 % of children from low-income families, and incorporate our books in regular reading or other activities to nurture the children's love of reading.

Project Synopsis: Numerous studies stress the importance of children of ages 0- 5 being exposed to books for kindergarten readiness, and the need for a child to read adequately by Grade 3 or age 8 to succeed in school.

Literacy Begins At Home Project Goals in 2014, 15 and 16

1. Provide 885 children in grades Pre K – 2 (ages 4-8) in 4 Title I schools with high quality new books. Maximize impact by serving the same Title I schools for 3 years allowing the same set of children (as much as possible) to receive books.
2. Facilitate kindergarten readiness by providing 360 children of ages 0-4 attending Head Start and MCUM (~ 20% of children in poverty of this age group) with books for 3 consecutive years.
3. Provide 6 books per child per year and help children build home libraries with a variety of books.
4. Serve 1245 children per year. We will provide 22,410 books over three years.

We have met our 2014 goals and granted awards for 7470 books to 1245 children. This grant request will allow us to partially meet 2015 goals by providing 1920 books to 320 children attending Head Start and Early Start. We will use our funds from other sources to serve the remaining target population.

Criteria:

Need – The SCAN document identifies “early literacy as a key predictor of academic success” and states that “preparedness for kindergarten is vital for a child to assimilate the K-12 curriculum”. First Book-Monroe County’s program fully supports this criterion, and promotes early literacy by providing children in need of ages 0-4, quality books at home and reading guidance. Monroe County has 17.6% or about 4000 children in poverty. Many have no books at home facing one of the biggest barriers to literacy.

2.The document states that “national research has shown that children who cannot read at grade level by the third grade continue to fall further behind and fail to meet their academic potential.” Many other studies stress the importance of reading adequately by Grade 3 to be able to succeed in school. Our program directly supports this criterion and provides quality books for children in grades Pre K to Grade 2 in 4 Title I schools which serve the bulk of the children from low-income families.

3.SCAN study demonstrates correlation with education level and income levels. Our program strengthens reading skills which is the foundation for success in school, and the ability to earn college and higher degrees.

One-Time Investment – This is not an operational fund request.

Fiscal Leveraging – We leverage First Book National's resources for web, financial and infrastructure support. This eliminates operational costs. We utilize volunteers only. We leverage the resources of Title I schools, Head Start and MCUM to deliver reading guidance, and distribute books. We thus eliminate these costs, enhance the quality of the programs and add value to the children. We will leverage all funding sources to pay for this program. We keep costs to a minimum (less than 0.5% of donations) and the advisory board shares additional cost, thereby maximizing use of donor's dollars.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Vocabulary development by age 3 has been found to predict reading achievement. Children from low-income families lack early interactions that lead to language development, including being read to and access to books in the home. By the time children from low-income families enter kindergarten, they are 12-14 months below national norms in language & pre-reading skills. First Book-Monroe County’s Literacy Begins at Home program removes these barriers for children of ages 0-4 from low-income families by providing good books at home, and enables them to develop a stronger vocabulary, thus creating a lasting foundation for literacy and academic success. The SCAN document shows that educational threshold for higher paying positions have become greater and those with high school diploma rarely made more than \$30,000. Setting up children for academic success will motivate them to earn higher degrees, higher paying jobs and hence step out of poverty.

78% of juvenile crime is committed by high school dropouts and each dropout costs our society \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes, and productivity. As more children achieve good reading skills, high school dropout rates and juvenile crime will diminish.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative provided the following outcome indicators: the number of children with access to books at home; teachers, children and families report a increase in interest and time spent reading, better preparedness for kindergarten, and improved reading skills by Grade 3; and, Educators report increased quality and richness of books provided by this program.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. 4 books/child ages 0-4 attending Head/Early Start (x320 @ \$2.50/ea)	\$3,200.00
2. Additional 2 books (6 total) for children ages 0-4 attending Head/Early Start	\$1,600.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$4,800.00
In-Hand Committed	\$9,000.00
Community Foundation Grant (Confirmed)	\$10,000.00
CLD/Kelley Business School (Confirmed)	~\$8,000.00
American Legion Bingo Event (Pending)	\$1,000.00
Other Grants (Pending)	~\$10,000.00
Individual Contributions (Pending)	~\$6,000.00
Total Project Cost (for 2014, 15, 16)	\$56,025.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2012	Denied	Provide free new & high-quality books to low-income children	\$2,950

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment – JHSSF Elaboration of Policies require requests for operational or ongoing costs be pilot projects, bridge-funding, or collaborative projects. This application requests funds for books, which are an ongoing (and core cost) of this program, but does not address how it fits within JHSSF criteria. This may be an example of a worthy and efficient program where, without continual pilot projects, its business model is at odds with program criteria.

Funding Timeline - The Application calls for the books to be distributed in December, 2014 and January, 2015. The Committee may want to explore whether claims will need to be filed in 2015.

11. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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The Gathering Place Breakfast Program at First Christian Church - \$7,020

City Residents Served: "Nearly 100%" (out of 117.5_{avg} per Sunday)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
2	6	350

Mission: The mission of the Gathering Place Breakfast Program is:

1. To meet the needs of those living in poverty by providing food and shelter on Sunday mornings from 7:00 and 9:30 am.
2. To help our guests who struggle with addictions and/or homelessness connect with long-term recovery services.

The Gathering Place is part of First Christian Church's (FCC) mission priority to "reach out and serve those living in poverty."

Project Synopsis: Every Sunday morning, 52 weeks of the year, The Gathering Place at First Christian Church (FCC) prepares and serves a hot breakfast to more than 100 individuals, many of who are homeless. This program, now in its 9th year, has been operating with two range/ovens that date back to the 1950's. FCC recently replaced one range/oven after it caught fire. The time has come to replace the remaining antique unit before a similar fate befalls it. With the help of a 2014 Jack Hopkins grant, FCC hopes to purchase, on behalf of The Gathering Place, a new range/oven, with a 36 inch grill across the top. The newest range/oven will be primarily for use by The Gathering Place. For the first time in the history of this breakfast program, the kitchen equipment will be adequate to the task of preparing a hot meal for such a large crowd. This will allow us to reduce the amount of volunteer time devoted to menu planning and meal preparation and deploy a few more volunteers to circulate among, visit with and encourage our guests.

Criteria:

Need – The Gathering Place addresses three essential needs as identified in the Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN):

1. Hunger and Food Insecurity: Our breakfast is the only guaranteed complete meal in town on Sundays for Bloomington's homeless citizens. While food is provided later in the day by both Trinity Episcopal Church and Sacred Heart Church, these are not always complete meals.
2. Shelter: Without the Gathering Place, there would be no shelter from cold or stormy weather in Bloomington on Sunday mornings. Our homeless neighbors would be left to wander the streets, loiter in the alleys, and "panhandle" along Kirkwood while awaiting the opening of College Mall at noon or the Monroe County Public Library at 1:00 pm.
3. Clothing: Donations of warm jackets, socks, shoes and other clothing are made available to Gathering Place guests most Sundays. Without these gifts, our guests would have to walk the streets during the winter months without proper protection against the cold.

One-Time Investment – The new range/oven that will be purchased with Jack Hopkins funds will be a one-time investment that should have a positive impact on the community for many decades to come. The range/oven that it will replace is nearly 60 years old.

Fiscal Leveraging –

1. \$780 from First Christian Church will be leveraged by the Jack Hopkins grant
2. In-kind contributions of volunteer time and energy will be made possible by the continuation of the Gathering Place. Volunteers are drawn from the breakfast guests, church members, and citizens in the wider community.
3. Community contributions of clothing would be less likely to flow in and harder to distribute to our homeless citizens without the forum which is provided by The Gathering Place.
4. Kitchen Efficiency, allowing deployment of more volunteers among the guests, will increase referrals to partner agencies.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The Gathering Place draws together two groups of people into one room. One group includes some of the most vulnerable and needy members of our community; the other group includes very capable and compassionate volunteers. As the volunteers listen to the stories of our guests and win the trust of these guests, opportunities develop to connect the guests with services in the community which can help them address their long-term needs. In many cases the guests are already aware of these services, but they need the encouragement of people whom they trust in order to avail themselves of said services. Thus, over the long-haul, the Gathering Place helps to connect those experiencing homelessness with detox, addiction recovery, housing and employment services. In this way the Gathering Place helps homeless citizens to transition into housed, employed, law-abiding, responsible, tax-paying citizens.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative offers the following Outcome Indicators: increase in the number of volunteers who will visit with guests (3); the number of guests successfully encouraged to move into an addiction recovery, detox, or supportive housing program (5); and, the number of guests who will serve as a full-time member of the kitchen crew on any given Sunday (at least 1).

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Purchase and installation of new range/oven	\$7,020.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$7,020.00
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (Confirmed) – Removal of old range/oven	\$780.00
Total Project Cost	\$7,800.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2006	Granted	Purchase 2 jumbo storage cabinets, upright freezer, and supplies for Gathering Place	\$1,250.00
2011	Granted	Reno. of kitchen for the Gathering Place and other programs	\$5,700.00
2012	Granted	Gathering Place refrigerator replacement	\$2,478.57
2013	Granted	Purchasing and installing flooring, as well as adding shelving	\$8,755.00

Staff Comments

Need – The JHSSF Elaboration of Criteria place a high priority on programs that primarily serve low-income populations. The Committee may want to explore the percentage of time this equipment will be used by the Gathering Place or similar programs as compared to other church-related events and activities.

12. GIRLS INC. OF MONROE COUNTY

Addition of Sports Program Manager - \$19,747.80

City Residents Served: 338 (out of 364)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
3	4 (3 seasonal)	220

Mission: The mission of Girls Incorporated of Monroe County is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. At Girls Inc. we have a vision of a world where every girl values her whole self and her inherent strengths, has opportunities to develop her potential, move past serious obstacles, and leads a healthy, educated, and successful life. Since 1975, Girls Inc. has responded to the changing needs of girls in our community through research-based programs and advocacy that empower girls to reach their full potential and understand, value, and assert their rights. We provide girls with a safe environment where they can take risks, overcome challenges, and strive to be the best they can be. We accomplish our mission by facilitating innovative and educational after-school programming, winter and summer day camps, and sports leagues.

Project Synopsis: Girls Inc. is requesting a total of \$19,747.80 in bridge funds to support the salary of a new position-- Sports Program Manager. Over the past year, we have noticed a slight decrease in participation in our standard sports leagues. Currently, our Director of Operations is balancing the coordination of our sports leagues and operation duties – additional funding would allow us to divide this position and strengthen our operations and sports leagues. Part of our strategic plan is to grow our membership by 30% by the end of 2015. To reach this growth goal, it is important to create a position which solely focus on our sports leagues and support the success of our programs. The initial focus for this position would be to begin developing a new sports program in addition to our current volleyball and basketball leagues. Girls Inc. wants to continue to support our dedicated staff that works to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Our partnerships with other organizations are central to our success and the success of our members. Our members also attend community events, which they might not otherwise be able to access, exposing them to resources available in and around our community. Girls Inc.’s access to community resources transfers directly to our members, and exposes them to unique and vital opportunities. With the support of our active board, valuable community partnerships, extensive volunteer network, and dedicated staff members, we are meeting the educational needs of girls in Monroe County.

Criteria:

Need – Girls Inc. of Monroe County sports programming growth will directly impact our community youth. The Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN) of 2012 lists five critical elements—including one element focused on youth attaining healthy development, specifically physical health & safety and emotional fulfillment. Sports encourage positive habits and minimize risky health behaviors in youth. For girls, participation in sports has been shown to reduce the risk for obesity, lower the frequency of sexual intercourse, and reduce the likelihood of a female adolescent getting pregnant. Girls Inc. National reports that just over one-fourth of girls ages 9 to 13 report no free-time physical activity, classifying themselves as sedentary outside of school. Having access to sports and physical activity in positive, supporting out-of-school time environment can be key to girls embracing sports as an integral part of their lives. Girls Inc. emphasizes healthy competition and minimizes the “win at all cost” perspective. Agencies, like Girls Inc., are integral in helping young girls have this opportunity to develop fully.

One-Time Investment – This bridge funding investment will help with the needed initial funds to support the growth of the sports program by allowing for the hire of a Sports Program Manager. This investment will serve as a foundation for growth in our programs. The growing sports program will allow for more funding opportunities and an increase of income from program fees paid. Girls Inc. has successfully sustained and expanded services in the Monroe County area because of the strong demand for our programs and the continued support of organizations like Jack Hopkins.

Fiscal Leveraging – Our programming has been in existence for 38 years and adheres to the national Girls Incorporated Standards of Operation for Quality Assurance. We completed the national Girls Inc. Standards review in 2012 and met all standards. As a United Way agency, we go through a certification process every three years and we completed the process in 2013 with an excellent grade. With these credentials, the new Sports Program Manager will be charged with creating new sporting opportunities and seeking funding from donors and granting organizations.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Through the Girls Inc. sports programs, girls build a foundation for enjoying physical activity, sports, and adventure that will last throughout their lives. Girls develop movement and athletic skills, cooperative and competitive spirit, and healthy habits. They experience the benefits and excitement of taking positive risks that bolster their self-confidence and personal growth. Girls begin to move more confidently and skillfully, get used to structured physical activity, learn about the positive connection between physical activity and health-related fitness, and accept sports as a legitimate activity for girls and women. Girls learn the concepts of offense, defense, and teamwork, and develop sport-specific skills in a

progression that leads to game readiness and provides a foundation for lifelong participation in sports. The addition of a Sports Program Manager will allow girls to grow and build lifelong skills and will ensure that will become strong, smart, and bold women of the future.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative provides the goal of increasing membership 30% by 2015, but no outcome indicator for the Monitoring Report due with submission of final claims.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Salary for Sports Program Manager	\$16,848.00
2. Benefits	\$1,507.80
3. Training for National Girls Inc. Program Curriculum	\$1,200.00
4. CDL Class C License	\$192.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$19,747.00
Bloomington Township (Confirmed)	\$1,500.00
Perry Township (Confirmed)	\$1,000.00
Program Fees (Pending)	\$8,400.00-\$12,000.00
Individual Donations (Pending)	\$8,000.00
United Way (Confirmed, pending final amount)	\$10,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$41,010.40

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1996	Granted	Van purchase	\$10,000.00
1998	Granted	Equipment to implement Operation SMART	\$6,500.00
1999	Denied	Automatic Doors	\$4,969.00
200-June	Granted	Supplies & equipment for summer camp and 2 infant car seats	\$2,303.00
200-Oct	Granted	Friendly PEERsuasion Program	\$2,500.00
2000-Oct	Granted	Books, refreshments, and misc. Equipment for after school reading program	\$620.00
2002	Granted	Salary of director of the after-school summer youth programs	\$1,950.00
2004	Granted	Pay a portion of the cost of one used bus	\$10,000.00
2006	Granted	Personnel expenses for a half-time Program Specialist and purchase Commit to be Fit materials	\$1,950.00
2008	Denied	Teen Exploration College/Career Program	\$2,500.00
2009	Granted	To pay for training staff	\$2,930.71
2010	Granted	Pay for salary of the Program Director	\$13,500.00
2011	Granted	Purchase & install a phone and voicemail system at W. 8 th St	\$2,000.00
2012	Granted	Furniture replacement	\$2,102.86
2013	Granted	Purchase Trax Solutions Management Information System license fee, 1 year annual management and support agreement, a scanner and in-house staff training	\$5,110.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment –

Bridge vs. Pilot Project JHSSF only allows funding for salaries (and other operational expenses) if the request is for a pilot project, bridge-funding, or a collaborative project. The application characterizes the request as bridge-funding, which requires a showing of a significant loss of funding as well as a well developed plan for future funding. Since the request is for a new position and to expand services, it appears to be a pilot project which need not show a loss of funding, but still must show a plan for future funding. In support of its plan for future funding, the application cites: its fund-raising credentials: a plan to revitalize the fund development plan; the role of the new position, in part, to raise funds; and, its past ability to raise funds. Note that the last time this agency sought funds for salaries from JHSSF was in 2010.

Conference - \$1,200 of the request is for attending a conference. The JHSSF Policies classify these as an on-going expense and indicate that, when eligible, will be given a low-priority.

Funding Time-Line – The solicitation materials indicate that claims for reimbursement shall be submitted no later than December 6, 2014. The application indicates reimbursement for salaries and benefits for July – December, which may go beyond the early December date indicated above.

Outcome Indicators – No outcome indicators were offered for 2014.

Habitat ReStore Donations Truck - \$17,750

City Residents Served: 2,246 (out of 2,496)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
13	8	2,000

Mission: Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County’s mission is to eliminate poverty housing by building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with qualifying families. Habitat homeowners pay interest-free, no-profit mortgages, which are used to build more Habitat houses. Because houses are principally built with volunteer labor, mortgage payments are affordable for low-income partners. Habitat qualifying families, or partner families, are selected based on their need for housing, ability to repay the no-interest mortgage and willingness to partner with Habitat by earning 250 hours of “sweat equity” or volunteer time.

Project Synopsis: HFH ReStore relies on quality donations from the community to raise funds for Habitat’s mission of building simple decent housing. Our donations of highest value are typically picked up from donor households by a staff of drivers with our current 16’ box truck. In the past two years, ReStore has doubled its average pickups per week. We are currently executing an average of 32.8 pickups per week with one truck and two drivers. If pickup requests continue to increase at the current trend of 50% per year, 49 donors per week will be requesting donation pickups. This will maximize our one truck, we’ll no longer be able to respond to the needs of our donors. The addition of a second truck will allow us to expand our pickup hours to meet the increasing demand of our donors. An increase in donation intake results in a direct increase in sales. This is evident in that Restore’s gross sales have increased from \$465,000 in fiscal year 2012 to \$503,000 in fiscal year 2013 and an expected income of at least \$536,000 in 2014. We believe another boost in donation intake provided by an additional truck can increase sales to \$600,000. This increase in sales would result in the ability for ReStore to fund construction of an additional Habitat for Humanity home for the community per year.

Criteria:

Need – According to page 77 of the 2012 Service Community Assessment of Needs, Monroe County households living at or below the federal poverty level is higher than both the state and national averages as is the number of households spending more than 30% of their income on housing (many are spending more than 40%). Many of these households will also have problems paying utility bills and other household related expenses. The housing that they can afford is often of lower quality and requiring major repairs which places them at further risk. Habitat serves the population that is at or below HUD poverty levels. Our clients can not obtain a mortgage through conventional means and we are truly their only option for homeownership. Our mortgages are designed so that you will not spend more than 30% of your income on payments because we make interest free loans and make no profit on the sale. All Habitat houses meet Energy Star standards which guarantees that they will also pay lower utility bills because their home will perform better than the average home. Because Habitat is a non profit organization all mortgage payments are reinvested in building more houses for families in need.

One-Time Investment – (left blank)

Fiscal Leveraging – JHSSF will allow us to leverage funds for a Penske GIK discount of \$2,250.00 for the purchase of a certified used truck. A second truck will not only allow us to procure more in-kind donations from the Bloomington community, but it will prevent us from losing donations due to scheduling backlogs in our current one-truck scheduling system. We will also use donated volunteer labor to assist the driver with pickups. The proceeds from sales contribute to building a home which we sell and in turn we use the reinvest the mortgage payments (Fund for Humanity) to build additional housing.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The ability to maximize our donation intake will allow us to generate as much revenue as possible. With one truck, we are not able to reach our full revenue potential. Not only does a second truck allow us to literally pick up more donations, but a second truck, when branded, doubles our visibility as it drives around town. The increased awareness of ReStore and of our free pickup service will further boost our donation pickup requests. A by-product of ReStore services is that it also diverts many items from the landfill. With a second truck, we anticipate a notable boost in ReStore’s success in Fiscal Year 2015. Between July 1, 2014 and June 30th, 2015, we will have seen an increase in our average pickups per week to 49, and gross sales to \$600,000. We anticipate further increases in future fiscal years which will allow us to impact more local families than we could with one truck. We will serve at least one additional family per year with the additional revenue generated.

Outcome Indicators:

The application offered the following indicators:

- Increase in the number of donation pick-ups (estimated at 16/week or 256/4 months);
- Increase in sales revenue as a result of the additional store inventory (estimated at \$20,000/4 months);
- Increase in funding for Habitat’s mission of affordable housing (estimated at \$70,000/fiscal year).

CostAmount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Used 16' Truck	\$14,000.00
2. Branded Wrap	\$2,800.00
3. Plates and Registration	\$450.00
4. Truck delivery to Bloomington	±\$500.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$17,750.00
Penske Truck Leasing (Confirmed)	\$2,250.00
Delphi Signs (Confirmed)	\$200.00
Volunteer Labor	\$8,500.00
Habitat	\$15,200.00
Total Project Cost	\$43,900.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1995	Denied	Pave Habitat street	\$8,550.00
2000	Denied	Pay for Volunteer Coordinator	\$25,000.00
2005	Granted	Purchase items for Re-Store facility	\$10,000.00
2008	Granted	Pay for renovation of Campbell House for use by agency programs and staff	\$4,000.00
2009	Granted	Purchase truck with lift gate for ReStore facility	\$20,069.93
2010	Granted	Purchase job site trailer, tools, and help purchase a truck for the Construction Leadership Program	\$17,000.00
2011	Granted	Equipment for Construction Leadership Program	\$6,000.00
2012	Denied	Materials, handling equipment and store fixtures	\$9,529.00
2013	Granted	Purchase fixtures, equipment and supplies, power tools, hand tools and pneumatic tools and equipment for a warehouse on N. Rogers	\$19,085.00

Staff Comments

City Residents Served: The application mistakenly indicated that 1 out of 2,000 customers were residents of the City. A call to the grant writer indicated that the number was closer to 2,246 out of 2,496.

14. HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK

Forklift Acquisition - \$20,000

City Residents Served: 11,100 (out of 25,800)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
9	5	2,577

Mission: To collect, store and distribute food to non-profit organizations with feeding programs that serve the ill, low-income and children.

Project Synopsis: Hoosier Hills Food Bank will replace two existing units with a new 5000 pound capacity fork-lift truck with pneumatic tires. This fork-lift will assist in the daily tasks necessary to distribute over 1.6 million pounds of food valued at over \$2.7 million each year to more than 40 agencies in the City of Bloomington. The new unit will improve both safety and capacity with increased traction both outdoors and on inside ramps with reduced LP gas leakage. Tasks that are currently not possible with the existing fork-lift will now be possible. A non-functioning reach truck will be scrapped and an 18-year-old fork-lift truck will be sold to help defray costs with additional support sought from a neighboring county community foundation. With warranty and regular maintenance, the new equipment will reduce repair costs and should serve the food bank for at least 15-20 years.

Criteria:

Need – HHFB’s mission and project meet the previously-identified priority of addressing food access. SCAN notes that “having access to an adequate food supply continues to be a problem for some individuals and families (and) hunger can be associated with homelessness, poverty and unemployment (p. 126). SCAN further notes in Table 7.4 that the number of lowest income people who reported experiencing difficulty having enough money for food in the past 12 months jumped from 7% to 34% between 2003 and 2010. Table 7.7 shows that those in the lowest income category indicating needed supplemental food assistance as a “major” problem also increased from 5% to 13%. The COB HAND Consolidated Plan emphasizes the strategy (p. 19) of funding non-profit organizations that serve low-income people with basic emergency needs, including food, and provide a safety net for those in need. HHFB and the partner agencies we support are crucial components of that safety net and help to alleviate what would be a greater governmental burden in our absence. In the same way that the Plan (p. 21) indicated that time spent fundraising is taken away from client services, time spent finding food also takes agency focus away from clients and HHFB helps alleviate this.

One-Time Investment – HHFB is requesting funds for the one-time purchase of equipment. Because the fork-lift truck will be new, warranties and regular maintenance should limit repair costs and the equipment should continue to serve the agency for at least 15-20 years.

Fiscal Leveraging – Scrapping and trading in existing equipment will slightly reduce the cost of a new fork-lift and substantial Jack Hopkins support should help us leverage partial funding from another county’s community foundation. But most importantly, the core of HHFB’s work involves the collection and distribution of donated food from local and national sources. In 2013, we distributed 1,600,945 pounds of food to City of Bloomington agencies which carried an in-kind value of \$2,705,597. By maintaining the necessary infrastructure, HHFB is able to leverage millions of dollars in resources for the community.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – While ensuring access to nutritious food is our most important undertaking, HHFB also helps play a role in addressing the City’s anti-poverty strategy by supporting a significant number of agencies that address a wide range of needs beyond food. Our efforts indirectly support youth services at the Boys & Girls Club, addiction services at Amethyst House, domestic violence services at Middle Way House, residential mentoring and shelter for youth at Stepping Stones, homeless services Martha’s House and Crawford Homes and general public services at Community Kitchen, MCUM and Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard. These efforts, along with the direct provision of food make broad and long-lasting contributions to the community. Hunger and lack of regular access to nutritious food negatively impacts children’s performance at school, adult performance at work, absenteeism among both populations and health issues for all people but especially children and seniors. Ensuring that people have access to nutritious food is vital to ensuring a healthy and vibrant community. We recognize that there is likely to always be some level of need for the services we provide, but also that our efforts help create and empower better, more productive citizens.

Outcome Indicators:

The application states “Unfortunately, it is difficult to identify specific outcome indicators resulting from this project.” It then anticipated that the new forklift would:

- Lead to “fewer service calls and repair bills;” and
- “Allow (HHFB) to distribute more food” (but acknowledged that this outcome was subject to many other variables).

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. Fork-lift Truck	\$20,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$20,000.00
Sale/Scrap of old equipment (Pending)	\$1,963.00
Lawrence Co. Community Foundation (Pending)	\$3,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$24,963.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1994	Denied	Warehouse addition, freezer, cooler, capital expenses	\$16,000.00
1996	Granted	Refrigerated truck	\$3,800.00
1997	Granted	Equipment for Food Repackaging Room for meal rescue program	\$9,200.00
1999	Granted	Cooler and condensing unit	\$14,394.00
2000-June	Granted	1 low-lift pallet truck and 3 sets of racking	\$4,549.00
2001	Granted	Purchase food for city residents	\$3,000.00
2004	Granted	Pay for renovations to facility	\$13,294.00
2006	Granted	Install lights, replace door, reinstall floor scale, and purchase safety equipment for 2 trucks	\$6,670.00
2008	Granted	Purchase refrigerated cargo van for use in the Meal Share prepared food rescue program	\$31,414.00
2010	Denied	Monroe County Parks & Rec Dept. & HHFB Garden and Orchard	\$39,000.00
2011	Granted	Pay for salaries and equipment to expand capacity of operations	\$10,750.00
2012	Granted	Meal share program equipment replacement	\$13,895.00
2013	Granted	Purchase 2 electric Walkie Pallet Trucks and pay for passive refrigeration supplies and equipment including portable coolers, reusable Ice Pack Sheets and insulated blankets and pallet covers	\$9,930.00

Staff Comments

City Residents Served – JHSSF Elaboration of Criteria indicate that “programs primarily serve city residents.” Over the years, HHFB has broadened its services to where less than half of its clients are residents of the city (11,100/25,800). However, the Narrative states: “...Monroe County and the City of Bloomington agencies receive the largest portion of our distributions and the most frequent level of deliveries.” In addition, the application indicates that the delivery of food to local agencies has gone up 12% over the prior year and that “(t)his fork-lift will assist in the daily tasks necessary to distribute over 1.6 million pounds of food valued at over \$2.7 million each year to more than 40 agencies in the City of Bloomington.”

LIFEDesigns’ Dunn and Winslow Group Homes: Essential Furnishings - \$8,460

City Residents Served: 12 (out of 12)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
215	81	97

Mission: LIFEDesigns has provided vital services for people with disabilities for over three decades in Bloomington and surrounding counties and is able to provide a complete spectrum of services in the areas of education, housing and employment. LIFEDesigns’ mission is to partner with people of all ages and abilities to lead meaningful and active lives. LIFEDesigns envisions a community that supports all people, where each person is valued, and everyone belongs. In 2013, LIFEDesigns served 449 individuals with disabilities and their families in nine counties in South-Central Indiana through the following services: supported employment, community living, residential (group home) living, accessible affordable housing, respite, behavioral support, health care coordination, technology monitoring services, and community education courses.

Project Synopsis: This project is providing 12 individuals with disabilities in two group homes in Bloomington (Dunn and Winslow) with an increased quality of life by improving their living conditions. The new furniture will provide a better environment for the individuals who live there. These upgrades improve safety and accessibility in the home and improve the overall feel and value of the neighborhoods in which they are located.

Upgrading furniture to improve function and accessibility is an important aspect of any home. Purchasing new mattresses is not only important for function, but improves the overall health of the individuals who sleep on those mattresses. Providing furniture in common living areas such as the living room and dining room provides an atmosphere for camaraderie and socializing among roommates.

Improving the living environment in a group home has been shown to reduce instances of customer behavioral issues. Providing a more inviting work environment improves staff morale and reduces staff turnover. Poor staff morale and high turnover negatively impacts the quality of services provided to LIFEDesigns customers and is an area of focus for improvement within the agency.

LIFEDesigns believes Bloomington is a community that knows each person, no matter their abilities, deserves the same basic quality of life. They deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. This project promotes respect, accessibility, functionality, and quality of life for the people with disabilities LIFEDesigns supports.

Criteria:

Need – According to the City’s Consolidated Plan of 2010-2014, affordable housing continues to be among the city’s highest priorities (pg.21). “Bloomington continues to suffer from comparatively low wages compromised further by challenging housing costs.” Over 48% of Bloomington's population spends more than 1/3 of their income on rent. For people with disabilities this statistic is even worse. Individuals with disabilities can spend as much as 113% of their income on housing, requiring subsidies even to meet their most basic need. LIFEDesigns provides affordable residential housing for individuals with disabilities who have significant support needs.

In the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department’s 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, there is a specific section which focuses on Non-Homeless Special Needs 91.215 (h). The fourth objective listed is to provide financial assistance to organizations who serve special need groups. This section also states that modifications should be funded to facilities to make them more accessible. By providing the homes with newer, more functional furniture, the walk-ways and room space can be utilized more effectively for those with disabilities.

One-Time Investment – LIFEDesigns is requesting a one-time investment of \$8,500 for the Dunn and Winslow group homes to purchase furnishings for the adults and children who live in these homes. The agency is renovating properties and furnishings across the board. The cost to operate and maintain the facilities is not part of the Jack Hopkins request and is covered by LIFEDesigns’ service agreement with Medicaid.

Fiscal Leveraging – LIFEDesigns is working with local community businesses to purchase items at discounted prices. Estimates reflect these deep discounts. In-kind items have been requested and received in some cases. LIFEDesigns continues to solicit in-kind and monetary donations for the items needed to renovate each of the agency's properties. LIFEDesigns is utilizing volunteers and current employees to do much of the labor, saving on contractor fees.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – LIFEDesigns is committed to increasing the availability of affordable and accessible housing to individuals in our community. In group home services, LIFEDesigns houses a total of 56 people with disabilities, all who have low or very low incomes. The group home program is considered permanent supportive housing. Homes are available to individuals for as long as they are needed by the individual. Services and supports are provided within the homes that are essential to achieving each person’s

goals. With the Jack Hopkins Social Service grant, the committee will be creating a sustainable, ongoing resource for our community and our most vulnerable neighbors. The improvements made in LIFE Designs facilities will also most certainly have a positive impact on the quality of the neighborhoods where our customers live.

Outcome Indicators:

The Narrative offered the following outcome indicators:

- Reduction in incidence of negative behavioral issues by customers;
- Significant decrease in staff turnover in those group homes; and
- Elimination of any facility issues in Department of Health surveys and stay in compliance with their regulations.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Bedroom Furniture	\$2,415.00
2. Common Area Furniture	\$5,215.00
3. Entertainment Items	\$830.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$8,460.00
LIFE Designs (Confirmed)	\$10,000.00
Individual Donors (Confirmed)	~\$14,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$32,300.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1997	Granted	OPTIONS: Upgrading phone and voicemail system	\$13,500.00
1998	Granted	OPTIONS: Repair 1991 Club Wagon for client purpose	\$3,000.00
2000-June	Granted	OPTIONS: Materials, computer, and furniture for resource library	\$5,000.00
2001	Granted	OPTIONS: To purchase CPR training equipment to train staff	\$4,966.00
2002	Granted	OPTIONS: Materials for program between Options and Center for Behavioral Health to address persons with dual diagnosis	\$5,000.00
2003	Granted	OPTIONS: Materials for resource library and speaker fees, Family Partnership	\$1,725.00
2004	Denied	OPTIONS: Career Exploration Day Transportation and Costs	\$2,400.00
2005	Granted	OPTIONS: Modify wheelchair accessible van for community participation program	\$7,500.00
2006	Granted	OPTIONS: Format and rebuild computers and install modems and software as part of the Equalizing with E-cycling program	\$4,000.00
2008	Granted	OPTIONS: Purchase refurbished computers, modems and internet services to link between community living homes and the main office	\$4,000.00
2010	Granted	OPTIONS: Pay for software, training, video production and resource materials for the Power Up program	\$9,750.00
2011	Granted	OPTIONS: Purchase a scanner for the Electronic Records project	\$3,100.00
2008	Granted	CHRISTOLE: Pay for installation for a fire sprinkler system in the group home at 1701 Winslow	\$3,500.00
2010	Denied	CHRISTOLE: D-Spa Training Conference Lead Trainer	\$2,000.00

Staff Comments

City Residency - A call to the grant writer confirmed that the destination of these funds (the Dunn and Winslow homes) are located within the city.

Table of Costs - Amount of Request There was a discrepancy between the amount of the request as stated in the application (\$8,500) and the amount itemized and tabulated in the project budget (\$8,460). Staff entered the latter amount.

16. LOTUS EDUCATION AND ARTS FOUNDATION

PA/Sound System for Lotus Blossoms Education- \$2,500

City Residents Served: 4,000+ (out of 8,000+)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
3	3	500+

Mission: For 20 years, Lotus has fulfilled its mission — to create opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world’s cultures through music and the arts — by presenting exemplary and exciting multicultural programming. Performances, interactive workshops, and visual arts experiences spotlight international and U.S.-based artists whose work originates from diverse cultural traditions. Lotus has developed to include year-round activities designed to engage people of all ages, abilities, and cultural and economic backgrounds. For example, Lotus Blossoms educational outreach fills three weeks every spring, nurturing children’s curiosity about other cultures by bringing internationally respected artist-educators into southern Indiana schools and by presenting a cultural “bazaar” for young people.

Project Synopsis: The Lotus Education and Arts Foundation seeks \$2,500 from the John Hopkins Social Services Funding to support the purchase of a PA system for our annual Lotus Blossoms educational outreach series for youth and underserved/vulnerable populations. Each spring, Lotus Blossoms serves more than 8,000 participants with approximately 25 arts engagement opportunities in schools and social service agencies in Bloomington and Monroe County, utilizing performing artists whose work draws from a diverse range of cultural traditions. Lotus incurs considerable expense each year to rent the required sound systems for these activities, and the purchase of organization-owned PA equipment would make it possible for Lotus to reallocate this rental budget instead into program service expansion and efforts to increase access for new participants.

The SCAN prioritizes the human development of school-age youth. Through Blossoms, children discover new cultures and learn new creative and self-expression skills by interacting with some of the world’s best ambassadors and communicators: its artists. A recent school survey revealed that for over 60% of schools, Lotus Blossoms is one of a mere three (at most) arts or cultural program opportunities presented in a school year. In many areas, Blossoms is the only such opportunity. These statistics underscore how vital Lotus’s outreach services are, as school budgets for the arts continue to dwindle.

Criteria:

Need – The SCAN puts significance on the human development of school-age youth. Lotus Blossoms addresses this priority by bringing artist-educators into schools and social service agencies, allowing direct access for youth to interact with world-class musicians, celebrate diversity, and provide access to creative art-making. Each session requires a PA support system (totaling ~25 presentations annually). Lotus has consistently rented these systems, averaging rental expenses of \$1,400 annually. By investing a \$2,500 grant into organization-owned equipment, Lotus would realize rental savings of \$7,000 - \$14,000 over the next 5-10 years, monies which could be directly reallocated into developing additional free programming, offering scholarship aid to more schools and organizations, and pursuing exciting new partnerships to expand services into new target populations. This fivefold return on investment is an exciting prospect, leveraging a single PA equipment purchase into a significant expansion of impact. For example, in the first year alone, the reallocation of \$1,400 in rental fees could fund 3-5 schools organizations for participation (serving an additional 1,100-1,500 young people/members of vulnerable populations).

One-Time Investment – This request is for a one-time investment. Our proposal includes a complete PA system that is flexible enough to accommodate groups of varying sizes and instrumentation, and that is of sufficient quality to easily last 5-10 years, and probably beyond with appropriate maintenance.

Fiscal Leveraging – The entire PA system package is estimated to cost approximate \$2,975 plus freight; with Airtime Studio’s partnership, they are able to leverage a professional discount of 15% plus free shipping, bringing Lotus’s total cost down to the requested grant amount of \$2,500.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Since 2001, Lotus Blossoms has engaged over 110,000+ young people and underserved members of the Bloomington community. Educators throughout the Monroe County School Corporation are strongly supportive, citing the value of the program’s capacity to enrich students’ appreciation of diverse traditions through direct, hands-on experience and to bring performers into schools where students often do not have opportunities to participate in cultural activities. In recent years, our evaluations show that more and more schools are struggling to offer students opportunities to learn about different cultures, experience quality participatory arts activities, or engage in field trips designed to complement the classroom curriculum. These concerns are echoed regularly by social-service partners. Lotus has seen an increase in requests for scholarship help, despite Lotus Blossom’s already very low cost to schools (supported by private donations and grants that cover more than 80% of the annual Blossoms budget).

Grant funding to purchase PA equipment would provide a very real opportunity for Lotus to engage more Blossoms participants and increase scholarship aid, making a lasting impact on the cultural knowledge of our next generation.

Outcome Indicators:

The application materials offered no outcome indicators.

Cost

Amount Requested *(in order of priority)*

1. PA/Sound System	\$2,500.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$2,500.00
Airtime Studios (Confirmed)	15% discount, free S&H
Total Project Cost	\$2,975.00

Past SSF Funding

No previous history.

Staff Comments

City Residents Served – JHSSF Elaboration of Criteria indicates that funded programs primarily serve city residents. Here the application indicates that 4,000+ out of 8,000+ persons served by this program are city residents. The narrative also indicates that more than 50% of the activities take place in Bloomington.

Need JHSSF Elaboration of Criteria indicate that “The Common Council has used these funds for programs that provide food, housing, healthcare, or other services to city residents who are of low or moderate income, under 18-years of age, elderly, affected with a disability, or otherwise disadvantaged.” It also gives low-income populations and emergency services as a high priority. This request would support a performing arts (and cultural) program that is a low priority for funding. It holds ~25 events every spring at schools, the library, senior facilities, and social services agencies (like Boys and Girls Club and Stone Belt). While alluding to serving youth and vulnerable populations, the application materials do not indicate the number or percentage of participants who are low income or at-risk or otherwise a high priority.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits - JHSSF Criteria indicates that “priority should be given to projects or programs where investments now will have a positive, long-term spillover effect (such as reduced susceptibility to ...diseases, decreased absences from school, reducing lost time (from work) ..., etc). While the application indicates that the savings from lack of rental fees could be used for “scholarship aid to more schools and organizations,” it did not elaborate on, or commit to, that use of the savings.

Outcome Indicators - None mentioned

Resident Lockers - \$10,173

City Residents Served: 183 (out of 250)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
4	2	4

Mission: Martha’s House, Inc., is an emergency shelter for sober, drug-free adults. The mission of Martha’s House is to provide safe emergency shelter for men and women who are experiencing homelessness in Bloomington, and who are working towards becoming self sufficient productive citizens. We provide case management to each resident to help them achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing. Housing is temporary with a maximum stay of 90 days per year.

Project Synopsis: Martha’s House is an emergency shelter providing safe housing for homeless men and women in Bloomington. As a high threshold shelter residents must be sober and drug free to receive services. In 2013, the shelter was expanded creating a women’s section of 12 beds. The Jack Hopkins Program provided the funds to buy new beds and lockers.

We are requesting \$10,173.24 to purchase 28 new lockers for the “old” part of the shelter so that every resident in the shelter can have a safe and secure place to store their belongings. Currently on the men’s side we have nine beds with no lockers, seven beds with dilapidated particle board lockers that cannot be secured and 10 beds with functional but failing lockers. For many residents, everything they own can be carried in a black plastic bag stored in a locker next to their bed. If they have no locker, they have no safe place to secure their documents and personal items. A simple matter for most of us is a serious problem for them with no safe place to keep their things.

Martha’s House is focused on more than just providing emergency shelter. We are interested in creating positive outcomes for each of our residents. The Martha’s House mission is to help each resident find the means to work through the cause(s) that led to their homelessness and to achieve permanent housing, a job, and / or an education. Our goal is to help people help themselves.

Criteria:

Need – Martha’s House serves a critical need outlined in the Bloomington 2010-2014 SCAN Consolidated Plan (Strategy #5 Public Services Assistance – Provide funding to non-profit organizations that serve low-income individuals / families with their basic emergency needs: food shelter and health care) by providing emergency shelter to homeless men and women in the community. We currently provide shelter for up to 40 adults, 12 women and 28 men.

As the only emergency shelter in the area operating twelve months of the year, we are a unique provider of emergency shelter and case management services for the homeless in Bloomington.

Martha’s House provides a case worker to help residents obtain employment and housing as well as referrals for medical attention (VIM) and other social services to help them help themselves to overcome their homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency. We work closely with the other service providers in the Continuum of Care, including: Shalom with day services; Winter Shelter for temporary winter housing; Amethyst House to provide recovery program; Centerstone for mental health issues and Bloomington Housing Authority to refer military veterans to the Section 8 program for veterans.

One-Time Investment – The lockers we are looking to purchase are heavy duty galvanized steel lockers that should last for decades. This would be a one-time only purchase.

Fiscal Leveraging – N/A

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – This project, the purchase of lockers for Martha’s House residents, will, in the bigger picture of improving the lives of homeless people in Bloomington, have a small effect. But it will improve their quality of life while they are in residence at the shelter knowing that their personal property is locked up and safe. Although theft is uncommon at the shelter, it occurs from time to time. These lockers will reduce those events even further. We should not discount the benefit of the sense of security the residents can have about their things, one less thing to be worried about when they are trying to get their lives put back together. For some of our residents, all they own can be put into a locker. These are not people with a surplus of goods and riches. All of their important documents can be safely secured in their locker. One of the things we help residents with is to obtain important documents that are required for employment or to receive benefits such as Medicaid, Medicare or veterans benefits.

Outcome Indicators:

No Outcome Indicators were provided by the applicant

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. 28 lockers	\$10,173.00
Partial Funding might cover 21 lockers (\$7,630); 18 lockers (\$6,540); 10 lockers (\$3633) or 7 lockers (\$2,543)	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$10,173.00
Total Project Cost	\$10,173.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2004	Granted	Salaries & operational costs for 28-bed emergency shelter, and facilitate a new self-sufficiency & outreach program	\$17,823.00
2005	Granted	Salary of Assistant Director and House Managers of the Emergency Shelter program	\$12,500.00
2006	Granted	Pay for personnel expenses for the Martha's House	\$8,000.00
2007	Granted	Pay for a commercial washer and dryer for the emergency shelter	\$2,400.00
2008	Granted	Cover personnel expenses as bridge funding to operate shelter	\$16,000.00
2009	Granted	Pay for salaries & benefits for Resident Advocates for the Emergency Shelter program	\$24,557.92
2010	Granted	Purchase and pay for shipping of 14, 2-drawer under bed storage units at S. Rogers	\$4,225.00
2011	Granted	Pay for salaries (bridge funding) for Emergency Shelter program	\$22,000.00
2012	Granted	To purchase beds, lockers and laundry equipment for expanded facilities at 917-919 South Rogers Street	\$14,720.00

Staff Comments

Fiscal Leveraging - The applicant defined the project narrowly (i.e. the request for funds to purchase lockers) and, because there were no matching funds or donated services relating to the locker purchase, did not list any fiscal leveraging. A broader view of the program (i.e. the "old" part of the shelter) may have brought various grants and donated services to mind (*see Profit and Loss Statement*).

Outcome Indicators - The applicant did not offer any Outcome Indicators.

Program Budget - No program budget was provided (which may have been the result of the previously mentioned narrow view of the project).

Financial Statement - While a Profit and Loss Statement was provided, no Balance Sheet accompanied it.

18. MIDDLE WAY HOUSE, INC.

New Wings Community Partnership - \$25,000

City Residents Served: 783 (out of 1105)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
18	29	325

Mission: To end violence, both structural and interpersonal, in the lives of women and children through the provision of emergency services and empowering support for victims, public information campaigns, social change initiatives, and the creating and maintenance of meaningful alternatives to living with violence.

Project Synopsis: Middle Way House seeks funds to support acquisition of its New Wings complex. The agency purchased an historic property and constructed a companion building to increase its capacity to serve abused women, children, and men. We expanded the shelter and made it more accessible. We added space for our most requested program, Legal Advocacy, which serves between 600 and 800 survivors of abuse annually. We created a separate space for the licensed childcare program to be able to serve more babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, and to enable expansion of Youth Empowerment Services for school-age children. We added six apartments to the community’s stock of affordable housing. We have been able to expand our program options as a consequence, provide more private space for intakes and interviews, and more adequately meet the needs of the range of people who seek our services. The undertaking was expensive. However, we ran a very successful capital campaign and raised pledges in excess of the amount the project was expected to cost. Two things happened that resulted in the funds being inadequate. The General Contractor’s estimate was significantly short of the mark and the recession rendered some donors unable to meet their obligations. We have worked diligently to make up the difference between the estimated and actual cost of the project and to seek new donors and extend the pledges of original donors. We have met with considerable success, but pledges are not dollars and we need bridge funding to keep up with our payments while scheduled donations are pending.

Criteria:

Need – MWH figures prominently in the City’s Continuum of Care, where shelter is considered first-stage housing in a plan that envisions transitional accommodations (MWH provides 28 units), permanent supportive housing (MWH provides 6 units), and affordable housing for the working poor. The City’s Consolidated Plan 2010-2014, Public Services for Battered and Abused Spouses (see Community Development Needs Table 91.215 (e) pg. 51, 05G) states “it is imperative that these services continue to provide safe passage to secure space and whatever assistance is needed to assure victimized individuals and families that their future can be free of violence and fear.” Further, MWH is referenced in the Antipoverty Strategy section of the Plan (92.215 (h) pg. 55) as part of the safety net offering self-sufficiency programs, case management services, and appropriate counseling referrals. MWH also provides life-skills development and pre-employment training, placement assistance, and support for raising clients’ education attainment levels. MWH is participating in the development of the City’s 10-year plan to end homelessness.

One-Time Investment – In the absence of a grant specifically designed to retire the debt or a major gift for that purpose, Middle Way House will be meeting its obligation for a number of years. The term of the loan is 15 years, which could, but will not, take us to 2024. We are currently engaged in a capital campaign, Bird in Hand, designed to address the debt. Some funds have been designated for payments against principal, which will, ultimately, reduce the term. We also have identified new funds that will carry us through the next five years. We have pending grant applications as well.

Fiscal Leveraging – Private donations provide the bulk of the funds needed to meet outstanding obligations. If Jack Hopkins supports this request, we will use that fact in subsequent grant applications, which will be helpful as grantors like to see continuing support from local government.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Maintaining the housing alternatives and programs Middle Way House provides will have long-lasting benefits for Bloomington, which faces a significant challenge with respect to housing individuals and families with low income. New Wings has added 6 units to the City’s stock of affordable housing. Programs provided to shelter residents prepare them to move forward with their lives with a greater expectation of success in the mainstream housing and job markets. Among other things, the Legal Advocacy program helps abused women and their children stay in their homes safely, thus reducing the likelihood that domestic violence will lead to homelessness. The Children’s Program works to reduce the negative consequences accruing to children who are exposed to domestic violence. Without the interventions we provide at the New Wings Rise and Shine Program, resident children would be more likely to grow up behind in their academic and social skills, to fail in school, engage in self-defeating/self-destructive behaviors, lash out at others and their property, be unemployed and homeless and, thus, an on-going burden to society.

Outcome Indicators:

The application did not provide any outcome indicators.

Cost

Amount Requested *(in order of priority)*

1. The approximate difference between pledges and collections for capital campaign in 2013, which represents 17% of its annual mortgage payments of \$142, 574 (@ \$11,926 per month).	\$25,000
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$25,000.00
Reduction in debt since ~2005	~\$300,000.00
Remaining obligation due by 2024	~\$1,175,000.00
Project Cost	\$1,500,000.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1993	Denied	Transitional housing project and day care center	\$34,000.00
1994	Granted	Women’s and children’s transitional facility	\$35,000.00
1996	Granted	Child care facility	\$17,350.00
1999	Denied	Interim Salary for Coordinator	\$20,000.00
2000-June	Granted	Construct addition onto shelter	\$10,000.00
2000-June	Granted	Buy and install security devices for 2 facilities	\$2,426.00
2000-June	Denied	Travel and Conference	\$2,545.00
2000-Oct.	Granted	Buy and Industrial Grade document scanner for Confidential Document Destruction Program	\$3,211.00
2001	Granted	Support pilot childcare nutrition program/enterprise by paying salaries of cook	\$23,885.00
2003	Granted	Purchase thermal carriers; pots, pans, and food trays; and, dishwasher proof dishes and flatware in order to extend program to Area 10	\$4,100.00
2004	Granted	Pay a portion of salary and benefits for a Housing Specialist to develop a cooperative housing program & facility for low-income women	\$7,500.00
2005	Granted	Steel ramp, tow bar loops, lifts for Confidential Document Destruction	\$10,000.00
2006	Granted	Personnel expenses for the Martha’s House homeless shelter	\$8,000.00
2007	Granted	Salaries, taxes and benefits for House Manager and weekend staff for the Emergency Shelter	\$6,500.00
2008	Denied	Alt. Power & Energy for New Wings Community Partnership	\$55,000.00
2009	Granted	Purchase beds and mattresses for the Emergency Shelter	\$10,500.00
2010	Granted	Purchase Food Works Kitchen equipment, including: an ice machine, a coffee maker, a pH meter, a mixer, an electric pasta machine and two pasta machine cutters, an electric stone mill and a dehydrator for the facility located at 318 S. Washington Street.	\$4,225.00
2011	Granted	Equipment and lighting to make facilities on S. Washington more sustainable	\$12,000.00
2012	Granted	New Wings Emergency DV Shelter	\$24,000.00
2013	Granted	Pay for salaries of 2 Crisis Intervention & Prevention Service Coordinators, plus taxes & benefits	\$11,715.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment - This is a request for bridge-funding and the application addresses the two requirements for those requests: a significant loss of funding and a well-developed plan for future funding.

Outcome Indicators - The application does not offer any outcome indicators.

Cost / Amount Requested – Staff described the request and adjusted the figures in the Cost Table in order to conform with application information and for the amounts to tally correctly.

Energy Efficiency Improvements for MCUM Childcare Facility - \$50,990

City Residents Served: 81 (out of 130+)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
17	11	

Mission: Monroe County United Ministries 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 Synopsis: Monroe County United Ministries is continuing an energy overhaul of its Childcare Center, located at 827 West 14th Court. Previous inspections and a history of costly equipment repairs led to the conducting of an energy audit of the childcare facility and the resulting recommendations. This energy audit indicated a number of areas for improvement, with the most significant opportunity being air sealing, as the building leaks so much it could not be fully pressurized for testing. MCUM requests \$50,990 in Jack Hopkins Social Services funding for this one-time project to improve its childcare facility. This grant would fund the following components of MCUM's energy overhaul:

1. Weatherization of the childcare facility including: air sealing measures, insulation, and upgrading the water heater to a more efficient unit and installing a timer corresponding with hours of usage;
2. Install an energy management system with remote programming capabilities; and
3. Upgrade to energy efficient lighting.

Air sealing will also enable testing on duct work, which may reveal the need for further repair. The total energy overhaul will eliminate costly repair expenses and result in future energy savings, estimated at at least \$18,000 over the next ten years.

Criteria:

Need – The Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN) mentions MCUM, specifically (51), as an important service for children from low-income families that is a National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)-accredited United Way member agency. MCUM also holds the highest level in the Paths to Quality voluntary assessment (54), and is the only accredited center in Monroe County with a primary purpose to serve low income families.

The Consolidated Plan 2010-2014 lists the provision of childcare services as a high priority. As stated in the plan, a lack of “reliable, quality, affordable child care is one of the greatest barriers to women obtaining and keeping a job” (51).

A sound infrastructure is essential to providing quality, affordable childcare. Additionally, every dollar that can be saved with improved energy efficiency will more directly benefit the children served by MCUM's childcare program. MCUM’s energy overhaul project will ensure important community-wide needs are met in a secure environment, and that MCUM’s affordable, high-quality childcare program will continue to bring positive spillover effects into Monroe County for many years beyond the life of the project itself.

One-Time Investment – N/A

Fiscal Leveraging – This project is necessary not only for the substantial energy cost savings to MCUM, but is essential to providing quality, affordable childcare in an environment with sound infrastructure.

Especially critical is air sealing work to prevent heating and cooling energy loss. Last year we upgraded the heating and cooling systems, but to make the best use of the efficiencies, we must take these next steps. Savings to the monthly overhead will be substantial and allow more funds to be used for programming purposes. We will apply to other sources as they are available should the project not be fully funded by Jack Hopkins.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – This project ensures MCUM will not incur energy loss expenses to its childcare facility for some time, sustaining capacity for the provision of its high-quality childcare program. MCUM’s program can serve 97 children at a time and is licensed by the State of Indiana and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Investing in high-quality early childhood education positively impacts children, their families, and the community far into the future. Arthur J. Rolnick writes, “careful academic research demonstrates that tax dollars spent on early childhood development provide extraordinary returns [...] as high as 16% per year.” (Rolnick). Additionally, high-quality early childhood education helps prepare young children to succeed in school and become better citizens; they earn more, pay more taxes, and commit fewer crimes (Calman and Tarr-Whelan). MCUM’s childcare program is especially important in Monroe County, currently ranked first by StatsIndiana as Indiana's most impoverished county, because its allowance for better employment of parents, long-term benefits to the children served, and return on investment to taxpayers will help the local economy well beyond this grant's funding cycle.

Outcome Indicators:

After alluding to the qualitative benefits of this project, the Narrative offered the following quantitative outcome indicators:

- Cost savings in expenses related to energy (i.e. heating, cooling, and lighting); and
- Time savings gained from not waiting for hot water.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Total weatherization of childcare facility	\$18,540.00
2. Emergency management system with remote programming – \$6,800.00 (system) + \$900.00 (installation)	\$7,700
3. Energy efficient lighting	\$24,750.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$50,990.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$50,990.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1996	Denied	Facility Addition – Daycare	\$50,000.00
1997	Granted	Addition & renovation of child care facility	\$51,000.00
1998	Granted	Renovate existing building to meet new building code	\$9,925.00
1999	Granted	Equipment for food area	\$11,850.00
2001	Granted	Pay rent & utilities for city residents at risk of being dislocated	\$32,884.00
2003	Granted	Subsidize childcare costs for low-income households within the City	\$20,000.00
2004	Granted	Subsidize childcare costs for low-income households during summer months	\$15,000.00
2005	Granted	Caseworker salary for Emergency Services program	\$16,000.00
2007	Granted	Subsidize childcare costs for working families residing in the City	\$28,080.00
2010	Granted	Purchase cots, cot carriers, cot name plates and emergency kits for the Affordable Childcare program	\$5,540.53
2011	Granted	Pay for electrical improvements and cold storage equipment for the Emergency Food Pantry	\$11,000.00
2012	Granted	Roof replacement for Emergency services building	\$17,500.00
2013	Granted	Fund an energy audit and pay for purchase and installation of 3 air conditioning units and 2 furnace units	\$20,845.00

Staff Comments

Financial Statement – The application did not include a Financial Statement (however, one was provided at staff request, and is available for Committee members who wish to review it).

20. MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

Expansion of Garden and Nutrition Education - \$30,947.86

City Residents Served: 650 (out of 875)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
5	3	400

Mission: Mother Hubbard's Hubbard increases access to healthy food for all people in need in ways that cultivate dignity, self-sufficiency, and community.

Project Synopsis: Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's (MHC) moved into a larger facility in summer 2013, and as a result food pantry services have increased by over 40%. While the dramatic increase in services demonstrates the scale of the food insecurity problem in our community that was previously going unmet, the increase in services also presents an opportunity to reach more people through the Nutrition Education and Garden Education programs. MHC plans a significant expansion of our education programs in 2014 to reach MHC's growing demographic. MHC's education programs give people access to the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to grow food, prepare wholesome meals from scratch, or preserve food at home, creating long-term solutions for patrons' self-sufficiency and overall health. The programs' expansion will include the first full growing season at MHC's new pantry garden and a new tool share program that will allow patrons to borrow garden, cooking, and food preservation tools and equipment.

Criteria:

Need – Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's food pantry, garden, and nutrition programs addresses community needs identified in both HAND's Consolidated Plan and Monroe County's Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN). Specifically, MHC aligns with Strategy 5 from HAND's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan which states HAND'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" (19). Additionally, HAND's Consolidated Plan identifies Mother Hubbard's Cupboard as the second most utilized agency under Public Assistance General (50). The SCAN Report for Monroe County states that "food is a fundamental human need," (56) and reports that 17% of all households and 50% of low-income households reported problems having enough money for food. Additionally it reports that 7% of all households and 31% of low-income households needed emergency or supplemental food assistance (57).

One-Time Investment – MHC's request for pilot funding for the expansion of the education programs represents a one-time investment needed to meet the significant growth in services to low-income, food-insecure individuals. During the pilot stage, MHC will seek out new sources of funding and expand existing fundraising strategies to create stable sources of income for the programs. Support from the Jack Hopkins Social Service committee would play a critical role in the transitional period of expansion for our education.

Fiscal Leveraging – MHC's Nourishing Community, Growing Possibilities capacity campaign raised the funding for MHC's new teaching kitchen, classroom, and demonstration garden. The new infrastructure has enabled MHC to pursue expanding the education programs. In addition to the financial leveraging through the campaign, the education programs use a combination of in-kind donations, volunteer support, and collaborative partnerships to maximize the efficiency. Important partners include Bloomington Area Birth Services, Purdue Cooperative Extension, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, Bloomington Housing Authority, Youth Services Bureau, Crestmont Boys and Girls Club, Girls, Inc., and the Banneker After-School Program.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Studies have shown that adults who experience food insecurity have higher risks of diabetes, hypertension, and other cardiovascular diseases. Children who live in food insecure households have an increased likelihood of being sick, having growth problems, and being at risk for obesity. Garden and Nutrition Education can have a positive impact on participants' physical, mental, and nutritional health. Good nutrition greatly increases people's overall health, which decreases the burden of health care costs associated with poor nutrition. Studies have shown participants in community gardens are likely to have lower obesity rates and BMI's than their neighbors, and are 2 – 3.5 times more likely to eat enough fruits and vegetables. Gardening has been proven to reduce stress indicators, and studies have found that gardening can have a positive, lasting impact on people with depression. When people garden and cook in community, they can also feel an increased sense of social connectedness, and one's sense of social connectedness can influence blood pressure, immune system response, and stress levels. These findings are crucial to the low-income, food insecure populations served by MHC.

Outcome Indicators: The Narrative offered the following Outcome Indicators for:

Garden Education Program

- Number of participants (625);
- Number of plants distributed (2,000 plants and 5,000 seed packet);

- Percentage of Crestmont neighborhood household reached by bike cart (25%);
- Number of member household provided with tools via Tool Share Program (50).

Nutrition Education Program – Percentage of:

- Clients reporting increase in consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables (60%);
- Participants reporting increased understanding of contribution of whole foods to healthier diet (50%);
- Participants reporting trying healthy recipes featured in the pantry (50%); and
- Participants reporting that they cooked a meal from scratch for family in past week (40%).

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Nutrition Education Coordinator	\$11,660.00
2. Director of Education and Outreach	\$7,515.86
3. Community Garden Coordinator	\$6,012.00
4. Youth Garden Educator	\$5,760.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$30,947.86
Contributions (Ongoing)	\$40,000.00
Grants (Pending)	\$11,817.00
Grants (Confirmed)	\$380.00
Special Events (Pending)	\$8,250.00
Special Events (Pending)	\$19,250.00
<i>Additional contributions needed to cover proposed budget</i>	<i>\$7,628</i>
Total Project Cost	\$118,272.86

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1999	Granted	Refrigeration unit	\$1,029.00
2000-Oct	Granted	Establish a new southside food pantry in concert with the Community Kitchen & Perry Township Trustee	\$9,000.00
2002	Granted	Fund a new nutrition education program	\$5,000.00
2006	Granted	Pay for the purchase and installation of 1 2-door freezer unit and 1 2-door refrigeration unit	\$6,670.00
2008	Granted	Provide bridge-funding to pay for salaries to operate the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard community food pantry	\$24,000.00
2009	Granted	Purchase a cargo van for the Food Pantry program	\$28,650.00
2011	Granted	Purchase a van for the Garden & Nutrition Program	\$2,700.00
2012	Granted	Freezer storage for food pantry program	\$7,285.71
2013	Granted	Bridge funding to pay for salaries of Food Pantry Manager and Nutrition Education Coordinator for 26 weeks and salary of President and CEO for 18 weeks	\$23,815.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment - The application proposes a pilot project and addresses the two elements associated with pilot projects: an expansion or increase in the quality of service (a typical part of request); and, a well-developed plan for future funding (a required part of the request). The Committee, however, may want to explore the possible relationship with the 2013 request for bridge-funding (which appears to cover at least one of the same positions). In that regard, the Committee may want to consider whether it should fund an expansion so quickly after an agency needed money to cover a shortfall.

Table of Cost – Staff added the last line of additional revenue needed (\$7,628 – *in italics*) in order for the table to tally correctly.

21. MY SISTER’S CLOSET OF MONROE COUNTY

Project E3 - Education, Electronics, Efficiency - ~\$2,500

City Residents Served: 300 (of 1,200)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
0	2	140+

Mission: My Sister's Closet is a non-profit organization established to provide free work force attire and Success Institute training to low-income and at-risk women pursuing employment.

We work in partnership with more than 40 social services agencies in the Bloomington area to provide women the clothing, grooming, and communication skills needed to help them present themselves professionally, interview successfully, and then fit into the corporate cultures of their new positions.

Project Synopsis: My Sister's Closet operates the Success Institute, which presents professional workshops on various topics designed to increase employment opportunities for area residents. The topics include resume writing, interviewing, and communication basics. These classes are offered to voucher clients and the community at no charge, and are held at various agencies in the Bloomington area. We plan to greatly expand the Institute this year, holding several monthly classes with the assistance of a volunteer team of 30.

Currently, we are borrowing laptops and projectors for each session; these are not always compatible and can cause extensive delays or can result in cancelled classes. Given the greater demand for our service, we need a portable projector and notebook computer to ensure that presentations will be delivered effectively. This equipment combination will also be used for volunteer training sessions at the Executive Director's office. During the daytime, the notebook computer will be used to track point-of-sale transactions, inventory, and volunteer hours.

We store thousands of clothing items in our storage facility and at the Boutique in waterproof/moth-resistant plastic containers. The containers we have used for many years are now cracked or split and no longer protect the merchandise. We are requesting a total of 48 clear replacement bins, all of the same size. This will allow us to stack the bins and see the items inside, creating greater operational and space efficiencies.

Criteria:

Need – As noted on page 69 of the SCAN 2012 report, "a household's economic stability is usually determined by its ability to find and keep a job..." As noted on page 70, "The driving force of any economic profile is employment." Finally, as indicated on page 75, "Female-led single-parent homes are considerably more prevalent than male-led single-parent homes in the Bloomington MSA... While the wage gap continues to close..., a single woman heads 33% of all Monroe County households that fall below the poverty line." A major SCAN goal is to Build Self-Sufficiency, as noted on page 85. In order to attain this goal, individuals require steady, well-paying employment. For low-income and at-risk women, the cost of service outfits or business suits, shoes, and accessories can be out of reach. Some may not even have the skills to get the attention of a prospective employer, while others may lack the skills to interview and follow up effectively. My Sister's Closet is solely dedicated to the task of mitigating or eliminating employment barriers for this group through our voucher clothing program and the Success Institute. Our programs have a direct impact on this population's ability to find and keep adequate-paying jobs.

One-Time Investment – My Sisters Closet is not requesting operational funds. We are requesting assistance with one-time, critical improvements to our infrastructure which we cannot independently afford to complete.

Fiscal Leveraging – More than 90% of our fiscal strength is in the form of in-kind contributions of volunteer time, professional services, and donated merchandise. The E3 project will primarily be implemented through the donation of more than 1,000 person-hours as follows:

- 30 Success Institute workers and instructors from IU Kelley.
- Donated programming of our point-of-sale and volunteer tracking program by the IU School of Informatics
- Volunteer merchandisers at the warehouse

1,000 hours x \$17 = \$17,000 in-kind. The ultimate success of our project rests on the underlying computer hardware and materials; please help us obtain them.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Simply put, the more people who can obtain lasting employment in the Bloomington area, the less strain on the service agencies and the infrastructure of this community.

Our clients and partner agencies continually attest to the effectiveness of our program. Terry Korus, who is the ROSS Service Coordinator at Bloomington Housing Authority, recently hosted a Success Institute workshop. After the event, she wrote, "My background is in workforce development, and I thought this was the best workshop I have seen! It is direct, to the point, and is a great confidence builder. Two attendees used their new-found skills in interviews within a week of the workshop, and both received job offers based on their stellar interviews! I highly recommend this workshop to agencies that are working with individuals who are job seeking."

My Sister's Closet is attempting to expand the reach of our programs, while simultaneously gaining efficiencies. The program benefits clients, others in the community who may need a low-cost clothing resource, and the 140

volunteers who gain professional experience through working with us every year. We provide a lasting stepping stone toward self-sufficiency and the increased self-esteem that comes with it.

Outcome Indicators:

- 1) Number of successful workshops the agency is able to host without delay. Currently ~1/2 of the agency’s workshops are delayed due to equipment incompatibility.
- 2) Number of volunteers who can be concurrently trained. A present, only 2-3 people can be trained at a time as trainees and trainer all use one computer.
- 3) Clothing that remains free of environmental damage. At present, 3% of clothing sustains damage resulting in clothing incurring costly re-cleaning or being discarded.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Portable projector	up to \$1,100.00
2. Notebook Computer	up to \$800.00
3. 48 Storage Bins	up to \$600.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	up to ~\$2,500.00
<i>In-kind volunteer hours 1,000 hrs. x 17</i>	17,000.00
Total Project Cost	~\$19,500.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2000-June	Denied	Wages, rent, credit card processing, parking stickers, & loan repayment	\$25,000.00
2001	Granted	Purchase display, tagging, and laundry equipment for donations	\$1,130.00
2003	Denied	Re-open retail & service facility	\$9,959.77
2007	Granted	Purchase equipment for resale store of women’s workforce clothing and a display case to inform the public about program	\$2,500.00
2008	Denied	Supporting progress towards women’s economic self-sufficiency	\$13,200.95
2009	Granted	Pay rent & purchase boxes for storage facility	\$1,781.88
2011	Denied	Maximized impact: addressing the needs of clothing voucher recipients w/ extended store hours	\$4,524.00
2013	Denied	The green side of pink	\$13,516.00

Staff Comments

Project

- Note that the applicant is requesting an amount of “up to \$2,500” for this initiative. The itemized requests listed in the application are greater than the costs cited in the attached quote. Relying on the quoted prices for each item, the request is approximately \$1,847.54.
- Applicant states that they plan to expand the Success Initiative with this grant, but do not state how many more people than are currently served will be reached through the expanded efforts.
- In 2009, Hopkins Committee granted agency funds to purchase boxes for clothing storage. It might be instructive to know if the proposed boxes replaced or supplement those previously purchased and how long projected boxes expected to last.

One-Time Investment

- The Elaboration of Criteria directs that:

Generally the costs associated with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of personal computers and related equipment will be considered an operational cost and, when eligible, be given low priority. However, the costs associated with system-wide improvements for information and communication technologies, or for specialized equipment may be considered a one-time investment.

Applicant points out that this request is associated with an improvement in communication technologies and will help the organization accommodate increased demand for its Success Institute.

NAACP Indiana State Conference (ISC) - \$5,000

City Residents Served: All

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
<i>Not indicated</i>	<i>Not indicated</i>	<i>Not indicated</i>

Mission: The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

Project Synopsis: The NAACP Indiana State Conference is held annually at various Branch locations. This year the NAACP Indiana State Conference (ISC) will be held in Bloomington! The purposes of the Conference are: Civil Rights Training, Youth Empowerment, Political Action awareness, Social Change initiation, Health awareness, Labor and Industry issues, Education issues and Promotion of Good Values.

Criteria:

Need – The NAACP fights for Youth Development, Equity in Education opportunities and Health Care for all. These topics are addressed in the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan. The objectives of the NAACP are as follows.

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution – the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of right eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP’s Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution.

One-Time Investment – N/A

Fiscal Leveraging – The primary source of funding for NAACP is memberships. The local Monroe County/Bloomington Branch NAACP has a Freedom Fund Banquet annually. We encourage people to join our Branch during the banquet. We also put together a souvenir booklet which is advertisement for local businesses. The memberships, souvenir booklet and tickets for the banquet provide funds for our branch. A percentage of the funds raised goes to the National Office. The Branch will Host a Soul Food Dinner for the community on Friday and the branch will put together a souvenir booklet for the awards banquet on Saturday for the NAACP ISC.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The NAACP Indiana State Conference (ISC) goals addresses three of the concerns expressed in the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan which are Youth Development, Health Care and Education for all. The ISC is a training opportunity for NAACP members who will become positive change agents in our community to promote the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan concerns for the community. The number of black youth being suspended/expelled or place in juvenile centers is disproportionately high relative to the black population in the United States. The number of black adults in prison (40%) is also disproportionately high relative to the black population in the United States, which is approximately 14%. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) indicates that this racial disparity is likely due to discrimination in our justice system. Potentially these facts may reflect the state of civil rights in our nation! The NAACP solutions are to hold the justice system accountable, and rewarding excellence! The NAACP also promotes striving for excellence by focusing on establishing a strong and healthy family God’s way as prescribed in scriptures.

Outcome Indicators:

None provided.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. <i>Not indicated</i>	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$5,000
Total Project Cost	\$18,000

Past SSF Funding

No funding history.

Staff Comments

City Residents Served:

- Applicant indicates that all City residents will be served by this project. However, as this is a State conference, it is unclear how many attendees will be City residents.

Project

- Organization is asking for \$5,000 to host the NAACP Indiana Conference, but does not itemize the request.
- Narrative indicates that there will be a dinner and church meeting as a component of the conference. It is unclear if applicant proposes to use requested funds for this component.
- The Elaboration of Criteria directs that historically, the Committee has not granted funds for celebrations or one-time events. However, note that the conference does have multiple training elements.

23. NEW HOPE FAMILY SHELTER

Meeting the Needs of New Hope Children - \$13,818

City Residents Served: 70%+ (out of 120-140)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
2	7	60

Mission: The mission of the New Hope Family Shelter (NHFS) is 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.

Project Synopsis: Just as heads of families enter New Hope facing any number of barriers to permanent stable housing, so too do their children face a wide range of challenges to their success. These challenges are often compounded by insufficient support from parents who must dedicate all of their energies simply to providing food and housing for their families. Our children's program is designed to complement adult progress by providing individualized attention to each child, to assess any challenges to academic and social success, and to provide compensating services and activities as needed. In general, these services take three forms: academic support through tutoring and age-appropriate activities geared to stimulate curiosity and creativity; emotional support through individualized attention that allows children to experience and articulate their feelings in appropriate ways; and social support. What we seek, for summer 2014 and for the future, is a full-time children's program, meaning a full-time director with a part-time assistant. We ask the Hopkins committee for bridge funding to upgrade the director to full-time and add a paid intern working 3/4 time for summer months, scaling back to 3/4 and 1/4 respectively when school resumes. New Hope is expanding fundraising to shoulder these costs from fall 2014, taking these steps. 1. an advisory board for the NHCP composed of community members who are keenly interested in the well-being of disadvantaged children; 2. a fundraising program dedicated to the NHCP; and 3. continued growth in overall fundraising.

Criteria:

Need – Working with the South Central Housing Network (SCHN), New Hope provides emergency shelter for homeless families from Monroe County. (Our executive director is currently president of the SCHN.) Working with other agencies, we help moms and dads find jobs or better jobs, affordable housing, benefits that the family needs, and services that it needs and for which the family is eligible. We work with current and former residents of New Hope.

The 2010-2014 ConPlan specifically recognized the need for "emergency shelter for families with the goal of assuring that families can stay intact." That is New Hope's role: we serve intact families. PIT counts since the 2010-2014 ConPlan indicate that family homelessness is growing.

Opened in 2011 with space for 3 families, New Hope expanded in 2012 to accommodate 5 families, and will expand further in 2014 to accommodate 7 families and an enlarged staff. Since the demand for shelter surpasses the space we can provide, we are also creating a program to identify and assist families threatened with homelessness in an effort to head off the crisis itself. This program engages several agencies in the community, and is a central activity of the SCHN.

One-Time Investment – New Hope seeks:

1. one-time bridge funding to expand services in our children's program
 2. one-time help in acquiring furniture, furnishings, appliances, and other items for the children's program
 3. one-time funding to add a security system at 303 W 2nd St. and integrate it with our existing security system
- This system of outside video monitors at all shelters reduces staff requirements and gives us a video record of activities around the shelter houses.

The NHCP director will work 1/4 time when school is in session on other New Hope needs and 3/4 time leading the NHCP.

Fiscal Leveraging – To this point we have relied heavily on volunteers who donate time, including two local artists who lead weekly art sessions; volunteers who donate time to renovate or maintain facilities; and donors who provide program materials, furnishings, and money. For the expanded NHCP described here we will expand efforts in all these areas. New Hope relies on donations of volunteer time, materials, and money.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – We strive to raise community awareness about the traumatic effects of instability and homelessness, trauma that doesn't end when families leave the doors of our shelter houses. We recognize that the whole family needs specialized programs in order to address these concerns. As a community we must change our minds about reactive approaches and consider the important work of repair. In the long term this approach has lasting effects and changes a community. We continue to work with families after they leave in order to maintain their self-sufficiency. We aim to teach the children at New Hope to cope with and overcome adversity; this can break the cycle of poverty. Our families are often missing a model for healthy

community; we aim to become this community. We devote one-on-one attention to every child every week, while encouraging each child to discover and develop his/her life skills through mentoring, reading, appropriate socialization, art, recreation, and other activities. We follow up with children after they leave New Hope, including them in quality small group programs to provide the individual care they need. In the NHCP we aim to give children more options than they have previously had as they develop toward adulthood.

Outcome Indicators:

Applicant cited long-term goals of self-sufficiency for families and points out that in 2013, New Hope was unable to accommodate housing requests from 20 families. In response, the agency added a third house at 303 W. 2nd for which it seeking funding for renovations. Short-term (project-specific) outcome indicators for the term of the project were not provided.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Move half time director of NHCP to full time x3mo.	\$3,828.00
2. ¾ time intern to assist director of NHCP	\$3,960.00
3. Furniture, furnishings, appliances, materials, equip.	\$4,275.00
4. Add security system at 303 and integrate with existing sys.	\$1,755.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$13,818.00
In-kind donations (In progress)	\$4,000.00
Application for renovations (In progress)	\$10,000.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	~\$27,000.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2011	Granted	Construct a handicap accessible bathroom and laundry at W. 2 nd facility	\$14,000.00
2012	Granted	The 301 Project	\$9,400.37
2013	Granted	Pay for external audit, program materials for the <i>Love & Logic Program</i> and improvements to the shelter	\$8,025.00

Staff Comments

City residents served

While the applicant states that approximately 70% of its 120-140 clients are city residents, it is unclear how many children are currently served by its children’s programming and how many more will be served by its expanded children’s programming.

One-time Investment

Applicant describes the request to expand its children funding as a request for bridge funds. However, as applicant does not describe a loss of funds for which this bridge is intended to compensate and because this is a request for funds to cover the expansion of an extant project, the staff salary component of the request is more accurately described as a request for pilot operational funds, not bridge operational funds.

Leveraging/Ownership

Note that with other New Hope properties, the agency will rent the facilities at 303 W. Second (where security system requested) and 311 W. Second (where the daytime children’s program will be housed) from IU Health Bloomington for \$1/mo. New Hope and IU Health are currently negotiating those leases. The agency has current leases with IU Health for 409 and 301 W. 2nd @ \$1/mo.

Zoning

Applicant writes that it will have to seek a variance to use 311 W. 2nd as a facility for daytime-only children’s activities. (Area is zoned “Medical.”) Applicant estimates approval should take ~2 mos, provided neighbors do not object. Neighbors did not object to variances for other New Hope houses at 409, 301 and 303 W. 2nd.

24. NEW LEAF – NEW LIFE

New Transition Support Center - \$4,700

City Residents Served: ~500 (out of 611)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
	2	40

Mission: The mission of New Leaf -New Life is to reduce recidivism of inmates in the Monroe County jail and also to make our overcrowded jail calmer and safer for both inmates and staff by providing social service programs and services to inmates in the Monroe county jail and transition support after they are released.

New Leaf – New Life programs reduce recidivism by helping jail inmates who choose to participate make needed changes in their attitudes and behaviors and by providing them with transition support after they are released.

Project Synopsis: This project will provide necessary equipment and furnishings for our expanded Transition Support Center whose purpose is to help released inmates integrate into the community as law-abiding citizens rather than returning to the behaviors that got them in trouble. Re-offending is a serious problem in our jail. According to a recent study of our jail population, the typical inmate has been there five times before. Reducing recidivism equates to reducing crime in our community.

Released inmates face formidable obstacles in making the needed changes in their lives to avoid re-offending. Most have addictions, or mental health issues, or both, and many are destitute with nothing but the clothes they were wearing when arrested and no support system. They are the most needy and least supported segment of our community.

Our Transition Support Center welcomes released inmates and provides them with emotional support and a variety of services. We provide clothing, hygiene products, and bus passes as well as assistance is accessing the robust local social service safety net. And with your crucial support we will be able to provide computer literacy training, family support activities, and client and citizen group activities to better serve released jail inmates’ needs.

Criteria:

Need – The purpose of this project is to provide needed services and support to one of the most needy and under-served segments of our society and thereby reduce recidivism which makes for a safer and calmer community.

One-Time Investment – *Not indicated*

Fiscal Leveraging – In addition to providing the facility, the Perry Township Trustee is investing \$7,500 in physical improvements to make it suitable for our use, and we have raised some \$15,000 in contributions to enable us to staff and operate this center for the year. Our supporters are tapped out at this time. The requested furnishings and equipment leverage these investments so that we can provide the center’s transition support services.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Reducing recidivism reduces crime which benefits our community in several ways:

1. It increases the safety and wellbeing of our citizens.
2. It converts persons who are a drain on society into contributors to our community.
3. Crime costs lots of government money. It is estimated that incarcerating one person for a year costs \$30,000 for apprehending and arresting, prosecuting, defending, trying, and imprisoning. That may be a high estimate, but there is no doubt that these costs are substantial.

Outcome Indicators:

Number of persons computer trained, number of family events and total participants.

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. We will do the best we can with the funds you provide.	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$4,700.00
	Perry Township Trustee (Confirmed) \$7,500.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$12,200.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2005	Denied	Personnel, office, office supplies	\$10,000.00
2006	Denied	Inmate transition program	\$23,000.00
2007	Denied	Families or child of incarcerated parents	\$14,100.00
2008	Withdrawn	Hal Taylor House	\$6,270.00
2009	Granted	Therapeutic Jail & Reentry Programs (bridge funding)	\$14,577.96
2012	Granted	Funding part-time facility manager for transition program	\$9,285.71

Staff Comments

One-time Investment

- The Elaboration of Criteria directs that:

Generally the costs associated with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of personal computers and related equipment will be considered an operational cost and, when eligible, be given low priority. However, the costs associated with system-wide improvements for information and communication technologies, or for specialized equipment may be considered a one-time investment.

Applicant writes that the purchase and upgrade of the computer equipment element of this request is in response to increased demand for the agency's transition services.

Outcome Indicators

While Agency intends to submit its claim for reimbursement in July, it is reasonable to assume that indicators will not be available before the end of the year.

Budget

Agency states that its projected budget is predicated on their best estimates of the cost of furnishing and equipment, but that the cost of equipment may increase. While not required, agency did not include estimates for items. Presumably, the project could be implemented even in the absence of certain items, such as carpet and folding tables.

PALS Veterans Program - \$2,900.66

City Residents Served: 22 (out of 24)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
5	6	150

Mission: PALS provides comprehensive individualized therapeutic equine programs designed by professionals to intentionally develop and restore functional skills, enhance well-being and improve quality of life.

Since its inception in 2000, PALS has provided over 17,600 therapeutic horseback riding lessons, various educational programs, and camp opportunities designed to improve the lives of hundreds of individuals with disabilities, impairments, and chronic illness, as well as disadvantaged youth, ages three and up, in the Bloomington community. As the only organization in south central Indiana to have received a Premiere Accreditation distinction from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), PALS has been instrumental in providing the highest quality therapeutic equine programs for clients with a variety of needs.

Project Synopsis: The PALS Veterans Program will provide therapeutic equine programs free of charge for veterans and their families that are conducive to healing, reintegration, and improved quality of life through horseback riding and unmounted activities that build strength, balance, self-confidence and independence in a barn environment that is peaceful, safe and accepting alongside fellow veterans, volunteers and staff. Horses and soldiers have a long history together, from the horse’s first use in warfare to its more recent use as a rehabilitation partner. Today veterans often return from active duty with physical and emotional wounds that can cause challenges in making the transition back to civilian life. Equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) offer an alternative form of therapy for wounded service members by using a combination of horseback riding, horsemanship and groundwork skills based on an individual or group’s specific needs.

PALS is able to serve veterans with wounds such as amputation, depression, emotional, behavioral difficulties, injuries and accidents incurred on duty, paralysis, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), spinal cord injury, stress, substance addiction and abuse, traumatic brain injuries, visual and auditory impairment and many other physical and emotional challenges. Program activities include grooming, saddling, leading, riding, round penning, horse behavior, barbecues for groups if desired, and multiple volunteer opportunities. Individual as well as group lessons will be offered through the program.

Criteria:

Need – The PALS Veterans Program will provide social services for the growing number of veterans returning from Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn in the city of Bloomington and the greater community. This group of veterans represents 15% of the total veteran population in the geographic area. There are approximately 400 Gulf War II veterans residing in the City of Bloomington and over 1,037 in Monroe County. According to the most recent three-year estimates from the American Community Survey (2010-2012), veterans in the United States are 1.8 times more likely to have a disability than nonveterans. Additionally, research from the Wounded Warrior Project estimates that 400,000 service members live with combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder. The needs of the veteran population are varied, but many of the physical and psychological challenges can be assuaged through therapy-focused social service programs. The PALS Veterans Program is the only therapeutic equine program in the city and county dedicated to the healing, reintegration, and improvement of quality of life for veterans.

One-Time Investment – The requested funds are to support the pilot project with long-standing equipment that will contribute towards the longevity of the PALS Veterans Program. With the assistance of this grant, PALS will be able to purchase all of the equipment needed to carry out the program for years to come. The need for future funding for the veterans program will be significantly diminished with the assistance of the Jack Hopkins Grant.

Fiscal Leveraging – While the Jack Hopkins Grant will provide the initial funds to cover program-related equipment needs, PALS will be receiving support from the Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) in proportion to the number of program participants. In addition to WWP support, PALS intends to approach individual and institutional financial donors to contribute towards immediate needs of the program. The organization will also be seeking in-kind donations from local businesses and individuals to supplement the initial equipment needs of the program.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Each element of the PALS program is designed to provide positive outcomes for veterans. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association Equine Therapy has shown to be effective in treating patients with PTSD, depression, anxiety, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, conduct disorders, and other chronic mental illnesses. While there is no cure for PTSD, early identification and treatment of PTSD symptoms may lessen the severity of the condition and improve the

overall quality of life for veterans suffering from this condition. The expected outcomes of this program are inextricably linked to the nature of equine therapy. Working with horses promotes emotional awareness, emotion regulation, self-control, and impulse modulation. Equine-assisted therapy requires physical strength and balance, and can be highly motivational for participants. The PALS Veterans program aims to accelerate the restoration process in veterans as a means to long-term health and healing.

Outcome Indicators:

Each week, instructors will evaluate each client’s physical, cognitive, emotional and psychological strengths, weaknesses and skills development. Goals, needs and lesson progresses will be noted each week. This information will benchmark the success of the program.

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. Wide Tree Stockman Bush Rider (Australian Saddle 8" gullet) x4	\$159.96
2. Stock Poley without Horn Horn (Australian Saddle 7" gullet)	\$341.40
3. Abetta Endurance AIRE-Grip Saddle:	\$415.99
4. Wintec Pro Dressage Saddle Flocked x4	\$51.96
5. Tough-1 Tacky Air-Flow Cutback Square Pad	\$35.19
6. Mustang Navajo Cutback Built-Up Saddle Pad	\$19.99
7. Patriotic American Flag Western Saddle Blanket x4	\$42.52
8. Mustang Soft Ride	\$199.95
9. Australian Outrider Collection Australian Pocket Pad x2	\$72.36
10. Nylon Pommel bag x2	\$15.38
11. Tough-1 Hobbel Straps x2	\$4.38
12. All-purpose English Saddle	\$98.00
13. Shock Absorber Flex Cushion x2	\$23.70
14. Supron Fleece Girth x2	\$36.60
15. Weaver Old Glory Browband Headstall	\$419.40
16. Western Winter Stirrup Covers	\$759.99
17. Mustang Rope Halter with Lead x10	\$63.90
18. Tipperary Ride-Lite Vest	\$139.99
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$2,900.66
Wounded Warriors Project (Pending)	\$15,717.60
In-kind discount from JT International (Confirmed)	\$757.06
Total Project Cost	\$25,000.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2003	Granted	Purchase & install two hydraulic mounting lifts to be used for PALS therapeutic riding program	\$3,400.00
2005	Denied	Leadership camp & copier	\$3,300.00
2006	Denied	Therapeutic arena props & special horse tack	\$1,435.00
2007	Denied	Sponsorship for therapy horse	\$3,900.00
2010	Granted	Provide scholarships for at-risk and disadvantaged youth	\$3,453.57
2011	Denied	T@P: Teens at PALS	\$3,000.00
2012	Denied	PATH Intl. Equine Specialist training certification	\$2,644.95
2012	Denied	COLLABORATION – PALS & BBBS: Project LEAD (Linking Essential Assets for Development)	\$8,755.60
2013	Denied	PALS Facility renovation: HVAC installation	\$34,854.00

Staff Comments

City Residents

Applicant states that 22 of the 24 participants in this program will be City residents. However, the narrative states that there are a greater number of veterans living in the county (1,037) than the city (400). It is not clear why a disproportionate number of city residents would be served by this project. This may be a function of recruiting strategy, but recruitment of participants is not discussed.

Fiscal Leveraging

The agency will be receiving funding from the Wounded Warriors Project (WWP) in proportion to the number of program participants. It is unclear if this will be a per capita re-imburement and/or if PALS needs a certain number of program participants to receive WWP funding.

26. PINNACLE SCHOOL

Math for Life - \$7,449

City Residents Served: 64 (out of 102)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
18	2	8

Mission: Pinnacle School is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive and expert services to families and children with dyslexia and similar learning differences. Dyslexia impacts 1 in 8 children (National Institutes of Health), and with similar undiagnosed learning disabilities is believed to be responsible for over 50% of the high school drop-out rate. Pinnacle operates a K – 12 school that offers students with dyslexia a hands-on, visual, and research-based curriculum to remediate their reading, spelling, writing, and math, while at the same time building on their individual strengths and career interests in the sciences, arts, humanities, and entrepreneurship. Pinnacle also provides tutoring services and diagnostic testing for dyslexia and similar learning difficulties. Students with dyslexia are bright and creative, but require a correct diagnosis, together with small, intensive, hands-on classes to learn. Without these interventions, they fall between the cracks, and are incorrectly perceived to be lazy or less capable.

Project Synopsis: Math skills are essential for success in P – 12 education, as well as post high school, jobs, and life, but often students dislike math or find it to be very difficult. Many people think of dyslexia as only impacting reading, spelling, and writing. Reading challenges do make it very hard for these students to read word problems correctly. But most students with dyslexia also struggle with any type of symbols and sequencing. So for math, younger students struggle with basic computation, switching + and x; long division, place value, working with money (nickels are bigger than dimes, but they are worth less), simplifying and manipulating fractions, and estimation. Older students struggle with fractions, graphing, solving equations, absolute value, manipulating sets, knowing how to set-up a problem, and anything involving sequencing, like order of operations in algebra.

Math for Life will be a high-interest, hands-on, curriculum for teaching troublesome but essential core math concepts and problem solving skills to students who struggle with math. It will have three key ingredients: (1) hands-on manipulatives, together with visuals and technology applications; (2) having students work collaboratively in teams to learn the initial concepts, and then practice individually; and (3) providing a context to understand how math is used for real-life problems in science and other areas across our curriculum. The correct blend of hands-on experience, interactive team learning, repeated practice, and application to real-life context are critical elements for successfully teaching students with dyslexia and similar math learning difficulties.

Criteria:

Need – Math for Life will be used exclusively with students in grades PreK through 12 who are dyslexic or have a similar learning disability. Individuals with special needs are identified as a priority population in both SCAN and the Consolidated Plan. Dyslexia is hereditary and tends to run in families; many of our students have parents or other family members who also struggle with literacy and math skills. In addition to having learning disabilities, over 60% of Pinnacle School’s total student population is eligible for free and reduced lunch – higher than the local district average of 45%. Of the city residents served by Pinnacle, 43% are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Pinnacle uses a sliding scale based on family income and household size to determine tuition remission needs for families who have a total income at 150% and 200% of the poverty rate. We have struggled to raise the additional funds to cover an already lean operating budget with this increased need (50% free and reduced in 12-13; 42% in 11-12). SCAN also indicated that the lack of a high school education was the primary factor in determining family income.

One-Time Investment – The one-time investment in the project Math for Life will allow us to purchase the math manipulatives and visual materials that are essential for teaching math to PreK – 12 students with dyslexia and similar learning disabilities. The at home app will allow students to practice math concepts, and may benefit other family members in the process. We do not have the funds in our budget to cover these capacity-building tools.

Once the materials are in place, we can budget for ongoing subscriptions, and continue to provide teacher training as part of ongoing staff development (weekly meetings, summer workshops and individualized).

Fiscal Leveraging – The Math for Life project will be part of Pinnacle’s STEAM initiative. STEM includes science, technology, engineering, and math, but we have added the “A” for arts. These are all especially important for our students, since many students with dyslexia have natural interests and creative talents in these areas, and are drawn to those careers. The Math for Life project will allow our students to strengthen their math skills, and at the same time allow us to leverage that success for additional support in our STEAM programs, including Pinnacle’s aquaponics (sustainable farming pilot), PEP (entrepreneurship), cooking, engineering, and arts.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Math skills are essential. Math for Life will help Pinnacle students develop better math skills. While Pinnacle students in grades 3 – 8 scored a 94.5% pass rate on recent state standardized testing (ISTEP/IMAST) in language arts, the math pass rate was a lower 74%. While this is still good compared to the averages of many school districts and the state, we think there is room for improvement. Many Pinnacle students return to other education settings after completing an average of three years with our

program once they have mastered core reading and writing skills. We would like to implement the techniques to have their math skills be at or above grade level as well.

We participate in the state standardized testing because we are accredited, and all students – even those with exceptionalities – participate in the testing. We rely on our own rigorous assessment tools and the expertise of our teachers who work with our students daily. We know that our students are very capable of learning math with the right approach, and that we could do a better job teaching math to our students with the right tools. The Math for Life project funding would help give us those tools.

Outcome Indicators:

Student performance on pre-test and post-test math course assessments; student math grades; student scores on standardized tests, student confident in math abilities, student interest in pursuing additional math classes, teacher interest and ability to teach math using the Math for Life approach.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Math manipulatives for students in Pre-K through 8 th		\$4,500.00
2. Math manipulatives for students in 9-12 grade		\$2,000.00
3. Annual subscription for IXL math for addtl home-based practice		\$949.00
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$7,449.00
	Old National Bank (Pending)	\$5,988.00
	Title II (Confirmed)	\$1,700.00
	Pinnacle School (Confirmed)	\$2,200.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>		\$17,337.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2006	Granted	Purchase specialized teaching materials	\$4,394.67
2008	Denied	Global Beat – Music Program for Dyslexia	\$5,585.00
2010	Granted	Pay for <i>Summer High School</i> program	\$9,000.00

Staff Comments

Need

Pinnacle states that 60% of all of its students and 43% of its City-resident students are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Note that the *Math for Life* initiative would be available to all Pinnacle students, regardless of financial need. Their request is approximately 43% of the total cost of the program. If 43% of the 64 City residents served by this program are low income, then ~28 low-income Bloomington children will be served by the initiative.

Women’s Health Fund at Bloomington Health Center - \$5,000

City Residents Served: 100 (out of ~550)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
128	37	80 approx.

Mission: Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky’s mission is to serve persons in Indiana and Kentucky—without bias or judgment, without fear, without fail—by providing access to high-quality health care confidentially and compassionately; by reducing unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases through age-appropriate and accurate sexual health education; and by advocating for freedom of individual choice in all matters of sexual health and reproductive justice.

Project Synopsis: Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky respectfully requests funding consideration, in the amount of \$5,000, to support the Women’s Health Fund at our Bloomington health center. The need and demand for free and/or subsidized health care services and supplies supported through our Women’s Health Fund remains high. Specifically, from July 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014, we provided services and supplies through our Women’s Health Fund to 368 unduplicated patients at this health center. Despite the various mandates of the Affordable Care Act, Hoosiers continue to lack access to high-quality, affordable health care services. Data indicate that 17% of Monroe County’s residents are uninsured and 19% have inadequate social support. We believe that by providing access to comprehensive health care services and supplies to our patients, regardless of their ability to pay, we ensure that they can lead healthy and productive lives.

Criteria:

Need – The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan developed by the City of Bloomington’s Housing and Neighborhood Department recognizes that, “it is important to the health of the community to provide a safety net for those in need.” The 2012 Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN) report for Monroe County identifies that, “It was more difficult for households at all incomes levels to afford getting to the doctor in 2010.”

Our experience, supported by data, indicates that lack of basic health services can be linked to poor health outcomes, including increased rates of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies. We meet the need for subsidized and/or free essential health care services through our Women’s Health Fund. Each year, through our Women’s Health Fund, we provide free and/or subsidized health care services, such as annual exams, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV testing, Pap tests and colposcopies to our patients who are unable to pay due to being underinsured, uninsured or other financial hardships. We remain committed to ensuring that low-income residents of the City of Bloomington have access to life-saving tests and supplies, regardless of their ability to pay.

One-Time Investment – As described earlier, the demand for subsidized and/or free health care services and supplies remains high. While we applaud the various mandates of the Affordable Care Act, our patients and recent reports indicate that the many Hoosiers will remain un-and-underinsured and therefore lack access to comprehensive, affordable health care services. We believe that in today’s changing health care environment, it is critical to ensure that programs such as our Women’s Health Fund are available to provide preventive and essential health care services to Hoosiers and the residents of the City of Bloomington who may fall through these cracks.

Fiscal Leveraging – Our dedicated development team works diligently to ensure a diverse funding stream for our programs, including the Women’s Health Fund. While the majority of funds for the Women’s Health Fund are raised through our annual fundraiser, *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods*, we continually educate our donors and foundations (as applicable) to demonstrate the need for funding the Women’s Health Fund.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – We collect objective data, such as number of clients served, type of services provided and amount of funding expended to measure the success of our services. We use subjective information, such as testimonials and feedback from our patients to ensure that our programs address their needs.

Research indicates that access to affordable and preventive health care services, such as testing and treatment for STDs, Pap tests and birth control supplies, is critical to ensure the health and well-being of young adults. With the implementation of electronic health records, we hope to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of our health care services. We work closely with local and state agencies, such as the United Way of Monroe County and Indiana State Department of Health to assess and monitor the long-term impact of the our services. For example, recent decline in teen pregnancy rates throughout the nation and Indiana are attributable to the multi-faceted efforts of health care and social services providers. We hope that by providing access to affordable health care services, we can continue to make an impact on the rates of unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases in the communities we serve.

Outcome Indicators:

Applicant indicates that the impact of its services will be measured by “the various indicators of [the] community’s health, including decline in rates of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies.”

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. Services & Supplies (~x100)	~\$59.00-\$78.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$5,000.00
Gathering of Goddesses and Gods (Pending)	\$150,000.00
Sophia Travis Community Services Grant Program (Pending)	\$3,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$35,000.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1997	Denied	ADA Approved restrooms & waiting room expansion	\$22,350.00
1999	Granted	Exam table for handicapped	\$5,000.00
2000-Oct.	Denied	Offset \$34,000 needed for program	\$5,000.00
2001	Granted	Purchase equipment to test for anemia	\$1,394.00
2002	Granted	Purchase an autoclave for the purpose of sterilizing instruments	\$1,495.00
2003	Granted	Purchase 4 computers for use at S. College facility	\$3,600.00
2004	Granted	Purchase 6 sets of cervical biopsy equipment	\$2,923.00
2005	Granted	Security cameras & equipment for S. College facility	\$1,500.00
2006	Granted	Install cabinetry & purchase files and furniture for the front desk renovations	\$2,440.00
2007	Granted	Pay for wellness exams for the Friend to Friend Patient Pass program which serves low-income women in the City	\$5,000.00
2008	Granted	Pay for colposcopies for women with abnormal pap test results	\$2,500.00
2010	Granted	Pay for costs with Recession Rx program for City residents	\$5,000.00
2011	Granted	To purchase HIV test kits	\$4,200.00
2012	Denied	Love, Sex, and the Freshman 15	\$4,975.00
2013	Granted	Pay for components to Ensuring Access to Life-Saving Preventative Health Services: office visits, STD tests, same-day HIV testing, pregnancy testing, pap smears, colposcopies, & biopsies.	\$4,930.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment

- Note that the Hopkins Committee has provided funds for various programs supported through PPIN's *Women's Health Fund* in the past, including preventative health in 2013, Recession Rx in 2010, colposcopies in 2008, and vouchers in 2007. Applicant writes that it is seeking bridge funding for the *Fund* this year as demand for services have increased; however, applicant does not indicate how much demand has increased over last year and/or how the organization has suffered a loss of funds.

28. THE PROJECT SCHOOL

The Project School Accessible Door Installation Project - \$4,100

City Residents Served: 800 (out of 1,000)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
30	10	250

Mission: The mission of The Project School is to uncover, recover, and discover the unique gifts and talents that each child brings to school everyday; and the vision of The Project School is to eliminate the predictive value of race, class and special capacities on a child's success in school and in life. Our school partners with families, community members, and social service agencies to solve real world problems. We teach students to become contributors to the greater good, and stewards of the environment.

Project Synopsis: To fulfill our vision to create a fully inclusive, multi-use community learning space, The Project School would like to install ADA approved mechanisms on its front doors (one outer door and one internal breezeway door) to make them fully functional for individuals with limited mobility. These "EZ Operators" will allow individuals needing assistance to open the doors with a push of a button (from both the inside and the outside). In addition to creating a more accessible building, these operators will also make for a safer space, as well. In the event of an emergency, individuals with limited mobility will be able to quickly open the doors for evacuation.

Criteria:

Need – This project addresses a previously-identified priority in our community through the individuals we serve, and also by our desire to create a community-wide educational space that can be accessed and utilized by many more constituencies.

We currently serves 268 students, grades K-8, as well as their families (total population, 1000). Our school is fully inclusive, with students admitted via a blind lottery system. There are no admissions criteria, and all students selected through the lottery - regardless of abilities - are welcomed and included in our fully inclusive educational programs. 37% of our students receive free/reduced lunch. 24% of our students are diagnosed with developmental disabilities, and are supported in our school through Individual Education Plans. The Project School provides breakfast, lunch and snacks to all of our students. We provide affordable after school activities.

According to the most recent SCAN, human development can include "the fostering of self-empowerment, positive values, access to community support networks, a commitment to learning, social competencies, and constructive use of time." All of these activities are found within The Project School's mission, vision and programming.

One-Time Investment – The purchase and installation of the ADA accessible door operators is a one-time investment for a capital improvement.

Fiscal Leveraging – The Project School has already applied for and received \$1000 from the Monroe County Council Sophia Travis Fund to support this project. We are extremely grateful to the County Council for providing these leveraged funds.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Since our establishment in 2009, we have always envisioned serving as a centralized location for community gatherings focused on social justice, equity and sustainability - a space that is functional, welcoming and inclusive. However, when we acquired the building, it was in great need of renovation. During the summer prior to the school opening its doors, the entire interior of the building was remodeled. And during the summer between year one and two, We added a 9,000 square foot 3-story addition, as well as a new internal elevator for accessibility. We have now invested more than 2.2 million dollars into significant improvements. The school pays an annual lease to the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Foundation, as well as a mortgage payment on the building addition. There are no additional funds for on-going building renovation or improvement.

Each academic year, we have both students and parents with limited mobility, as well as many other visitors who experience challenges in accessing our spaces. By installing the ADA door operators, we will move toward fulfilling our vision to create a school and a space in the downtown corridor that is truly welcoming to the entire community.

Outcome Indicators:

The two students and two parents who are challenged in accessing the school, will be able to more fully access the School's services.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. 2 EZ Operators (@ \$2,550/ea)	\$5,100.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$4,100.00
Monroe County Council Sophia Travis Fund (Confirmed)	\$1,000.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$5,100.00

Past SSF Funding

No funding history.

Staff Comments

Project

- It is unclear if the “EZ Operators” are a response to an ADA or other mandate.
- As the School leases its building from the City’s Parks and Recreation Foundation, the capital improvements would accrue to the owner of the building. The school notes that they’ve invested \$2.2 million in improvements to the structure.
- Applicant writes that the EZ Operators will allow students and parents with limited mobility to “more fully utilize” all of the School’s services. It is unclear from which services students and parents are currently excluded due to the absence of these door openers.

Fiscal Leveraging

- The Project School is a public charter school and funded by public monies. The Elaboration of Criteria directs that:

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

- The JHSSF Committee granted funds to the Foundation of Monroe County Comm. Schools in 2010 to help for an implementation coordinator to launch Fairview Elementary’s *Artful Learning Program*.

City Residents Served

- Applicant states that the Project School currently serves 268 students and their parents for a total population served of 1,000, approximately 800 of whom are City residents. Currently 2 students and 2 parents are unable to fully access the facility due to absence of the EZ Operators.

29. RHINO’S YOUTH CENTER (BRIDGE)

Rhino’s After School and Weekend Programming - \$25,000

City Residents Served: ~1,000 (out of ~1,400)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
2	4	20

Mission: Rhino’s Youth Center’s mission is to provide entertainment and engagement to the youth of our community in a safe, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug free environment.

Project Synopsis: Rhino’s Youth Center is seeking financial support to continue staffing and operating it’s programming through its current fiscal year. Rhino’s provides five, free after school/afternoon programs for youth ages 13 to 18 as well as weekend entertainment that is run by the youth themselves.

Programs include Video that utilizes industry standard digital video equipment to produce a youth created program that airs on CATS as well as a YouTube channel. Youth Radio is a weekly four-hour radio program that airs on WFHB and includes training and pre production in our digital audio studio. The Youth Journalism program produces a monthly “zine” using Adobe Creative Suite and includes creative writing, poetry, photography, digital image creations, reviews, and more. The Silk Screening Workshop provides youth with the opportunity to create shirts, patches, posters, creative art and more using our silk screening burner and press. Finally the Youth Mural Arts Program enables young artist to create murals displayed in People’s Park and on the Rhino’s Building. These all include innovative youth produced anti tobacco industry and healthy lifestyle messaging as well as assistance to other local not for profit agencies.

On the weekends, Rhino’s becomes an entertainment venue run by youth themselves [t]hat allow local teens to see live performance, films, art shows, and more in a safe, ATOD[-free] environment that they themselves have a hand in operating. These programs are designed to allow young people to be themselves and learn valuable life skills in a fun and creative setting.

Criteria:

Need – The 2012 SCAN report documents the need for the services that Rhino's Youth Center provides in several areas especially, of course, in Youth Development. There is a stated need for affordable recreation opportunities for youth in our community. All of Rhino’s after school programs are free to any youth between the ages of 13 and 18, and weekend entertainment is usually \$5, and any youth who wants to get in and does not have the cover charge can help clean up or carry equipment or volunteer in other ways to gain admission.

One-Time Investment – The funding requested is bridge funding to offset unforeseen losses in grant income from the State of Indiana Department of Health due to massive cuts from the Indiana General Assembly and the decrease in funding due to budget cuts from the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department.

Currently Rhino’s is promisingly working towards establishing new partnerships and ventures to fund afterschool programming. Contingency plans for the next fiscal year in case these opportunities do not materialize include scaling back programming, eliminating the Assistant Director Position, reducing the Director’s salary and reducing part time staff hours.

Fiscal Leveraging – These funds will basically plug the hole left by the State of Indiana Department of Health, and Monroe County Tobacco Cessation Coalition in this year’s budget. It will leverage existing funding from The City of Bloomington Parks Department, CARES, the United Way, and others. In addition it will supplement in kind administrative contributions from the Harmony Education Center.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – In it’s 22 years of operation, Rhino's Youth Center has made a huge impact on our community. In addition to providing innovative and exciting programming to youth in the crucial after school and weekend hours, Rhino’s actively enriches the future citizens of Bloomington.

The after school programs give teens the opportunity to work with technology, media, and art in a collaborative group setting that teaches valuable “real life” skills. Youth plan, produce, and then review their efforts in order to continue to improve and success. They have to meet deadlines, make group decisions, and work as a team. The weekend shows need to be planned, promoted, staffed, and cleaned up each week. Successfully attended shows mix with sparse ones, and the youth involved take hard looks at what works and what doesn’t and then adjust accordingly. Rhino’s youth graduate high school. Rhino’s youth connect with the community and work to make Bloomington a better place through benefits for social causes and social service agencies and media and art assistance for these groups and causes. Rhino’s youth work within the system, something many of them would have never thought they would or could do.

Outcome Indicators:

Applicant uses bi-annual surveys of youth, youth focus groups, and the 40 Developmental assets model (a model which identifies a set of skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults) to measure the efficacy of its after-school programming. Additionally, Rhino’s administers bi-annual surveys to participants and tracks simple attendance figures.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Staff salaries and occupancy costs for after school and weekend programming	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 25,000.00
Other funds - IN Dept. of Health (confirmed)	\$ 65,000.00
Other funds - City of Bloomington Parks (confirmed)	\$ 30,500.00
Other funds - CARES (pending)	\$ 10,000.00
Other funds - Door/Rental (confirmed)	\$ 5,000.00
Other funds - United Way (pending)	\$ 17,500.00
Other funds - Fundraising Pending (half confirmed so far)	\$ 10,000.00
Other funds - NAP/Other Fundraising (Pending)	\$ 25,000.00
Other funds - Misc. Grants Pending (half confirmed so far)	\$ 15,500.00
Total Project Cost	\$206,817.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1994	Granted	Larger facility for adolescents' activities	\$5,000.00
1995	Granted	Pilot outreach program	\$4,500.00
1997	Denied	Rent & salaries to cover a cut in funding	\$10,000.00
1998	Granted	Operate Graffiti Clean-Up; salaries & operating costs	\$10,900.00
2000-June	Denied	Food & supplies for bike trip	\$3,000.00
2000-Oct.	Granted	Construct a radio studio at center	\$2,000.00
2002	Granted	Purchase audio & video editing equipment fir after-school programming	\$8,264.00
2004	Granted	Purchase 4 portable 250 GB hard drives, a multi-media PC with monitor, & other equipment	\$5,000.00
2005	Granted	Construction of bathrooms & upgrade of heating/cooling system	\$22,900.00
2008	Granted	Purchase chairs for youth center on S. Walnut	\$3,000.00

Staff Comments

Project

- Clarification: Rhino's contracts with the Indiana State Department of Health to serve as a hub for the State's teen tobacco initiative. This year, the General Assembly cut funding for tobacco prevention and cessation which meant a \$25,000 reduction in Rhino's budget. Rhino's writes that it also saw the elimination/reduction of other funding sources this year, such as the elimination of the Monroe County Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Committee (from which Rhino's received \$11,000) and loss in funding from the City's Parks and Recreation Foundation (funding was reduced from ~ \$45,000 to \$30,500). Bridge funding will cover staff salaries and occupancy costs from after-school and weekend programming.
- It is unclear what proportion of the \$25,000 would be devoted to staff salaries, which staff would be covered by the bridge, and what proportion would be devoted other operational costs, such as utilities and maintenance.

Outcome Indicators

- Applicant provided general measures of efficacy for its after-school programming. It is unclear how applicant will measure the change its program created during the period of any funding agreement.

30. SALVATION ARMY

Food Pantry Upgrade - \$1,114.06

City Residents Served: 3,438 (out of 4,298 households)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
5	7	2,164

Mission: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Project Synopsis: This project is not collaborative, but it will improve The Salvation Army’s efforts to provide groceries to the food insecure in Bloomington. Through the purchase of an energy-efficient freezer, the food pantry can continue to offer meat and other frozen foods. The freezer will also allow The Salvation Army to recognize energy savings that can be converted to more food in the pantry. The second area that Jack Hopkins fund will help is assisting volunteers to do their job better and safer. Currently, volunteers use a grocery cart to bring food donations from the truck to the pantry. The cart is deep which makes pulling heavy items from the bottom difficult, especially for older volunteers. By using a yard cart, many donations may be brought to the pantry simply and ergonomically. Lastly, three old, wobbly food shelves will be replaced by industry standard metal shelves. This will keep the pantry’s food safe and damage free. The Salvation Army will renovate the space around these items. We are knocking out a wall to make space for an additional office. We will also remove the old wallpaper and have a volunteer group paint the pantry. Once the freezer comes in, we will continue to stock the pantry to accommodate the increased need for food.

Criteria:

Need – This project addresses identified needs of city residents, of whom “13% said that having enough money for food was at least a minor problem,” (SCAN 2012, p. 134) and this need will grow. First, fewer households are taking advantage of public food assistance programs, according to Indiana’s FSSA Division of Family Resources. Furthermore, food prices are rising due to recent weather conditions, according to Purdue University, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the US Department of Agriculture, which predict higher grocery prices, putting pressure on food pantries like The Salvation Army to meet the increased need. Second, food security helps low-income households meet the Self Sufficiency Standard (SCAN 2012, pp. 85-6). The standard’s concept is practiced at The Salvation Army; when clients feel comfortable coming in for food, they also apply for assistance with housing, health care, clothing, budgeting classes, and job resources. Last, The Salvation Army’s food pantry serves a wide variety of populations who are low income. In the last fiscal year, 4,298 Bloomington households came to The Salvation Army for food. Of these households, 1/3 comprises low-income senior citizens, 1/3 working poor, and last third rely on welfare.

One-Time Investment – This project seeks a one-time investment in equipment that will be available to 100% of Bloomington citizens. This includes shelving to store non-perishable food items in The Salvation Army’s food pantry. Perishable items will be stored in the energy star rated freezer. The donation cart will transport donated items from donor’s vehicles to the pantry in a safe, ergonomic fashion for volunteers.

Fiscal Leveraging – The Salvation Army has secured over 78% of the funds for this project. The Bloomington Lowes store will contribute 10% of the cost of all the items purchased at their store. The Salvation Army will provide the construction costs, food costs, volunteer recruitment, and the additional labor hours to construct and install the items.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The investment in this equipment will provide a broad and long-lasting benefit to Bloomington residents. As a main source of groceries for the food insecure, The Salvation Army seeks to ensure the availability of needed services and to encourage uniform, impartial provision of these services to anyone in need. The investment by the committee will ensure adequate storage of necessary foodstuffs for the foreseeable future.

Outcome Indicators:

- A new freezer will allow the SA to 20 additional pounds of Hoosier Hills Food Bank food share per month by April 2015
- With better tools for panty volunteers, the SA anticipates it will experience 10 more volunteer hours per month by April 2015.

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. Freezer	\$ 532.31
2. Shelving	\$ 462.75
3. Food Donation Cart	\$ 119.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$1,114.06
Other funds - Lowe’s (confirmed)	\$ 123.79
Other funds - Volunteers (confirmed)	\$ 90.32
Other funds - Salvation Army (confirmed)	\$2,856.08
Total Project Cost	\$4,184.25

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2002	Denied	Renovation of childcare facility	\$8,504.00
2006	Denied	Food pantry expansion	\$7,824.00
2010	Denied	Training the Next Generation's Caretakers: Removing Barriers to their Success	\$1,500.00
2012	Granted	Healthy Helping Program & Garden	\$973.89
2013	Granted	Purchase shelving units, platform cart, dollies & folding tables for Salvation Army Disaster Warehouse	\$1,710.00

Staff Comments

Mission

- Staff has confirmed that religious instruction is not a component of the provision of food pantry services.

Project

- Not clear what sort of energy savings will be realized through the purchase of the freezer.
- Capacity of the freezer and other details are not included in the application.
- Further information on the amount of food distributed by the pantry and the demand for food at the SA pantry would be helpful. Applicant mentions an increased need for food at the pantry.

Outcome Indicators

- Indicators track success of the project one year out, not within the term of the grant.

Cost

- Minor correction: Note total project cost is \$4,184.25, not \$4,093.93 as cited in the application.

Past Funding

- In 2012, SA was granted funds to buy a Whirlpool Energy Star Refrigerator to increase the SA's food storage capacity and to help accommodate fresh produce generated through its *Healthy Helpings* (community garden) program.

31. SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Modernizing Homeless Assessment & Information Systems - \$13,598

City Residents Served: 1,200 (out of 1,500)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
4	6	1,300

Mission: The Shalom Community Center is dedicated to aiding and empowering people experiencing homelessness and poverty. As a daytime resource center for people who are living in poverty and experiencing its ultimate expressions, Shalom provides life essentials, case management, housing support, employment assistance, and community access for many of the community’s government and social service agencies. We are the front door to many services in our community, especially for those experiencing homelessness, and one of the busiest agencies in Bloomington.

Project Synopsis: The South Central Housing Network’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness (the Charrette) will call on Bloomington as a community to move beyond shelter and develop “front door” and “back door” strategies to ending homelessness. As we develop and expand these resources, a coordinated assessment and case management system will be essential to direct people to the most appropriate resources for their particular challenges and needs.

Since Shalom is the central hub for many people experiencing homelessness and is actively investing in front door and back door strategies, including our new Crawford Homes and rapid re-housing programs, as well as the expansion of case management, we will play an essential role in the implementation of assessment and data tracking in Bloomington. In order to do that, we need to have our computer systems up-to-date and as efficient as possible.

We are requesting \$13,598 as a one time investment in our computer infrastructure. Through the in-kind support of Ivy Tech Instructor Craig Harvey and students in his class, we have assessed our system to learn what we need to upgrade or replace to have a functional network and computer system.

Criteria:

Need – According to the 2010-2014 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 (p 55).”

The plan also states that, “Service coordination is a key part of the local strategy of support and effort to regain self-sufficiency (p. 64) and the Shalom Center provides, “an ideal location to make caseworkers from different agencies available (p.68).”

In addition, the specific need for coordinated assessment of homelessness services will be established in the South Central Housing Network’s soon-to-be-released “Charrette” plan, the State’s 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, and the City’s 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Shalom Community Center will be one among many agencies to integrate a coordinated assessment system to improve Bloomington’s ability to respond to homelessness in a more synchronized way. As Shalom is the central hub for many people experiencing homelessness, the Center will provide the majority of the assessment for the community. This project will facilitate our capacity to do so efficiently. Additional detail on the nature of assessment is included in the narrative statement.

One-Time Investment – This is a one-time equipment expense.

Fiscal Leveraging – Our computers have been assessed through the in-kind support of Ivy Tech instructor Craig Harvey and his students at an estimates value of \$1,000. The assessment system is being developed by IHCDA through a HUD grant with an estimated cost of \$50,000.IHCDA also manages the Homelessness Management Information System through a HUD grant at an estimated value of \$100,000 annually.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Our current community approach to homelessness is broken. As the problem grows in significance, we must begin to mature in our response to the problem. The South Central Indiana Housing Network is preparing to release a ten-year plan to reduce if not eliminate homelessness in our region. Inspired by best practice models from other communities, including Worcester, MA, the Network is seeking to coordinate a more comprehensive approach to the issue, combining triage, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing, diversionary strategies, and permanent supportive housing with assessment as its foundation. A more efficient computer network will allow the Shalom Center to be at the forefront of that assessment process, as well as improve the efficiency of our case managers and staff as we fully move into the use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - the state-funded assessment and case management database.

Outcome Indicators:

This request is part of a broader coordinated assessment and case management system. The case management system has already been developed, but the data-driven assessment program is still in development and is expected to launch this fall – subsequent to Shalom’s proposed upgrade. For the purpose of this grant, the efficacy will be measured by a pre- and post-test of staff to estimate the amount of work time saved as a result of the upgrade. If requested, Shalom will report of further outcomes of the assessment program in the future.

CostAmount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Server Replacement, Computer Upgrades, & Installation	\$9,292.00
2. Laptops & accessories	\$1,606.00
3. Guest Wi-fi	\$1,200.00
4. Dual monitors & accessories	\$1,500.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$13,598.00
Other funds - IHCD through HUD grant for Assessment System (confirmed)	\$50,000.00
Other funds - Computer Systems Assessment by Ivy Tech (confirmed)	\$ 1,000.00
Total Project Cost (Upgrade + Assessment System)	\$64,598.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2003	Granted	Pay for 6 new phone sets & install 3 new phone lines to E. 4 th facility	\$1,900.00
2004	Granted	Pay for part-time food services coordinator to expand breakfast & lunch program, as well as train & provide experience	\$5,500.00
2005	Granted	Vertical lift for Shalom Center annex at S. Washington	\$9,000.00
2006	Granted	Purchase a communication system & technology system network that includes both server & software at S. Washington	\$7,809.18
2007	Granted	Purchase & install a 3-compartment deep wells ink and convection oven for E. 4 th	\$5,450.00
2008	Granted	Purchase & install food service equipment for weekday food program	\$11,080.00
2009	Granted	Purchase food as well as kitchen & misc. supplies	\$18,000.00
2010	Withdrawn	Emergency Hunger Relief	\$9,300.00
2011	Granted	Pay for renovations to expand facility on S. Walnut	\$19,000.00
2012	Granted	Safer & savvier Shalom	\$15,794.00
2013	Granted	Crawford Homes Start-up	\$20,900.00

Staff CommentsOne-time Investment

- The Elaboration of Criteria directs that:

Generally the costs associated with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of personal computers and related equipment will be considered an operational cost and, when eligible, be given low priority. However, the costs associated with system-wide improvements for information and communication technologies, or for specialized equipment may be considered a one-time investment.

Applicant writes that the purchase and upgrade of this equipment is part of a broader coordinated assessment and case management system being developed pursuant to the South Central Housing Network's *10-Year Plan to End Homelessness*. The primary purpose of the request is to make Shalom's computing infrastructure compatible with assessment and data-driven case management. Shalom writes that a secondary benefit of the improvements will be a reduced administrative burden for staff.

Growing Opportunities - \$20,500

City Residents Served: 16 (out of 20)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
92		840

Mission: The South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) is a nonprofit organization based in Bloomington, Ind. that has served low-income people for 49 years. Our mission is to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence. A shorter version of this mission statement is provided in our agency tagline, “Empowering people to reach their potential.” SCCAP administers the Circles Initiative and Head Start programs in Monroe County, and also operates the Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Individual Development Account and Section 8 programs in Monroe, Morgan, Owen and Brown counties. It serves more than 8,000 families annually, representing more than 13,000 individuals.

Project Synopsis: Growing Opportunities will provide much-needed employment and training opportunities for disabled and hard-to-employ individuals in Bloomington. SCCAP is one of more than a dozen organizations across the country that is replicating the highly successful Arthur & Friends Greenhouse Project from the NORWESCAP community action agency in northwest New Jersey, in turn will become a model for the development of other similar programs in Indiana. The need for this project is especially significant among low-income people with disabilities, who have an unemployment rate that’s almost double the national average and have a reduced number of local job and training opportunities because of the recession. Growing Opportunities will engage multiple public and private sector organizations to develop a self-sustaining nonprofit enterprise, while offering life-changing opportunities to low-income people with disabilities and other low-income people to improve their job skills and become more self-sufficient. It will do this through producing hydroponic crops year-round in greenhouses without the use of pesticides or herbicides and selling them to local restaurants, stores and the public. Its product line will include lettuce, kale, swiss chard, basil, arugula, parsley, cilantro and other crops as requested. SCCAP seeks to meet high up-front capital costs through grants and donations, which will allow ongoing self-sustaining operations based on sales.

Criteria:

Need – Growing Opportunities will provide employment training unique in our area and needed by many with disabilities and other unemployed residents who require support to achieve success in the workplace and become economically self-sufficient. While there are programs to help people meet basic needs and several aimed at promoting self-sufficiency, few create the relationships necessary to help trainees overcome job setbacks they experience. Employers often say they can’t find workers who know how to show up and do what they’re told to do, and this project will meet that need.

According to Work One director Richard Rampley, market data shows growing agricultural job opportunities, especially in urban settings as a result of the local food movement, and workers in local food production earn higher wages than those in larger out-of-state operations. Rampley said many low-income people in Bloomington have difficulty in retaining jobs; this project will provide basic job skills needed for job retention and important opportunities for those who’ve never had a good work reference to earn one. The project addresses the need identified in both the SCAN and the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for additional job skills for low-income citizens.

One-Time Investment – The strategy to accomplish this project was developed through SCCAP’s Strategic Plan, which calls for additional job training services as a result of community need and for diversifying funding models so that Bloomington will continue to have strong programs to help low-income families become more self-sufficient despite decreasing and uncertain federal funding for such programs. According to projections based on more than a dozen similar greenhouse projects in other communities, Growing Opportunities will become self-sustaining through produce sales within two years. SCCAP is requesting one-time start-up funds.

Fiscal Leveraging – Support from a local source like JHSSF is critical as SCCAP seeks federal, state, county and private funding for Growing Opportunities. The project has currently received approval for almost \$125,000 of its total start-up budget of \$281,498. As detailed in the Other Funds Expected for this project, SCCAP is in the process of applying to, at a minimum, more than a dozen funding sources this year. In addition, Growing Opportunities will generate \$120,000 in sales revenue in Year 1, a figure that will grow in future years. SCCAP will provide more than \$75,000 in agency and volunteer in-kind services.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Growing Opportunities will provide ongoing benefits that include:

- Provide basic job skills, life skills and hydroponics agricultural skills training in a 200-hour program for at least 20 low-income individuals in Year 1 that enables them to become more self-sufficient and gives them a greater stake in the community. Document skills and knowledge improvement in each area, as well as employment outcomes for trainees after their participation in Growing Opportunities. Expand program to serve at least 40 low-income individuals annually in Year 2 and at least 60 annually in Year 3 and beyond.
- Provide local customers and the community with high quality hydroponically grown crops, competitive prices, and timely service to ensure repeat and referral business.
- Provide healthy vegetables to at least 200 low-income individuals annually through community programs and encourage healthy eating among the poor.

- Recruit at least 20 organizations and businesses to be partners and/or customers. More than a dozen have already committed.
- Increase the capacity of SCCAP to help low-income families becoming self-sufficient by generating non-government revenue through the Growing Opportunities social enterprise business.
- Create an ongoing stream of income that will keep business operating and support the training program without continuing federal funding.

Outcome Indicators:

Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient. Indicators: 1. Unemployed and obtained a job. 2. Employed and maintained a job for 90 days. 3. Employed and obtained increase in income/benefits. 4. Achieved living wage. 5. Obtained skills/competencies for employment

Goal 2: The conditions of low-income people are improved. Indicators: 1. Jobs created. 2. Accessible “living wage” jobs created.

Goal 3: Low-income people own a stake in their community. Indicators: 1. Number of volunteer hours. 2. Low-income people participating in formal community organizations. 3. Number of low-income people involved in non-governance community activities.

Goal 4: Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved. Indicators: 1. Number of organizations that community action works with to expand resources and opportunities in order to achieve family and community outcomes.

Goal 5: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments. Indicators: 1. Individuals with disabilities. 2. Obtained food assistance. 3. Pounds of food (to low-income citizens). 4. Pounds of food (to low-income citizens).

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Hydroponics system funding	\$18,000.00
2. Hydroponics set up fee	\$2,500.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$20,500.00
Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (Sep '13-Aug '14) (Granted)	\$100,000.00
Sale of Produce for 1 Year with 2 Greenhouses (Aug '14- Aug '15) (Pending)	\$120,000.00
COB Community Development Block Grant (Dec '14'-Dec '15')	\$25,000.00
Vectren Foundation, Inc. (May '14-May '15)	\$25,000.00
Duke Power (May '14-May '15)	\$25,000.00
Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding (Mar '14-Mar '15)	\$20,500.00
Old National Foundation (Mar '14-Mar '15) (Pending)	\$25,000.00
JP Morgan Chase Foundation (May '14-May '15)	\$25,000.00
Other Local Banks (May '14-May '15)	\$25,000.00
Community Found. of Bloomington & Monroe County (Jan '14-Dec '14) (Granted)	\$20,000.00
Sophia Travis Community Services Grants (Oct '14'-Oct '15')	\$15,000.00
City of Bloomington Sustainability Partnership Grant (Sep '13-April '14) (Granted)	\$3,860.00
Subaru of Indiana Automotive Foundation (Mar '14-Mar '15) (Pending)	\$3,000.00
Ball Brothers Foundation (Mar '14-Mar '15)	\$3,000.00
Walmart (May '14-May '15)	\$3,000.00
SCCAP In-kind resources	\$75,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$281,498.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1997	Denied	Renovation, cribs, cots, strollers and refrigerators	\$28,600.00
2002	Granted	Establish a revolving loan program for auto repairs of clients	\$5,000.00
2003	Granted	Pay for development of computer software	\$6,292.00
2005	Granted	Materials & equipment for Head Start classrooms at Templeton & Summit schools	\$8,000.00
2006	Granted	Children’s door project	\$2,230.80
2007	Granted	Purchase & installation of surfacing material for playgrounds	\$5,000.00
2008	Granted	To cover salaries, materials, stipends, meals, and childcare of Circles pilot	\$8,000.00
2010	Granted	Parking lot expansion at 1500 W. 15 th	\$6,521.00
2011	Granted	Pay for salaries for the Circles initiative	\$18,500.00
2012	Granted	STAR Child safety restraint systems – seats, connectors, shipping	\$6,432.50
2013	Denied	Bloomington Hydroponic Employment & Training Project	\$34,854.00

Staff Comments

No comments.

33. STEPPING STONES

Technology Project - \$8,794.75

City Residents Served: 25 (out of 30)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
3	3	10

Mission: Stepping Stones provides transitional housing and supportive services for youth between the ages of 16-20 that are experiencing homelessness. Our mission is to provide a supportive community where young people can develop skills to live independently.

Project Synopsis: We are requesting funds for technology enhancements to develop a more efficient and sustainable organization. The enhancements include:

- Purchase and installation of 8 new computers with ongoing technical support
- Purchase a non-profit postal permit for mailings
- Purchase two new lockable desks for staff and chairs
- Help pay for the upgrade of GiftWorks, our donor database system

Criteria:

Need – SCAN states that for healthy development, youth need support and assistance with “self-empowerment, positive values, and access to community support networks.” Homelessness “places youth at greater risk for poor educational attainment, behavior problems, and low psychological well-being,” increasing the likelihood of unhealthy, risky behaviors and substance usage. In 2013, we served 16 residents: 56% had a mild-moderate mental illness; 19% had a chronic or high mental illness; 31% had a learning/cognitive disorder. 31% had significant indicators of substance usage. Our residents are required to be in counseling and work on staying drug free.

The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan identified 03C – Homelessness Facilities and 05D – Youth Services as a “high” priority in the Community Development of Needs 91.215(e). The City of Bloomington’s Anti-Poverty Strategy states 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 2005, we have filled this gap. Stepping Stones fits concisely with the community’s long-range planning efforts by providing youth that are homeless both housing and supportive services.

One-Time Investment – This request is for one-time investment of capital improvements in the area of technology.

Fiscal Leveraging – We do not have any additional leveraging funds for this request. We obtained funds to purchase equipment for the initial steps of our technical upgrades as outlined in the Narrative.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The impact of this project will be both short and long-term. In the short term, these improvements would provide our organization with the technological resources necessary to amplify our staff’s ability to be more productive in their day-to-day tasks. Having up-to-date computers and software systems saves time.

Our programs provide youth the opportunity to learn how to become independent at a difficult and transitional time in their lives. In the long-term, residents will have acquired the skills necessary to live independently beyond our program and into their adulthood.

Outcome Indicators:

Success of project will be measured by increased staff efficiency, resulting in more staff time spent with resident interventions. Residents will also be able to more effectively access technology in the interest of developing resumes, doing homework, etc.

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. 8 computers	\$5,200.00
2. Technical Support	\$1,595.00
3. Non-profit postal permit	\$600.00
4. Office furniture	\$400.00
5. Donor Database Upgrades	\$199.75
6. Program Administration	\$800.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$8,794.75

Total Project Cost

\$8,794.75

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2006	Denied	Incentive project	\$4,598.00
2007	Granted	Tutoring & 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	Pay for rent, deposit, payroll and insurance to expand housing services	\$20,000.00
2010	Granted	Purchase furniture & software and to pay rent of a storage unit	\$4,300.00
2011	Granted	Pay salaries, fees, communications, and supplies for the Youth Housing Program	\$12,700.00
2012	Denied	Career steps	\$16,145.00
2013	Granted	Provide bridge funding to pay for rent & utilities for SS youth housing program & to partially fund salary of a Resident Assistant position	\$15,000.00
2013	Granted	COLLABORATION – Stepping Stones & Amethyst House: Services of AH staff to coordinate and consult on SS's Medicaid application, services of a Health Service Provider in Psychology, counseling workbooks and administration (overhead, office supplies, admin. of the grant)	\$3,390.00

Staff Comments

Request

- Note that the application locates the request at \$8,595.00. However, applicant's itemized budget totals \$8,794.75. Staff has corrected the math error.

One-time funding

- The Elaboration of Criteria directs that:

Generally the costs associated with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of personal computers and related equipment will be considered an operational cost and, when eligible, be given low priority. However, the costs associated with system-wide improvements for information and communication technologies, or for specialized equipment may be considered a one-time investment.

- A portion of the request attaches to installation and technical support for the computer equipment. Applicant does not describe how the agency will pay for on-going support.
- Similarly, the GiftWorks upgrade comes with a monthly fee; applicant is asking for \$39.95 for 5 mos., but does not describe how agency will pay for on-going cost.
- Applicant is requesting \$800 for the administration of this project. This figure would cover operational expenses such as staff salaries.

34. STONE BELT ARC, INC.

Energy Efficient Windows for 6 Stone Belt Group Homes - \$65,560

City Residents Served: 37 (out of 37)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
334	159	45

Mission: Stone Belt provides resources and supports to individuals with disabilities and their families. We believe in the uniqueness, worth and right to self-determination of every individual. It is our mission, in partnership with the community, to prepare, empower and support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of the community. Our work includes educational programs, employment services (job coaching, placement, and on-site manufacturing), residential programs (group homes and supported living), and psychological and clinical health services (through our Milestones Clinic). Services are provided with a person-centered, customized approach that focuses on the person's capabilities and interests. Our beliefs are self-determination is essential; learning creates empowerment; all people have contributions to make; home life must be self-directed; employment is a fundamental part of adult life; and social life and relationships help create quality of life. We serves over 2,400 clients in Monroe and surrounding counties.

Project Synopsis: Stone Belt requests \$65,560 for the purchase and installation of 90 energy efficient windows as replacements for older windows in 6 group homes within the city limits. The Blackstone group home was built in 1976. The other five group homes were built between 1989 and 1993 and are between 21 and 25 years old. Replacing the older windows will reduce the heating and cooling costs, provide lower HVAC costs by reducing the peak heating and cooling loads, provide improved comfort by reducing hot and cold drafts through each house, reduce condensation on the interior of the windows, and ultimately decrease the housing costs for the 37 people with developmental disabilities living in the homes. Stone Belt anticipates these accessible homes will be in demand for many years regardless of funding or program model changes.

Criteria:

Need – Affordable housing is a significant need for clients served by Stone Belt. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development considers spending more than 30 percent of one’s income on housing indicates a person is cost burdened. According to the national study *Priced out in 2012* by the Technical Assistance Collaborative, individuals with disabilities spend as much as 86% of their SSI on housing in the Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area.

HAND’s 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan states “affordable housing continues to be among the city’s highest priorities.” (pg 21) The 2012 SCAN document indicates that 49% of renters in the area spend more than the recommended 30% of their income on housing costs. Of those in the lowest earning’s category (less than \$15,001 annually), 38% report having major problems with affording housing. Most of our clients earn far less than the \$15,001. In fact most people with disabilities rely on Social Security and SSI (supplemental security income) for a major portion of their living expenses. Therefore, affording the average \$714 median monthly rent in the area, as indicated in the SCAN report, is cost prohibitive. We see housing affordability and accessibility as major challenges for the clients we support.

One-Time Investment – Once the windows are replaced in the houses, there will not be other capital costs for windows. Monthly utility costs will be decreased, and these savings will help to hold down overall housing costs for the residents.

Fiscal Leveraging – Almost 94% of our revenue for providing services for individuals with developmental disabilities comes from Indiana’s FSSA through Medicaid. In 2010, the State initiated Medicaid rate reductions that resulted in a \$750,000 decrease in program revenues, returning service rates to 2002 levels. In January 2014, the rates were only partially restored. Because of these prolonged, severe cuts, our ability to provide all the needed home upgrades is severely hampered as we maintain high quality programs with reduced resources. We are dedicated to maintaining these homes, though, and have set aside \$34,000 in funds to supplement the JHSSF grant.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – According to the Efficient Windows Collaborative (a coalition of government agencies, research organizations, and manufacturers), upgrading to energy efficient windows in the six homes will save an estimated \$30,000 over the next ten years in energy expenses, if utility costs remain constant. Each year, these reduced utility costs will allow us to keep housing costs lower for our clients. Stone Belt is dedicated to providing affordable group home living to individuals with disabilities. Affordable, accessible housing will remain a demand in the city, and these homes will help alleviate the shortage. The Jack Hopkins Social Service funds will help maintain sustainable, ongoing affordable housing for individuals with disabilities.

Outcome Indicators:

Lower electric bills in each group home.

CostAmount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. 1635 S. Maxwell St (16 windows)	\$17,360.95
2. 4417 Blackstone Ct (12 windows)	\$14,493.85
3. 1006 W 11 th St (14 windows)	\$15,825.75
4. 214 E Southern Dr (16 windows)	\$17,259.30
5. 713 E Miller Dr (16 windows)	\$17,259.30
6. 4100 E Deckard Dr (16 windows)	\$17,360.95
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$65,560.00
Stone Belt Physical Improvements Budget (Confirmed)	\$34,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$99,560.10

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
1997	Granted	Primary network server for computer system	\$15,000.00
1999	Granted	Industrial sewing machines	\$4,000.00
2000-June	Granted	Equipment & software for "compuplay" facility for children with disabilities	\$11,500.00
2003	Denied	Architectural fees	\$35,000.00
2004	Denied	Wheelchair lift	\$20,818.00
2005	Granted	Salary for Curriculum Specialist for new Career Advancement program	\$5,000.00
2007	Granted	Renovate quadrant of manufacturing center for production of client-designed and manufactured fine art pieces	\$7,746.00
2011	Granted	Pay for computers, scanners, other equipment & software to implement the Electronic Health Record program	\$7,700.00

Staff CommentsFiscal Leveraging

Applicant writes that the State initiated a Medicaid deduction in 2010, which resulted in \$750,000 in decreased program revenue for the applicant. Applicant notes that rates were partially restored in 2014, but does not indicate by how much.

Cost

Provided utility costs remain constant, applicant writes that energy efficient windows in all six structures will save approximately \$30,000 in utility costs over the next ten years. At a savings of \$3,000/annum divided by the 37 residents served by this project, each resident is projected to save \$81/year.

Outcome Indicators

Applicant notes that the success of the project will be measured in lower electric bills in each of the group homes. In separate communication, applicant indicated that both purchase and installation will occur before December 2014. It is likely that tracking electricity usage data will necessarily extend beyond the December 2014 draw-down and reporting date.

35. SUSIE'S PLACE

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Pilot Program - \$6,500

City Residents Served: 200-250 (out of 600)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
4	3	30

Mission: Utilizing a joint investigative team approach to alleged crimes against children, the mission of Susie's Place is to provide a neutral, child-friendly center for the investigation of alleged child abuse and neglect, while maintaining the comfort and safety of the child as the first priority. Our vision at Susie's Place is to strengthen communities' abilities to nurture and protect children.

Project Synopsis: Susie's Place is a facility-based community partnership dedicated to pursuing the truth in child abuse investigations. Conducting over 3,000 child forensic interviews of alleged child victims of crime and abuse since our inception in 2009, Susie's Place is not only committed to providing effective interventions for young victims but also implementing community-based prevention programs to stop abuse before it happens.

Susie's Place is respectfully requesting \$6,500 to implement the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Pilot Program. Jack Hopkins Social Service Funds will support two Susie's Place staff to become certified trainers of the Darkness to Light/Stewards of Children training, purchase 300 training kits, and provide a portion of the personnel costs associated with facilitating six (6) community-based trainings in Bloomington from July through December, 2014 serving approximately 250 Bloomington residents.

In 2013, Susie's Place conducted 847 child forensic interviews, of which only 9 alleged perpetrators were a stranger to the child. Stranger danger is a myth. Adults must step up and take responsibility for becoming better educated and prepared to protect children from child sexual abuse. Stewards of Children is a nationally recognized, best-practice prevention training program designed to educate adults on how to keep children safe from sexual abuse.

During this initial pilot project, Susie's Place will have a target audience of coaches, clergy, and school corporations. However, Susie's Place anticipates expanding the program in 2015 to train first responders, parents, youth workers, and other community members in an effort to strengthen Monroe County's ability to nurture and protect children.

Criteria:

Need – The Service Community Assessment of Needs highlights “Abused and Neglected Youth” as a focus area for Bloomington. As indicated in the SCAN report, incidents of “substantiated” child abuse and neglect have declined in Monroe county after peaking in 2004. However, what the SCAN document is unable to report are the significant changes in which the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) has undergone within the past several years that have directly impacted case outcomes and “substantiated” findings in child abuse and neglect cases. What may be more indicative of the continually increasing cause for concern are the following statistics provided by the DCS Child Abuse Hotline Annual Reports. In 2011, 146,070 reports of concern regarding child abuse and/or neglect were received by the Hotline and in 2013, 156,192 reports were received. Additionally, in 2011 the Susie's Place Bloomington location received 198 referrals involving alleged crimes against children and in 2013, 421 referrals for cases were received. Clearly child abuse and neglect continue to occur at alarming rates. This pilot project emphasizes the need and opportunity to create child sexual abuse prevention programs that can decrease the actual incidents of child sexual abuse in Monroe County.

One-Time Investment – This pilot project will be operated for 12-months beginning in May, 2014 ending in May, 2015. For the purposes of this grant, all funds will be expended by December 2014. These funds are a one-time investment of seed funds to start the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention program. The program will be provided at a cost to participants thus creating an earned income stream to sustain the ongoing operations of the project. The program will offer some scholarship registrations that will be funded by private, individual and corporate donors.

Fiscal Leveraging – The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Pilot program will position Susie's Place to educate and train approximately 250 adults in the Bloomington area about how predators are gaining access to and sexually abusing our children, as well as, how to better protect kids and prevent abuse. Unlike our Child Forensic Interview program, this project will position Susie's Place to participate in a great deal of community outreach. The process of bringing awareness to the severity and seriousness of this topic in Bloomington will create opportunities for Susie's Place to garner additional support through private and corporate contributors, special event fundraisers, and grant funds.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – The Adverse Childhood Experience Study (ACE Study) published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that kids experiencing adverse childhood experiences, including child abuse and neglect, are at high risk for Depression, Alcoholism, Liver Disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Domestic Violence, Suicide Attempts, and many more. “The ACE Study began to progressively uncover how adverse childhood experiences (ACE) are strongly related to development and prevalence of risk factors for disease and health and social well-being throughout the lifespan. (CDC.gov)

The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Pilot program aims to educate adults about child sexual abuse to prevent incidents of abuse from occurring. Thus, the long-term benefits of this program will ultimately reduce the incidents of abuse and the number of children coping with adverse childhood experiences and the ramifications. To measure outcomes of this project in the shorter-term, Susie's Place will be conducting both pre and post-exams to be completed by trainees to ensure participants can demonstrate an understanding of how child sexual abuse happens, effective safety planning, the importance of screening staff/volunteers, and a planned change in child protective behaviors.

Outcome Indicators:

Susie's Place will conduct pre- and post-exams of the trainees to ensure participants understand how abuse happens, effective safety planning, the importance of screening staff/volunteers, and a change in child protective behaviors.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Trainer Certification Process (Regis., Travel, Lodging) x2	\$1,650.00
2. Training Kits x300	\$3,000.00
3. Trainer Personnel Costs	\$1,850.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$6,500.00
Special Event Fundraiser (Pending 4/29)	Not Indicated
Additional Grant Opportunities (Pending)	Not Indicated
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$13,000.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2011	Denied	Recording technology & training funds	\$10,233.40
2012	Granted	Child forensic interview room	\$1,170.43

Staff Comments

None.

Supporting Care for Uninsured Individuals with Diabetes - \$9,283.22

City Residents Served: 350 diabetic patients, ~3,000 general patients (out of ~2,400)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
8*	4*	200

*includes 3 FTE IUB Hospital employees

Mission: In cooperation with others in the community, Volunteers in Medicine provides the following services without cost to the medically underserved in Monroe and Owen counties:

- Easily accessible, quality primary and preventive health care
- Treatment for both acute and chronic conditions
- Health education that empowers individuals to take responsibility for their own well-being

Project Synopsis: Research shows that patients with diabetes who are uninsured are more likely to have poorly controlled hypertension, elevated LDL cholesterol, and high triglycerides as compared with their insured counterparts. Uninsured patients are also more likely to have diabetes that is uncontrolled and less well managed, resulting in a higher risk for serious medical complications. The research literature has established a direct correlation between A1C levels, lipid levels (cholesterol), and the risk for complications of diabetes. Currently, over 10% of Volunteers in Medicine patients are diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. The vast majority of these individuals also struggle with high cholesterol, high triglycerides, obesity, hypertension, and other concurrent chronic conditions aggravated by diabetes. A one-time investment by JHSSF would allow VIM to significantly enhance the clinic’s diabetes management and treatment protocol

VIM has been on the frontlines of providing high quality medical services for uninsured adults over the past seven years; clearly some of this progress was made possible through generous awards from Jack Hopkins funding in years past. VIM respectfully asks for consideration of this request for \$9,283.22 towards the project “*Supporting Care for Uninsured Individuals with Diabetes*.” These funds will allow VIM to accomplish three objectives: (1) purchase an A1C Analyzer, (2) conduct a pilot study on a medication to decrease high triglyceride levels to replace one that has been discontinued, and (3) purchase a Vital Signs Monitor.

Criteria:

Need – According to SCAN 2012, treatment of diabetes is a high priority in the state of Indiana (p.104). Within Monroe County over 7% of the population has diabetes. Moreover, SCAN notes that Type II diabetes is one of the most chronic illnesses resulting from obesity. Twenty-six percent of Monroe County residents are considered obese (p.103). Of great concern is the fact that the obesity rate has increased in the years since SCAN 2003.

At the same time, both SCAN and HAND’s 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, note that providing high quality, affordable health care for low-income uninsured individuals is a priority for social service funding in our community. All VIM patients are uninsured with household incomes of 200% FPL or below. VIM is the only safety net medical facility in Monroe County, leveraging and coordinating the existing resources of the health care community to provide medical, dental and behavioral health services to people that otherwise would fall through the cracks.

Finally, with an estimated 12,000 uninsured adults in Monroe & Owen Counties living below 200% FPL, it is clear that even with the implementation of the ACA it will take a very long time before the VIM clinic is no longer needed – if ever.

One-Time Investment – VIM seeks a one-time investment from the JHSSF to purchase two pieces of equipment and to run one pilot project. Each of these project elements will leverage this important investment by targeting high-risk patients with diabetes. This population risks serious medical complications, ultimately, costing the healthcare system in Bloomington many thousands of dollars. This investment will enable VIM to maintain a reputation for providing high quality care while maximizing cost savings over the long term. These benefits directly translate into the clinic having greater capacity to serve its clients, which in turn, makes a larger contribution to the health of the Bloomington community.

Fiscal Leveraging – This project leverages funds in several ways.

In-kind:

1. With a contract to purchase supplies beyond the 6-month term of this project, the A1C Analyzer is “placed” by the company at VIM for free (value \$6,247).
2. The printer (\$300) and unlimited paper are being donated to VIM by the company.

Contributions:

1. A donor has agreed to donate funds to pay for an additional 6 months of A1C supplies, so this part of the project is ensured for a full year. (\$3,199)

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – As the number of people with diabetes grows worldwide, the disease takes an ever-increasing proportion of national (and local) health care budgets. Because of its chronic nature, the severity of its complications and the means required to control them, diabetes is a costly disease, not only for the affected individual and his/her family, but also for the health care system as a

whole. Beyond the direct costs of medications, tests, and hospitalizations, the indirect costs (loss of work, premature retirement due to disability) and intangible costs (pain, anxiety, lower quality of life) also have great impact on the lives of patients and their families. Appropriate action taken at the right time is beneficial in terms of quality of life, and is cost-effective, especially if it can prevent hospital admission. The problem is compounded exponentially by the factor of being uninsured and low income.

Providing free medical care for uninsured patients with diabetes has long been a priority for the VIM clinic. An investment from JHSSF will allow VIM to significantly enhance the clinic's diabetes management and treatment protocol. This will result in a positive, long-term effect on the quality and continuum of care VIM provides to the most vulnerable low-income, uninsured individuals in Bloomington.

Outcome Indicators:

A1C Monitor: 1) Number of patients who had A1C test per month during the project period; 2) Number of patients with lowered A1C levels from pre-study baseline and 3) Number of patients with specific diabetes self-management goals documented in their charts.

Pilot Medication Program: 1) Number of patients who switch to Fenofibrate; 2) Number of patients with lowered triglyceride levels from baseline; and 3) Number of patients with diabetes self-management goals targeting lipid control through diet and exercise.

Electronic Vital Signs Monitor: Informal survey of providers' satisfaction with VIM's triage process in preparing patients for the provider.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. A1C Analyzer & Related Costs	\$3,199.22
2. Pilot study of Fenofibrate	\$3,804.00
3. Electronic Vital Signs Monitor & Mobil Stand	\$2,280.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$9,283.22
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$9,283.22

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2007	Granted	Purchase computer equipment, commercial grade multi-function printer, subscription to a messaging system, and IT network and support for a new community healthcare clinic for uninsured residents of Monroe & Owen counties	\$32,250.00
2008	Granted	Purchase computer equipment for 3 clinical work stations, a monitor & software to improve delivery and lower cost of medical services	\$10,725.00
2010	Granted	Purchase Kirby Lester Tablet Counter	\$5,880.00
2011	Granted	Purchase scanners to improve patient assistance	\$2,700.00
2013	Granted	Purchase an automated medication refill system, including the Tele-Fill & Attendant-Rx program	\$7,545.00

Staff Comments

<p><u>Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant states that it intends to conduct a pilot study by moving 20 patients with triglycerides over 400 to Fenofibrate. If the pilot is successful, VIM will seek other grant sources to support its use. A call to the agency clarified that while the drug has obviously been determined to be effective in other drug trials and approved by FDA, the agency intends to test how the drug works in a VIM-specific population, a population that has a multitude of medical problems. A population-specific test will give the agency a better idea of the efficacy of the drug for VIM patients.

Bloomington Community Outreach and Family Support - \$9,098.49

City Residents Served: 50 (out of 50)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
2	2	15

Mission: Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) empowers families by providing educational excellence to young children with visual impairments to build a strong foundation for reaching their highest potential.

Project Synopsis: Due to recent growth and increased awareness of our services, VIPS Bloomington has added the position of Community Outreach Coordinator (COC). The COC is responsible for providing support services to the families we serve as well as doing presentations to area service organizations (Kiwani's, Lions) in order to continue to look for funding opportunities.

Criteria:

Need – “Every event and experience contributes to a child’s development before formal learning even begins in Kindergarten. (SCAN 2012, p. 46). SCAN 2012 there is a “need for additional services for children within the community during their critical early years.” This statement is particularly relevant to the local population of children under the age of 3 who are blind. This population of children has been overlooked& underserved.

“In critical stages of development early in life, changes are rapid, leaving only short windows of time to establish the developmental successes that are prerequisites for success in later life stages.” (SCAN 2012, p.112) Research has proven that the first 3 years of a child’s life are a critical time for brain development and learning. “Many researchers have discussed specific ways in which development and learning can be affected by a severe vision loss, describing delays and differences in the acquisition of motor, social, communication, play, cognitive, self-care, and hand skills (Fraiberg, et al., 1969; Hatton, et al. 1997; Dutton 2010). Unlike 36 other states, Indiana does not have a mandate to provide the services of a Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) to infants and toddlers who are blind.

One-Time Investment – VIPS is requesting this one-time investment to help us expand the services we provide so that all infants & toddlers in the Bloomington area will have home visits with a TVI (Teacher of the Visually Impaired) at least monthly. We will also host a Play and Learn this summer which provides these families with the opportunity to meet other families experiencing similar situations and have more time with a TVI.

Fiscal Leveraging – VIPS received a grant from the Glick Fund in order to provide Project VIISA training to First Steps providers. By providing this specialized training to FS providers babies and toddlers who are blind will be able to receive the early intervention services so important to allowing these children to develop to their fullest potential.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Through the work of VIPS, Bloomington has the chance to be the city that built an early intervention system for visually impaired babies and toddlers in Indiana. A Project VIISA training is the key to a broad and long-lasting contribution to both our local and state community. Visually impaired infants and toddlers have not been on anyone’s radar in Indiana. They have highly specialized conditions that require highly specialized educational intervention. Their families are in crisis – often financially strapped and struggling to understand how to take care of a non-sighted child. Providing Early Interventionists in Vision, and raising awareness about vision loss in young children, VIPS-Bloomington to fulfill a long term goal of becoming the agency that serves visually impaired infants and toddlers throughout Indiana. Funding Project VIISA will help up to 10 Bloomington families immediately. More importantly, funding VIPS will ultimately help hundreds of Indiana’s children better prepare for life and school, and send the message to our community that educating these children matters.

Outcome Indicators:

None provided.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Salary for Community Outreach Coordinator (6 mo.)	\$8,125.00
2. Host a Play and Learn for local families	\$517.50
3. LCD Projector	\$344.00
4. Tripod Portable Screen:	\$111.99
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$9,098.49
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$9,098.49

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2012	Denied	Project VISA (Visually Impaired in Service in America) Training for Early Intervention	\$9,050.00
2013	Denied	Project VISA (Visually Impaired in Service in America) Training for Early Intervention	\$17,500.00

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment

- Applicant describes request as one for bridge funding, but a loss of funding for which this grant would compensate is not cited.

Broad and Long-Lasting Effects

Re: the "Play and Learn" component of the request (\$517.50). The Elaboration of Criteria directs that, historically, the Committee has disfavored funding events and celebrations and these activities typically "do not engender the broad and long-lasting effects" of the Hopkins third criterion.

Outcome Indicators

- Not provided in the application.

Program Budget

Figures cited refer to FY 2012-2013.

YMCA Center for Children and Families YCares Program - \$20,000

City Residents Served: 56 (out of 56)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
44	483	236

Mission: The Monroe County YMCA is a community based non-profit organization with the mission of putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The YMCA is a cause-driven organization that engages more than 18,000 individuals across Monroe County; our impact is felt when an individual makes a healthy choice, when a mentor inspires a child, and when our community comes together for the common good.

The new YMCA Center for Children and Families (YCCF), providing licensed childcare and health and wellness programming, focuses on developing the whole child- including social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. The YCCF's project based curriculum exceeds state standards for school readiness. Each classroom has a Parent Advisory Committee to focus on meeting the needs of families and enhancing all communication between staff and families.

Project Synopsis: Core to the YMCA’s mission is the belief that values and skills learned early are vital building blocks for quality of life and future success. With so many demands on today’s families and the increased focus on early brain development, families need much support to nurture the potential of youth. The Monroe County YMCA’s new childcare center, YMCA Center for Children and Families (YCCF), providing quality full-day and partial day care for infants through preschoolers regardless of income, would enable parents and family members to know their children are in safe, stimulating environment.

By focusing on the whole family, the YCCF is uniquely positioned to assist families by providing quality, affordable, and innovative early childhood education. Children receive two healthy meals and two nutritious snacks daily made from scratch by the YCCF full-time Chef and approved by the YMCA Nutritionist and USDA standards. Curriculum is modeled after the SPARK Program, the national YMCA child development guidelines and the Birth to Five Coalition’s suggestions on the skills children need for school. Each child enrolled in full-time care participates in movement based learning activities, age-appropriate swim lessons, and receives a YMCA Membership for the whole family.

Through the Monroe County SCAN 2012, 33% of residents report having major difficulty finding affordable day care. With the support of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee, the YCCF is responding to this need by lending a hand to families who need us most, regardless of income.

Criteria:

Need – The YMCA is dedicated to addressing affordable child care, entering school ready to learn, and health care and wellness, indicated as top priorities for our community by the Monroe County SCAN 2012. The Monroe Smart Start Birth to Five Coalition is leading the way in providing resources and attracting attention for local early learning initiatives. And across the country, educators and policymakers are looking to early childhood for opportunities to close the achievement gap (National Governors Association).

The YCares Program provides assistance to the "33% of households having major difficulty finding affordable day care" (SCAN 46).

Along with early childhood education, the YCCF provides opportunities for the children and their whole family to engage in health and wellness activities by receiving a family YMCA membership with full-time child care enrollment.

One-Time Investment – Jack Hopkins Funds would be a one-time investment in the YCares Program, benefiting the recipients for 2014 tuition assistance to the YMCA Center for Children and Families. Investments made early in life, have the highest rate of return. A firm foundation in education for our children today will have lasting positive impacts for our community: reducing future crime rates, a higher percentage of healthy adults and families, and creating higher earnings for our citizens of tomorrow.

Fiscal Leveraging – An investment made by the City of Bloomington Jack Hopkins Committee, would benefit the YMCA's long-term efforts in seeking local, state, and national funding sources. With support from the community, the Y can proclaim to prospective donors the City of Bloomington was a first supporter, recognizing the YCCF’s importance to the community and continuing the initiatives dedicated to early education. The City of Bloomington has the opportunity to provide a lasting impact, breaking the cycle of poverty and raising a generation focused on literacy, vocabulary, nutrition, physical activity, and math and science education.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – For many children, the YMCA Center for Children and Families is where they will learn to get along with others, develop their vocabulary, socialize, share and play. The YCCF

provides family-centered programs to nurture healthy development and make sure our young children start school better prepared to succeed.

Research on high-quality, intensive early childhood education programs, particularly for low-income children, confirms lasting positive effects, "Children ... are more likely to complete higher levels of education, have higher earnings, have better health and be part of more stable relationships, and are less likely to commit a crime or be incarcerated" (SCAN 53). The positive effects from high-quality programs are magnified for children from disadvantaged situations or with special needs.

The Healthy Eating and Nutrition Program at the YCCF, focuses on teaching proper portion sizes through family-style dining, encourages trying all foods, and provides a more intimate conversational-style meal setting (Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics). Healthy habits formed early will combat future issues with body image, life-style related illness, and barriers because of physical inactivity.

Outcome Indicators:

Number of children affected by the program, their growth while enrolled in the program, the nutritional and physical activity quotas met, and the level of school readiness achieved. Applicant will issue a survey and host an open forum to solicit feedback from participants; feedback will be available in August 2015.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Childcare for almost 4 families who are on the wait list for Child Care vouchers	\$17,500.00
2. Child care to 3 families with annual income of \$20,000	\$15,000.00
3. Childcare for 2 families with annual income <\$25,000 at 50% discount	\$12,500.00
4. Childcare for 3 families at 30% discount	\$10,000.00
5. Childcare for 2 single-parent families at 30% discount	\$7,500.00
6. Childcare for 1 child	\$5,000.00
7. Childcare assistance for one family	\$2,500.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$20,000.00
Addtl local & national grants (Pending)	\$10,000.00
Local business & family donations (Pending & Confirmed)	\$15,000.00
Fund Allocation by YMCA Assoc. Board (Confirmed)	\$35,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$80,000.00

Past SSF Funding

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2010	Granted	Provide subsidies for low-income City residents for participation in the <i>Diabetes Prevention Program</i>	\$6,700.00
2012	Denied	ADA Compliant Aquatic Lifts	\$19,497.00

Staff Comments

City residents served

The project budget indicates that 17 children and their families will be served by the project while the narrative indicates that 10 low-income children and their families. Applicant advises that the project will serve 17 children and their families for a total of 56 City residents served.

One-time Investment

Applicant indicates that this is not a request for operational funds, yet the Elaboration of Criteria directs that:

Scholarships and vouchers allowing persons to participate in a program are generally considered as an operational cost.

As such, the applicant should provide a "well developed plan for future funding." No such plan is provided.

39. Collaboration: PALS + SUSIE'S PLACE

Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy Collaboration - \$16,760

City Residents Served: 20 (out of 20)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
5	6	150

Mission: PALS provides comprehensive individualized therapeutic equine programs designed by professionals to intentionally develop and restore functional skills, enhance well-being and improve quality of life.

Since its inception in 2000, PALS has provided over 17,600 therapeutic horseback riding lessons, various educational programs, and camp opportunities designed to improve the lives of hundreds of individuals with disabilities, impairments, and chronic illness, as well as disadvantaged youth, ages three and up, in the Bloomington community. As the only organization in south central Indiana to have received a Premiere Accreditation distinction from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), PALS has been instrumental in providing the highest quality therapeutic equine programs for clients with a variety of needs.

Project Synopsis: As the number of child abuse victims continues to rise so must the availability of therapeutic programming to help ensure each individual child and his or her family receives the care they require. In collaboration with Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center, People and Animal Learning Services (PALS), a PATH Intl. Premiere Accredited Center, will provide a new equine facilitated psychotherapy program--a highly specialized form of equine therapy that is coupled with counseling from a licensed therapist--designed to serve the non-offending guardian/s of child abuse victims to ensure the best possible support system for the child. A form of experiential therapy, the new innovative initiative combines professional counseling with equine therapy to allow participants the opportunity to examine their thoughts and feelings, explore new behaviors, and strengthen the relationship between the clients and the practitioners.

Referrals to the innovative program will be made by Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center. Clients will then participate in one of two six week (summer and fall of 2014) sessions facilitated by People and Animal Learning Services in Bloomington, Indiana.

Each component of the six-week program is designed to provide the following outcomes for participant:

- Increase knowledge/awareness about: (1) safety and support of child victim and family, and (2) dynamics of sexual abuse and legal system
- Improve skills in self-care
- Improve skills for processing that abuse occurred and moving forward

Criteria:

Need – While no one, single study or meta-analysis has provided sexual abuse prevalence statistics, examination of several national research studies which met the criteria established for relevance to practitioners suggest sexual abuse prevalence rate of 7.5% – 11.7%. These studies suggest the child sexual abuse prevalence rate for girls is 10.7% to 17.4% and the rate for boys is 3.8% to 4.6%.

According to the Department of Child Services (DCS) Child Abuse Hotline Annual Reports for 2011-2013, reports of child abuse in the State of Indiana have steadily increased over the past 3 years. From 2011 to 2013 alone the increase in child abuse victims was slightly over 10,000 individual children, or 7%. In 2011, DCS reported that 40 children died due to abuse and neglect in Indiana a 37.5% increase in fatalities over 2010.

One-Time Investment – The funds requested will support the pilot offering of the equine facilitated psychotherapy program offered in collaboration with Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center. The pilot offering is designed as an opportunity for the collection of essential data and program outcomes necessary for gaining future support for the program through foundation and donor support. Statistics collected will be combined with those collected through a collaboration between another Susie's Place office and equine therapy center located in Plainfield, Indiana further validating the program and its outcomes.

Fiscal Leveraging – While the Jack Hopkins Grant will provide the initial funds to cover facilitator fees and the necessary training, PALS intends to approach the organization's donors to further support the immediate needs of the program with regards to additional equipment and supplies. Working with local businesses, who have agreed to offer supplies to PALS at cost, as well as local donors and other foundations PALS intends to obtain the materials necessary for the program to function fully.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – Evaluation of the equine facilitated psychotherapy program will be assessed by a number of ways. The new service program will provide multiple non-offending guardians with access to therapeutic services not otherwise available in the community which can be quantified by a simple count of the number of participants and sessions completed.

The licensed therapist working with the caregivers will also complete a clinical evaluation of each participant before and after the program that rates the progression of developmental/resiliency skills. In addition, each equine activity has a set of goals associated with it, and the participants have to complete and demonstrate several skills in working with the horses to complete these goals.

Statistics compiled from the PALS offering of the program will be compiled with outcomes from the program offered at Strides to Success to develop a more comprehensive set of statistics demonstrating the impact of the program.

The training of both facilitators will also allow the program to continue beyond 2014 to allow ensure the increased availability of services for those in need within the Bloomington Community.

Outcome Indicators:

1) Count of number of participants and sessions completed and 2) pre- and post- clinical evaluation of developmental/resilience skills. PALS will compare their results with those another equine therapeutic center in Indianapolis piloting the same project to further assess the efficacy of the program.

Cost

Amount Requested (*in order of priority*)

1. Strides to Success Equine Facilitator Training	\$5,250.00
2. Diana A Burks LLC LCSW Training	\$5,810.00
3. Program Facilitator Fees	\$4,300.00
4. Miniature Horses (x2)	\$1,400.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$16,670.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$16,670.00

Past SSF Funding

PALS

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2003	Granted	Purchase/install 2 hydraulic mounting lifts	\$3,400.00
2005	Denied	Leadership camp & copier	\$3,300.00
2006	Denied	Therapeutic Arena Props and Special Horse Track	\$1,435.00
2007	Denied	Sponsorship for therapy horse	\$3,900.00
2010	Granted	Scholarships for at-risk and disadvantaged youth	\$3,453.57
2011	Denied	T@P: Teens at PALS	\$3,000.00
2012	Denied	PATH Intl. Equine Specialist Training Certification	\$2,644.95
2013	Denied	PALS Facility Renovation: HVAC Installation	\$34,854.00

Susie's Place

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2011	Denied	Recording technology and training funds	\$10,233.40
2012	Granted	Child forensic interview room	\$1,170.43

Staff Comments

One-Time Investment

Recall that this year, the Committee made its elaboration of criteria for collaborative more robust, to include a required description of the existing relationships between agencies and how the level of communication and coordination will change as a result of the project and any challenges to communication. Applicants do not address these issues.

40. Collaboration: Stepping Stones + Catholic Charities

Clinical Partnership - \$13,700

City Residents Served: 36 (out of 40)

Employees:

Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteers
3	3	10

Mission: Stepping Stones provides transitional housing and supportive services for youth between the ages of 16-20 that are experiencing homelessness. Our mission is to provide a supportive community where young people can develop skills to live independently.

Catholic Charities is committed to enhancing the availability of quality mental health services in the communities it serves. They do this through the delivery of professional mental health education and counseling on a sliding fee scale and through advocacy for affordable, easily accessible community mental health services.

Project Synopsis: Stepping Stones and Catholic Charities are collaborating to create a shared position that will benefit both of our organizations. At Stepping Stones, the position will be program director to provide supportive supervision to staff and interns. At Catholic Charities, the position will be as a therapist. Having one shared position maximizes resources and enables both organizations to serve more clients and continue to strengthen our ties. Enhancing our staff with in-house supervision based on clinical practice strengthens our organization’s ability to better serve our youth.

Catholic Charities views its ongoing collaboration with Stepping Stones as a critical way to reach a population of young people who are facing multiple barriers to quality mental health care.

Criteria:

Need – SCAN states that for healthy development, youth need support and assistance with “self-empowerment, positive values, and access to community support networks.” Homelessness “places youth at greater risk for poor educational attainment, behavior problems, and low psychological well-being,” increasing the likelihood of unhealthy, risky behaviors and substance usage.

The 2010-2014 Consolidate Plan identified 03C – Homeless Facilities and 05D – Youth Services as a “high” priority in the Community Development of Needs 91.215(e). The City of Bloomington’s Anti-Poverty Strategy states 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 2005, we have filled this gap. Stepping Stones fits concisely with the community’s long-range planning efforts by providing youth that are homeless both housing and supportive services.

One-Time Investment – These one-time collaborative pilot funds will help us pay our portion of the position. The position at Catholic Charities will be as an independent contractor and will be paid through Medicaid so there is no problem with current or future funding. Future funding for the program director through Stepping Stones will be funded through CBGB, Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) funds, as well as government grants, and ongoing fund development.

Fiscal Leveraging – This project will be leveraged with \$14,520 for Indiana University interns who will provide 1,320 hours of service during this time period. Catholic Charities will provide \$9,096 through Medicaid billings to pay for their portion of the shared position as well as clinical supervision. Stepping Stones will provide \$685 of supervision by the executive director for the shared position.

Broad & Long-Lasting Effects – This collaboration will enable Stepping Stones and Catholic Charities to maximize resources. It will improve efficiencies as well as allow both of our organizations to serve more clients. Our organizations produce long lasting benefits for the Bloomington community through providing housing to youth experiencing homelessness and counseling to youth, adults and families. We strive to make life-long changes and provide long-lasting benefits. An investment from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Fund will allow us to create and implement another needed service for the Bloomington community.

Outcome Indicators:

An independent consultant will administer a survey to measure the following: 1) improved communication lines; 2) improved knowledge and skills of evidence-based practices and assessments; and 3) improved monitoring and performance reports.

Cost

Amount Requested (in order of priority)

1. Program director salary	\$11,063.00
2. Trainings	\$500.00
3. Program administration	\$1,787.00
4. Counseling workbooks	\$350.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$13,700.00
<i>IU Interns</i>	14,520
<i>Catholic Charities - Medicaid</i>	9,096
<i>Stepping Stones</i>	685
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$38,001.00

Past SSF Funding

Stepping Stones

Year	Status	Title	Amount
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	Rent, deposit, payroll and insurance to expand housing services	\$20,000.00
2010	Granted	Purchase furniture and software and pay rent for a storage unit	\$4,300.00
2011	Granted	Salaries, fees, communications, and supplies for Youth Housing	\$12,700.00
2012	Denied	Career Steps	\$16,145.00
2013	Granted	Collaboration w/ Amethyst House: To pay for the following components of the Stepping Stones, Inc.-Amethyst House, Inc. collaborative Counseling project: services of Amethyst House staff to coordinate and consult on Stepping Stones' Medicaid application, services of a Health Service Provider in Psychology, counseling workbooks and administration (overhead, offices supplies and administration of the grant) of the program.	\$3,390.00
2013	Granted	Collaboration w/ Shalom: To provide bridge funding to pay for rent and utilities for the Stepping Stones youth housing program and to partially fund the salary of a Resident Assistant position	\$15,000.00

Catholic Charities

Year	Status	Title	Amount
2006	Denied	Latino Outreach	\$4,800.00
2010	Granted	To pay for start-up costs for the <i>Incredible Years Social Skills Training Program</i> described in the agency's application. These include training two clinical staff, purchasing DVDs and supplemental materials (e.g. puppets, laminated cards, and books) for various curricula designed to reduce aggressive and disruptive behaviors.	\$8,894.25
2012	Denied	Collaboration w/ Bloomington & S. Central Community Action Program - Prevention and early intervention mental health services for families living in poverty	\$22,846.73
2013	Granted	To train up to three therapists in, and buying equipment for, a counseling model entitled <i>Theraplay</i> , with the goal of broadening its use.	\$4,775.00

Staff Comments

Total Project Cost

Note applicant cites total project cost (included leveraged funds) as \$37,155; however, the total project cost is \$38,001. Staff has made the correction in the summary.

One-Time Investment

Recall, this year, the Committee made its elaboration of criteria for collaborative more robust, to include a required description of the existing relationships between agencies and how the level of communication and coordination will change as a result of the project and any challenges to communication. Applicants detail their responses to these questions in their narrative.

History

Stepping Stones and Amethyst House were awarded \$3,390 for a collaborative Counseling Project. Because Stepping Stones was ineligible to serve as a Medicaid provider for the counseling services, the Chair authorized that the \$2,600 for that purpose be reimbursed to Catholic Charities (which was identified as the provider of counseling services in the application materials). This informs the agencies' collaborative history.