



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMON COUNCIL**

2009

**JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES
FUNDING PROGRAM**

APPLICATIONS & SUMMARIES

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To: Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee
From: Council Office
Re: Packet of Social Service Funding Applications
Date: April 22, 2009

16 Applications for Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding

Sixteen agencies have submitted applications for 2009 Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding. This year we have \$180,000 available for grants and a total request of approximately \$190,000. This packet includes:

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

Meeting – Thursday, April 30, 2009, 4:00 pm, McCloskey Room to Discuss Applications

The Committee will meet on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the McCloskey Room to share impressions about the applications, decide which applications merit presentation, and raise questions for agencies to address during their presentations on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will also give the Committee members a chance to disclose any conflicts of interest (*see* below) and raise any other questions about the procedure to be followed over the course of the next few meetings.

Conflict of Interests

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

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

Committee Initially Discusses and Eliminates Some Applications	Thursday, April 30, 2009, 4:00 p.m. , McCloskey Room
Committee Hears Presentations	Thursday, May 7, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Council Chambers
Committee Members Submit Rating of Applications	Wednesday, May 13, 2009, noon, Council Office
Committee Discusses Funding Recommendations at a Pre-Allocation Meeting	Monday, May 18, 2009, 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers
Committee Makes Funding Recommendations	Thursday, May 21, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Council Chambers
Agencies Complete the Funding Agreements	Monday, June 1, 2009, Council Office
Committee Evaluates the Program	Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Council Library
Council Office Distributes the Council Packet	Wednesday, June 12, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
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Mission

The Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) of Bloomington is a part of national organization which fosters the physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth of boys and girls ages 6-18 with a special concern for those most in need of service. All the Boys and Girls Club programs are designed to build character and strengthen life skills while providing hope and opportunity. There is a main facility at 311 South Lincoln, a satellite facility at 1108 W. 14th Street in the Crestmont Center, and a camp site at Lake Lemon. Programs are staffed by trained youth development professionals, Indiana University students, and community volunteers. It provides transportation services from school to its programs and programs of other youth agencies every school day. Over 1,300 youth are currently registered members of its two clubs and 125 youth are served at the Crestmont Club (84% of which come from households with income of less than \$10,000).

Project

B&GC is requesting \$15,000 in bridge-funding to pay for the full time Unit Director at the Crestmont Boys and Girls Club which will serve about 120 members in 2009. This agency did not receive City CDBG funding in 2009 which comprised about 25% of the site's annual operating budget. In order to restore an even keel, B&GC has reduced costs by 14% (which mostly likely will entail eliminating the Assistant Unit Director position), sought funding noted in the "Cost" section below, and is actively utilizing a portion of a region-wide, three-year "capacity building grant provided through the Lilly Foundation." Please note that the application anticipates an increase of membership of about 16% this year.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the *SCAN* Report for the need to provide programs for youth in households experiencing socio-economic ills, who face greater life difficulties than other children. It also notes that about a quarter of families below the poverty line have a problem finding after-school programs which is a barrier to employment for the parent/care takers. Lastly, it mentions the importance of meeting basic needs of youth (B&GC provides food at their programs) so that they can "maximize their learning opportunities during the school year and elsewhere.

One-Time Investment. This \$15,000 bridge-funding request would pay for the salary of the full-time Unit Director at the Crestmont facility. The agency demonstrated a well-developed plan for future funding by cutting costs by 14%, seeking other funding, and using a capacity-building grant to expand services and raise funds.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$15,000 request is part of a \$75,317 budget for the Crestmont Center. Along with significant donations and grants, this agency also trains volunteers to help with its programs.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits.

Well run after-school youth programs have been shown to ease children through some difficult years and put them in a better position to face life's challenges. This site provides accessible and affordable after-school and seasonal youth programs that "feeds, mentors, tutors and protects its members." One of their programs (Power Hour) improved participants reading skills by 33% and math skills by 43%. About 57% of former club members agreed that the club "saved their lives."

Cost**Amount Requested in Order of Priority**

Salary and benefits for Full-Time Unit Director	\$15,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$15,000
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Campaign Indiana and Corporate Office</i>	\$12,800
<i>Federal, State and Local Grants</i>	\$17,200
<i>United Way, ladies Auxiliary, Special Events, and Other Donations</i>	\$30,317
Total Project Cost	\$75,317

SSF Funding History

1996	Granted	Central Air Conditioning	\$3,000
1997	Denied	Van	\$15,000
1998	Granted	Renovate and equip facility for a teen center and learning center	\$23,000
2003	Granted	Job Development Specialist for TEENS Supreme Career Prep Program	\$25,000
2004	Granted	Pay for salaries, transportation, and other operating costs related to the No Behind Program	\$8,000
2006	Granted	Pay for staffing, supplies, food, and rent for the Crestmont Youth Camp.	\$8,160
2007	Denied	Pay for improvements to summer camp facility at Lake Lemon	\$9,370
2008	Granted	Purchase mini-bus to transport children	\$17,000

Mission

Citizen Advocacy of South Central Indiana, Inc. (CASCI) “supports and facilitates one-to-one matches between people with disabilities (partners) and other community members (advocates) for the purpose of friendship and advocacy.” It is housed with Options for Better Living and began in the last decade “as a direct result of the concerns of service providers and self-advocates who recognized the unmet need for long-term citizen advocacy for individuals with disabilities.” Unlike other providers of service to persons with disabilities, CASCI strives to help them “develop a stable, empowering relationship” with someone who will act as a “friend, mentor, assistant, ally and/or protector.”

Project

CASCI requests \$7,200 in bridge-funding to pay for their part-time Coordinator position after losing a \$6,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. In a phone call, Jo Gilbertson indicated that CASCI had a paid Coordinator in 2000, relied on an active board to carry-on these duties for a few years, and then was able to use the aforementioned grant to pay for the position since January of 2008. This request will also increase the hours of the position from 10 to 20 hours a week to meet the increasing demand for services. The CASCI Coordinator “identifies people with disabilities who need advocates; recruits advocates; coordinates and supports matches; educates the community on the organization’s mission; networks with other agencies such as Options, Stone Belt ARC ... who serve vulnerable populations; and further assists CASCI’s board in pursuing fiscal sustainability.”

Criteria

Need: The SCAN 2003 Report recommended expanding options for independent living, public awareness and advocacy for persons with disabilities who comprise about 14,000 of the county’s population. It also recommended building better social networks for persons with disabilities, which included partnering with volunteers in the community.

One-Time Investment: CASCI is requesting \$7,200 in bridge-funding to pay for its part-time Coordinator after losing a Community Foundation grant that paid for that position since January of 2008. The request would also increase this position from 10 to 20 hours a week. Its plan for future funding includes pursuing a Kroger Co Foundation grant for \$15,000, business and individual sponsorships for about \$6,000, fund raising events (\$2,700), and other contributions (about \$1,800). Please note that it uses an online newsletter and partners with Area 10, various IU departments and organizations, IVY Tech, and the Bloomington Volunteer Network to expand the recruitment of its advocates.

Fiscal Leveraging: CASCI will leverage this request with \$12,500 from its general fund, funding raising, grants, and business sponsorships. In addition to these revenues, it receives in-kind contributions from Options (in the form of office space and equipment), Information in Place Inc (to support its website) and volunteers (who performed 2,700 hours of service in 2008 and are projected to provide 3,500 hours in 2009).

Broad and Long-Lasting Effects: Matching persons with disabilities with an advocate/friend improve the lives of the person with disabilities and enrich the community.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Salary for 20-hour per week Coordinator position	\$7,200
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$7,200
<i>Other Funds</i>	
2009 – CASCI General Fund, Fund Raising Event and Contributions	\$6,850
2010 – Fund Raising Event, Kroger Co. Foundation Grant, Business Sponsorships	\$5,650
Total Project Cost	\$19,700

- **Note:** In order to use funds within the JHSSF Program Year (which starts in June and ends in the Spring), CASCI is requesting that any grant funds it receives may be used to reimburse them for expenditures made in April, May and June of this year.

SSF Funding History

2000	Granted	Training and printed materials	\$1,500
2003	Granted	Prepare and distribute quarterly newsletter	\$3,000
2004	Granted	Printing cost for 4,000 brochures & handouts & 500 informational guides to recruit advocates	\$1,180
2005	Denied	Laptop to improve operations	\$1,249

Mission

The Community Kitchen (CK) has been working in this community since 1983 with the mission of “work(ing) alone and in collaboration with others, to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas, through direct service, education, and advocacy.” They provide hot food everyday except Sunday at two locations (South Rogers and West 11th Street – CK Express), prepare meals for agencies serving at-risk youth (Feed Our Future), deliver food to children attending Arlington, Fairview, Grandview and Summit schools (Backpack Buddies), and prepare two meals per day per person to HIV+ patients through Positive Link. CK served 151,460 meals in 2008. Approximately 68% of the meals went to children under 18 and senior citizens. Please note that they do not impose an eligibility requirement on those seeking food.

Project The CK is requesting \$1,005 to purchase 200 (@ \$5/bag) printed backpacks for its Backpack Buddies program. This program provides 80-100 students identified by social workers at the four elementary schools mentioned above with a backpack containing 8 pounds of food on Friday for the students and their families to eat over the weekend. The food includes “child friendly items such as instant oatmeal, cereal, canned or pouch chicken or tuna, boxed pasta or rice dishes, dried fruit cups, simple bread mixes, etc.” While these backpacks are durable and can be used for a number of years, some are lost or not returned and need to be replaced during the course of a year. CK and the schools have addressed this attrition by instituting a “sign-in” system for the kid and by printing a logo on the bag to help identify them.

Criteria

Need. Hunger has been identified as a significant issue by both the *SCAN* Report and *HAND’s Consolidated Plan*. This agency is recognized as the primary provider of free meals in the community.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time investment of \$1,005 to purchase 200 printed backpacks used by children to take food home to their families on weekends. CK and the schools have instituted some measures to assure that the backpacks are kept in service (see above). The Community Foundation had funded this program in the past and CK will fund future purchases out of its operating budget.

Fiscal Leveraging. The CK is an efficient organization that receives all of its \$633,860 in revenues in the form of donations, volunteer work, and grants.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Good food and nutrition are a cornerstone for healthy and successful individuals and families.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority		
200 (printed) backpacks for take-home food		\$1,005
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED		\$1,005
<i>Other Funds</i>		
<i>Psi Iota Xi, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Other Fund raising</i>		\$9,000
<i>In-Kind Contributions including Labor (\$750) and Food and Beverages (\$5,000)</i>		\$5,750
Total Project Costs		\$15,755

SSF Funding History

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

Mission The First United Church is the “Lead” agency that provides space for the PARTNERS Program (PARTNERS), which would benefit from this grant. PARTNERS was founded in 2005 after the Bloomington Hospital Adult Day Care Center closed. For two days a week it offers “respite care in a safe, supportive environment that stimulates creative thinking, encourages physical activity, increases social interaction, and celebrates self-expression.” It not only helps the participants, but also gives caregivers an occasional respite, which helps preserve the vitality of those relationships. The program serves no more than 10 clients at a session and about 15 clients over the year (as participants leave for a residential facilities or die). The application notes that PARTNERS is “slowly growing,” exploring adding another day each week, and considering “scholarships” and other means to reach out to low-income clients who want to participate. Previous applications have stressed that the PARTNERS program “is in no way a religious program ... (and) there is no religious component to the program.”

Project PARTNERS is requesting \$2,500 to buy equipment (\$1,775) and start-up supplies (\$725) for their art room. It provides a place for persons with memory loss who live at home to go for two afternoons a week, three hours at a time at a charge of \$10 per hour (which, the application says, is a service offered nowhere else in the community). The program counters the participants’ pervading sense of isolation by offering: an hour of cognitive, creative and exercise activity; an hour and a half of art with an “artist in residence,” and a half-hour of further socialization or game and a healthy snack. PARTNERS has a Program Director and Artist in Residence and a group of trained volunteer “partners” who offer one-to-one connections with the participants.

Criteria

Need. This year’s application does not cite any community-wide survey indicating the need for services to clients with memory loss other than saying that “the disabled elderly are identified as a group in need.” However, last year’s application pointed to the following priorities identified in the SCAN Report: “Health care (physical and mental) ... vulnerable population ... support for those entering or making a transition (and offering) civic engagement for (its) clients.”

One-Time Investment. This is a request includes \$1,775 for equipment and \$725 for start-up supplies for the PARTNERS program. Ms. Gilbertson, in a phone call, indicated that the start-up supplies were their lowest priority of request and that the supplies will be funded in the future as they are now – with donations.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$2,500 request would join annual revenue of about \$23,220 which is derived from tuition (\$17,500) and donations (\$4,820). There is a Director and an Artist in Residence (which were paid positions in 2008 receiving a total of \$20,000). There is an unpaid Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant and volunteers who provide about 1,850 volunteer hours in 2008. The First United Church provides space without charge.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The application says this investment will “be a lasting contribution to our vital program (and the equipment) ... will be used frequently and for many, many years to come.” The program, itself, improves the quality of lives for the participants and their families and enriches the lives of the volunteers.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority	
16 Chairs (@ \$50 / chair) <i>(which are critical for the comfort of their clients)</i>	\$800
Dance bar and brackets	\$150
Computer (used)	\$250
2 free-standing easels (@ \$20 /easel)	\$40
12 table easels (@ \$30/easel)	\$360
Free-standing gardening box	\$175
Linoleum block tools and paper blocks <i>(which are characterized as “start-up supplies”)</i>	\$725
Total Amount Requested	\$2,500

Other Funds

*Private donations and tuition used for 6 chairs, installing the dance bar, computer costs, and a pottery table ** \$700

Total Project Cost \$3,200

** PARTNERS received about \$23,220 in 2008 which was used for salaries, art supplies, and other program costs.*

SSF Funding History

2006	Denied	To fund the Partners Program	\$10,020
2008	Denied	One year scholarship for low income client to attend the PARTNERS program	\$1,200

Mission Girls, Inc. has been in Bloomington since 1975 with the mission of inspiring all “girls to be strong, smart, and bold.” It serves girls age 6 – 18 with quality, “research-based programs” in the areas of: career choice & life planning, self-reliance & life skills, health & sexuality, sports & adventure, leaders & community action, and culture & heritage appreciation. It transports and provides programs to girls after school, at summer and winter camps, and via sports leagues. In 2009, it will serve about 430 participants from a variety of households with approximately 45% coming from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and approximately 84% residing in the City.

Project Girls, Inc. is requesting \$3,745 in what it refers to as a pilot training initiative. Their new Director, Lee Ann Jourdan, said that training had been dropped from the budget a few years ago and she wanted to reinstitute it. The money would allow: 1) six staff to take CPR and First Aid training (at a cost of \$420); 2) the Center-based Program Specialist to gain professional development at a Program Director Institute in Indianapolis (at a cost of \$1,100); 3) the Director, Director of Programs, and Center-based Program Specialist to attend a Regional Conference in California in October (at a cost of \$1,625); and 4) the Director to attend a national conference in Washington, D.C. in April of 2010 (at a cost of \$600). The application argues that, despite the low priority JHSSF assigns to training initiatives, “well trained staff and volunteers are critical to our ability to provide high-quality programs and ensure that all girls and their families feel safe with Girls, Inc.”

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report notes that 40% of families with household income of less than \$15,000 had a problem finding affordable after-school programs (as opposed to 19% of all households). The Report also suggested that youth facing economic difficulties have fewer appropriate role models. The application adds that adolescent girls feel more stress and use more alcohol (38% v 27%) and cigarettes (66% v 49%) than adolescent boys and, therefore, need programs that offer “healthy methods for dealing with stress.”

One-Time Investment. Girls, Inc. requests these “pilot” training funds in order to ensure staff is well prepared to help their clients and reach more families. In a call to clarify the plan for future funding, Ms. Jourdan said that they will focus their training in the areas of fundraising and capacity building to help them in this area and expect that the results will persuade their board to invest in training in the future.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$3,750 request for training would be leveraged by an additional \$1,706 from the Indiana Youth Institute and other funds. It would be part of a \$215,000 budget that draws money from donations, grants, sponsorships and fees.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This request for training funds will help girls experience “caring adult role models and mentors” which, according to the SCAN Report, will make them “more likely to complete school, do better academically, make healthier life choice(s) and engage in fewer destructive behaviors.”

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

CPR Training (for six staff)	\$270
First Aid Training (for six staff)	\$150
Program Director Institute Costs (for Center-Based Program Specialist)	\$1,100
Regional Conference Costs (for the Director, Program Director and Center-Based Program Specialist in October)	\$1,625
National Conference Costs (for Director in April of 2010)	\$600

Total Amount Requested	\$3,745
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Other Funds

<i>Indiana Youth Institute</i>	<i>\$1,650</i>
<i>Girls, Inc.*</i>	<i>\$56.00</i>
Total Project Cost	\$5,451

* The Financial Statement indicates that the total revenue for Girls, Inc. in 2008 was about \$214,000.

SSF Funding History

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

Mission

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County (Habitat) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization (affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International) with the mission of building simple, decent homes for and with people in need. They charge no interest, sell for no profit, and work with other housing organizations to eliminate homelessness and poverty housing in Monroe County. Since their inception in 1987, they have housed 87 low-income families (106 adults and 161 children) in Monroe County at a pace of 11 houses a year. In 2004, Habitat opened a ReStore facility to collect and resell second-hand building materials, fixtures and appliances with the goal of raising money for its mission and diverting usable items from the landfill. Just last year, the ReStore facility recycled 121.5 tons of building materials, raised about \$34,350 for Habitat, and accepted donations from at least 532 City residents (as evidenced by documentable receipts for their donations).

Project Habitat is requesting \$18,366 to pay for about half of the cost of a box truck with lift to be used to pick up donations. They currently borrow a truck and this purchase will allow them to expand their pick-up service from one day to six days a week (including Saturday, which is usually their busiest day). Please note that Habitat provided a second estimate for the truck after the application was submitted which increased the cost from \$36,731 to \$40,074 (or \$3,433 higher).

Criteria

Need. According to the application, the SCAN 2003 Report identifies the need for safe and affordable housing in our community, especially opportunities for home-ownership by low-income families. It recognizes the problems low-income households face obtaining conventional financing for housing, cars, and higher education. It also identifies the cost of maintaining a home as one reason low income households have “less money for essential needs.” (The application also mentions that about 43% of households with income of less than \$25,000 and about 28% of households with income of less than \$15,000 own their own homes.

One-Time Funding. This is a request to pay half of the cost of a box truck with lift gate which will increase donations to the ReStore facility.

Fiscal Leveraging. The \$18,366 request will be leveraged by \$70,922 from: IDEM for about half the cost of the truck; Corporation for National & Community Service and Habitat for the Americorps driver; Habitat for purchase and maintenance costs; and loading assistance from the homeowner partners.

Broad and Long Lasting Benefits. The new truck will increase by more than five times the capacity of ReStore to pick-up building material and appliances. These items will be sold at reasonable prices to those in need, raise money for the construction of more homes for low-income households in the community, and recycle tons of material that would otherwise go to waste.

Cost – Amount Requested in Order of Priority

½ price of truck with lift gate \$18,366 *

Total Amount Requested	\$18,366 *
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>IDEM grant</i>	<i>\$18,366</i>
<i>Corporation for National & Community Service (3/4 of Americorps Service Member)</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Habitat (1/4 of Americorps Service Member)</i>	<i>\$9,000</i>
<i>Habitat will provide title, insurance, registration, maintenance and fuel</i>	<i>\$4,430</i>
<i>Homeowner Partner Hours</i>	<i>\$14,066</i>
Total Project Cost	\$89,288

* Habitat provided a new estimate for the truck which was at \$40,074 rather than \$36,731 (or \$3,343 higher).

SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Pave Habitat street	\$8,550
2000	Denied	Pay for Volunteer Coordinator	\$25,000
2005	Granted	Purchase items for Re-Store facility which sells donated construction materials and uses revenues for its operations.	\$10,000
2008	Granted	To help pay for the renovation of Campbell House for use by agency programs and staff	\$4,000

Mission: Harmony Education Center (Harmony) began in 1974 and has the mission “to foster educational and social equity by empowering all people involved with learning environments that work collaboratively in reflective democratic communities that create and support powerful learning experiences for everyone.” It has served as lead agency for Rhino’s Youth Center over the years.

Project

Harmony, in partnership with Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard and the Elm Heights Neighborhood Association, requests from \$7,695 to \$10,060 for its greenhouse. The request would either install a water line from the street with a meter (Alt #1 - \$7,365) or install a water line from the school (Alt #2 - \$3,245), along with obtaining a permit (\$100), hooking up a water line and installing a meter for City Utilities (\$330), insulating the greenhouse (\$400), adding heat, ventilation and water catchment (\$950), and building a garden shed (\$915). This approximately 12’ x 15’ greenhouse began as a Harmony student’s project and has grown to include a garden, stage, and public space in collaboration with Harmony students and their families, neighbors, IU fraternities and sororities, City, Center for Sustainable Living and others. It will: 1) provide a great classroom for youth and adults (and the community); 2) extend the growing season and, thereby, provide more food to low-income households (via Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard and Harmony School); and 3) engage the neighborhood in this project. In particular, about 297 low-income members of the Harmony community and about 597 low-income patrons of Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard would be eligible to receive the food. Please note that the presenter will provide more information on the amount of food that will produced each year.

Criteria

Need. The application states that the project “meets two SCAN findings: (1) meeting basic human needs – emergency shelter, hunger and clothing, and (2) civic engagement and volunteerism.” It also cites the Consolidated Plan for the need to fund agencies that provide emergency services (e.g. food) to low-income households.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time investment in physical improvements to the Harmony School property.

Fiscal Leveraging. This request of between \$7,695 - \$10,060 will be leveraged by \$4,450 in volunteer hours provided by members of Harmony School, Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard, and other groups noted above who will tend the garden and maintain the facility. Harmony School will pay the related utility bills.

Broad and Long-lasting Effects. This facility will provide food to low-income households and continue to bring the neighbors together for many years.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Alternative #1: Add a water line from street to greenhouse with water meter and end with a yard hydrant	Alt #1 \$7,365
Alternative #2: Add a water line from inside school building to greenhouse and end with a yard hydrant	Alt #2 \$3,245
Add drinking fountain	\$350
Permit	\$100
Hookup water line to City Utilities with meter	\$330
Insulate the greenhouse	\$400
Add heat and insulation	\$800
Add water collection system and gutters	\$150
Construct tool shed	\$915

Total Amount Requested	\$3,245 - \$7,365
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Other Funds

Volunteer labor \$4,450

Total Project Cost **\$7,695 -
\$14,510**

SSF Funding History (Harmony as Lead Agency)

1994	Granted	Rhino’s All Ages Club	Larger facility for adolescents' activities	\$5,000
1995	Granted	Rhino’s All Ages Club	Pilot outreach program	\$4,500
1997	Denied	Harmony School	Replace playground equipment	\$34,000
1997	Denied	Rhino’s Youth Center	Rent and Salaries to cover a cut in funding	\$10,000
1998	Granted	Rhino’s Youth Center	Operate Graffiti Clean-Up; operating costs	\$10,900
1999	Denied	Rhino’s Youth Center	Food and supplies for bike trip	\$3,000
2000	Granted	Rhino’s Youth Center	To construct a radio studio at center	\$2,000
2002	Granted	Rhino’s Youth Center	To buy A/V editing equipment for after-school program	\$8,264
2005	Granted	Rhino’s Youth Center	Construct bathrooms and upgrade heating and cooling system.	\$22,900
2008	Granted	Rhino’s Youth Center	To purchase chairs for Rhino's youth center	\$3,000

Bridge Funding for Staff for Emergency Shelter Program

\$25,000

City residents served by this project in 2009:

194 (of 285)

Mission

Martha’s House (MH) is a 28-bed facility whose mission is to provide safe shelter to men and women experiencing homelessness while they work to stabilize their lives. It opened in 2002 to continue emergency housing after Shelter, Inc. closed and incorporated as a not-for-profit in 2004. Since that time, it has provided food, clothing and shelter to 1,600 non-duplicated clients and provided over 38,000 nights of stay. MH runs two programs – Emergency Shelter, where clients can stay for as long as 120 days and Permanent & Supportive Housing (the Bridges Program), where clients can stay as long as they are meeting the requirements. MH staff work with clients in both programs to establish goals regarding employment, life skills, social services and housing and then evaluate their progress. In 2008, MH exceeded HUD benchmarks regarding consulting with clients, finding them stable housing, and improving their employment status.

Project

MH requests \$25,000 in bridge funding to cover the loss of about \$35,000 in funds from CDBG (\$25,000) and a significant drop in donations (over \$9,000) in the first quarter of 2009 for its Emergency Shelter Program. The request will be used to pay for the salaries and benefits of the Resident Advocates. In order to secure future funding, the agency has:

- (Through its board,) created a standing fund raising committee to develop a fund raising calendar, organize a signature fund raising event, create a quarterly newsletter, expand its donor list, and recruit community members in this effort;
- Identified local, state and federal agencies and private foundations as potential funding sources (and, in the course of that task, increased support from township trustees); and
- Used the demographics of its clientele to obtain funds from Department of Corrections for housing persons just released on parole and approach veterans' organizations for help with homeless veterans.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report recognized that homeless individuals and families: do not have access to enough affordable housing in this community; often have multiple problems that block their prospects for self-sufficiency; and, would benefit from more sheltering places. HAND’s 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan also calls for providing “funding to non-profit organizations that serve low-income individuals/families with their basic emergency needs: food, shelter and health care.” (p.74).

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge funding with the plan for future funding elaborated in the above “Project” section.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$25,000 request will join \$43,545 in HUD funds, private donations and township and county support for the Emergency Shelter program. Please note that MH raised \$399,000 for all of its programs in 2008.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

MH provides emergency housing and self-sufficiency services to hundreds of persons each year. Through providing this bridge, homeless community members will continue to have a safe place to stay and a better chance at improving their lives.

Cost

Amount Requested in Order of Priority

Salaries for Resident Advocates	\$20,000
Health Insurance for Resident Advocates	\$4,500
Workers Compensation for Resident Advocates	\$500

Total Amount Requested	\$25,000
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<i>Salaries for Resident Advocates – EFSG (\$11,390), ESG (\$4,000), Township Trustee (\$15,000), and County Council (\$7,850)</i>	\$38,240
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<i>Health Insurance – Donations</i>	\$4,799.22
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<i>Workers Compensation – Donations</i>	\$515.74
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Total Project Cost	\$68,544.96
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SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Salaries and operational costs needed to operate 28-bed emergency shelter & facilitate a new self-sufficiency & outreach program	\$17,823
2005	Granted	Salary for Assistant Director and House Managers of the Emergency Shelter program	\$12,500
2006	Granted	To pay for personnel expenses for the Martha's House homeless shelter.	\$8,000
2007	Granted	To pay for a commercial washer and dryer for the emergency shelter.	\$2,400
2008	Granted	To cover personnel expenses as bridge-funding to operate shelter services	\$16,000

MIDDLE WAY HOUSE

Bunk Beds for Emergency Shelter

City residents served by this project in 2009:

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\$ 10,554.70

130 (of: 250)

Mission

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

Project

MWH requests \$10,554 to help fund the purchase of bunk beds, mattresses and mattress pads for the new emergency shelter, scheduled to open in autumn 2009. MWH is asking for fifteen bunk beds and thirty mattresses, as well as thirty mattress covers. Ten of the bunk beds will accommodate twin mattresses and five bunk beds will have a twin bed above and a full bed and mattress below.

The new shelter will be able to accommodate at least twenty-six and up to thirty women and children fleeing domestic violence.

MWH states that it requests these funds because “it cannot charge for any of its services, is shouldering constantly rising operation costs, and is facing changing priorities at the state level resulting in fewer grant awards and decreased funding through traditional grant sources.”

Criteria

Need. MWH points out that the *Consolidated Plan* ranks services for battered and abused spouses a “high priority.” The *Plan* refers to MWH as part of an anti-poverty strategy, providing safety net offering self-sufficiency programs, case management services and appropriate counseling referrals. MWH writes that it “figures prominently in the City’s Continuum of Care, where shelter is considered first-stage housing in a plan that envisions transitional accommodations (which MWH provides), permanent supportive housing (we maintain one unite and are planning six more), and affordable housing for the working poor.”

One-Time Investment. This is a request for one-time funding. MWH notes that it has been using beds and mattresses in the current shelter since 1988.

Fiscal Leveraging. MWH is working with local business, *The Furniture Exchange*, to identify the beds that will best meet the needs of the MWH population. The cost of the beds is being offset by a discount by the Furniture Exchange.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits

Cost Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

10 twin/twin bunk beds	@ \$300 each	\$3,000
5 twin/full bunk beds	@ \$345 each	\$1,725
25 sealed twin mattresses	@ \$169 each	\$4,225
5 sealed full mattresses	@ \$219 each	\$1,095
25 single mattress covers	@ \$16.99 each	\$324.75
5 full mattress covers	@ \$16.99 each	\$ 84.95

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 10,454.70
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Other Funds

Donations

30 pillows @\$10/ea	\$335
25 twin sheet sets @\$24/ea	\$600
5 full sheet sets @\$32/ea	\$165
Total donations	\$1,100
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$11,554.70

SSF Funding History

1993	Denied	Transitional housing project and day care center	
1994	Granted	Women's and children's transitional facility	\$35,000
1996	Granted	Child care facility	\$17,350
1997	Denied	Construction Fees	
1999	Denied	Interim Salary for Coordinator	
2000-June	Granted	To construct addition onto their shelter	\$10,000
2000-June	Granted	To buy and install security devices for two facilities	\$2,426
2000-June	Denied	Travel and Conference	
2000-Oct.	Granted	To buy an Industrial Grade document scanner for Confidential Document Destruction Program	\$3,211
2001	Granted	To support pilot childcare nutrition program/enterprise by paying salaries of cook	\$23,885
2003	Granted	Purchase thermal carriers; pots, pans, and food trays; and, dishwasher proof dishes and flatware in order to extend program to Area 10 Agency on Aging	\$4,100
2004	Granted	Pay a portion of salary and benefits for a Housing Specialist who will develop a cooperative housing program & facility for low-income women	\$7,500
2005	Granted	Steel ramp, tow bar loops, lifts for Confidential Document Destruction	\$10,000
2006	Granted	To pay for the personnel expenses of the Childcare Program Coordinator.	\$12,000.00
2007	Granted	To pay for salaries, taxes, and benefits for House Manager and weekend staff for the Emergency Shelter.	\$6,500
2008	Denied	Alternative Power and Energy for New Wings Community Partnership	\$55,000

Mission

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

Until February 2009, CASA was part of the umbrella agency, Family Services Administration (FSA). However, demand for CASA services and a change in State law¹ have exacted such a strain for CASA services, that CASA’s needs out grew FSA’s ability to provision for such needs. Therefore, in February 2009, CASA was granted 501(c)(3) status and is currently in the process of organizing itself as an independent entity.

Project

CASA requests \$8,789 in operational funds to help it bridge the short-term budget gap it will experience for three months as a result of becoming an independent organization.

Currently, CASA and FSA are working through the division of assets and liabilities accumulated over the course of 25 years. CASA writes, “[b]ecause of the schedule of grant payments, scheduled fundraising efforts and initiation of new leadership, the program needs a small pool of funds to close the gap” between dependence and independence. The increased need for CASA advocates paired with a change in State law that requires CASA to grow even more rapidly, has called for CASA’s independence from Family Services FSA.

CASA writes that independence as its own organization will give the organization will allow the organization to better meet the growing demand for its services and will provide greater visibility and identity and help it recruit even more volunteers to meet the growing need for child advocacy.

Criteria

Need. SCAN points out that “those working with children see an urgent need to streamline the system. Currently...CASA, estimates it is only serving 30% of the children who need their services There is growing concern that allowing time to pass before addressing a problem or settling a case can be especially detrimental to children who are still developing mentally, physically and emotionally.” CASA points out that while it is now serving a higher percentage of the abused and neglected children in Monroe Circuit Court since the SCAN report, these positive changes also encumbered the CASA program with a higher case load and minimal increase in funding. Of April 2009, CASA had 48 children on the waiting list for a volunteer. The staff is currently supervising 104 cases involving 185 children. Prior to 2008, CASA’s maximum case load was 75.

One-Time Investment & Fiscal Leveraging. CASA states that this is a one-time request intended to carry the organization through the transition from a program within a larger agency “to solvency as an independent non-profit corporation.” CASA states that it newly-formed Board of Directors is committed to financially supporting the agency through vigorous fundraising and grant writing efforts.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

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

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Initial Independence Need for first three months:

Occupancy	\$ 6298.00
General Operating	\$ 13705.00
Payroll	<u>\$40,365.00</u>
Expected Expense Total:	\$60,368.00
Expected Income Total:	- \$51,579.00

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 8,789.00
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SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Renovation for office, conference room and storage	\$2,500
2000	Granted	Hire staff for tracking services and measuring outcomes	\$3,200

¹ In 2005, State law changed to require that the court appoint either a Court Appointed Special Advocate or a Guardian Ad Litem attorney for every child who comes before the court due to allegations of abuse and/or neglect. This has created a higher demand on the CASA program, its volunteers and its budget. In the past, the court had room for discretion on assigning a CASA. Now that we are assigned to every Child In Need of Services case, the need for more volunteers is even greater.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD
Cargo Van for Food Pantry Program
City residents served by this project in 2009

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\$28,656.51
4,607(of 7,809)

58,865 total services to City residents (of 99,771 total services)

Mission

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is a community food pantry whose mission is to provide wholesome, healthful food to people in need as well as nutrition and gardening education and to provide services in ways that build community while enhancing the dignity, respect and self-care of all involved.

In 2008, MHC provided food to 6,791 unduplicated clients for 86,758 (duplicated) total instances of services (a bag of groceries), redistributed a record 770,000 pounds of healthy food. MHC is the largest agency partner of HHFB, distributing 31% of HHFB's food in 2008. In 2008, MHC saw and met a 16% increase in demand. All of MHC's clients meet CDBG income eligibility guideline; one-third of its clients are children under 18, 5% of our clients are ill or disabled and 49% of MHC clients consider themselves temporarily or permanently unemployed.

Project

MHC requests \$28,656.51 for the purchase of a one-ton Chevrolet Express Cutaway food delivery cargo van with a 12' box for cargo for its Food Pantry Program. As MHC states, it transports food from HHFB to the MHC site 3-4x/week – a large working cargo van is a vital part of getting food to this key community distribution site. MHC currently owns a 1992 Ford E-250 Econoline Van it acquired in 2006. The van has over 105,000 miles and has regular and mounting lists of repairs and poor fuel efficiency and lacks important safety features. Additionally, the suspension of the current van is often overloaded due to the daily weight of the food MHC transports to its pantry. The requested van offers twice the cargo volume and can haul twice as much cargo weight as MHC's current van. This will allow MHC to load more in one trip. The requested van also enjoys considerably better mileage – 12 MPG (city) compared with the current van's 7 MPG.

Criteria

Need. As spelled out in both the *SCAN Report* and the HAND Department's recent, *Consolidated Plan*, emergency food services are one of the community's urgent social service needs. MHC cites the *Plan's* priority to "provide funding to nonprofit organizations that serve low-income individuals and families with their basic emergency needs: Food, shelter and health care...several organizations, including Community Kitchen, HHFB, MHC, and Shalom Center, work hard to combat hunger in our community. Many of these programs are funded with CDBG funds...It is difficult to surmise what would happen if their current level of funding were to fall ..." SCAN states that "food is a fundamental human need" and reports that 17% of all households and 50% of low-income households reported problems having enough money for food. Similarly, the Monroe County United Way located access to food as one of its essential priorities.

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

Fiscal Leveraging MHC has secured \$4,576.85 toward the purchase of the requested van: a \$2,576.85 Dealer Discount from Curry Auto Center; a \$1,000 GM incentive and \$1,000 in private contributions.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. MHC writes that JHSSF support for this van will help the organization continue to increase the quantity and quality of food accessible to low-income residents. However, in light of a nationwide increase of 4.7% in the cost of food over the last year coupled with increases in utilities, local job loss and elimination of overtime pay and reduction of benefits, MHC writes that more residents need help meeting basic living expenses. MHC aims to decrease food insecurity while supporting community nutrition. MHC also states that its pantry has long-term effects such improved health, lower health care costs, improved employment and education and an overall improvement in the quality of life. This van will "greatly enhance" MHC's ability to administer the Food Pantry program by enabling staff and volunteers to select and transport a greater volume and weight food – food required to meet increased client demand.

Cost

Van: chassis	\$27,143.36
Van: box unit	\$ 6,090.00
Less incentives & donations	- \$ 4,576.85

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$28,656.51
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Other Funds

Dealer Discount	\$ 2,576.85
GM Incentive	\$ 1,000.00
Private Donation	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$33,233.36

SSF Funding History

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

MY SISTER'S CLOSET

Storage Solutions to Support Expansion of My Sister's Closet (Pilot)

\$ 2,503.92

City residents served by this project in 2009

122 (of 124 voucher recipients)

49 (of 50 seminar participants)

490 (of 500 regular customers)

Mission

My Sister's Closet (MSC) is an outlet for new and gently-used women's professional clothing. Its mission is to assist women of low-income to achieve self-sufficiency by providing free workforce attire for interviewing and job placement. The long-term goal of MSC is to promote opportunities for women's economic and job stability.

Project

MSC request \$2,503.92 for a more conveniently-located storage space for donated clothing and 8 sets of clear storage boxes. (Requested space is located at Storage Express, 222 W. Allen)

Since its founding in 1998, MSC has served over 500 low-income women in Monroe and Owen Counties. MSC intends to grow its program by providing more free-clothing vouchers to women experiencing the following: domestic violence, home displacement, low-income, recently-released prisoners, physical/mental disabilities rehabilitation assistance and homelessness. Currently, MSC provides resale store services voucher recipients and the general public in a 600 square-foot area – a space that is partly consumed by a handicapped bathroom, three dressing rooms and a clerk space. MSC states that it has received “an abundance of high quality clothing and accessories” from the community, but is challenged to find a convenient and efficient space to store all the donations. Currently, MSC uses an off-site storage facility to house its off-season merchandise. The storage facility is 1.90 miles and about 20 minutes round trip from MSC with traffic. MSC regularly makes trips between the storage site and the store (sometimes several times a day) and twice a year, over a three-day period, engages in a substantial seasonable switchover involving dozens of volunteers.

The proposed new storage site will be 1.80 miles closer to MSC than the current storage site (about 18 minutes closer) and will allow MSC to serve more people more effectively by reducing the time spend running between facilities to retrieve clothing each day. Oftentimes, MSC is called upon to dress a client for an interview within a narrow window of time, one in which MSC must work with a client's bus schedule, child care schedule, etc. Given this time frame, and the limited storage capacity of the store, MSC is sometimes challenged to fit a client with right size and type of clothing. A much closer storage facility will allow them to pull clothing when it is actually needed by a client and will allow MSC to have a handier supply of appropriate sizes and type of clothing and allow MSC to keep its inventory in the store to a more manageable level & provide more efficient use of its retail space.

Currently, MSC is paying \$120/month for the more distant storage space. If granted funds for the more proximate space, MSC will use the money previously devoted to storage rental to marketing efforts to increase the organization's visibility.

Criteria

Need. The 2005 US Census estimate suggests that the number of women in poverty is larger than ever while the number of families receiving welfare benefits has plummeted. Many women in Monroe County face limited opportunities for employment and economic growth. MSC states that “the current economic crisis has only exacerbated this condition, making recovery hardest for those already most vulnerable in our local community; similar hardship has spread to other who previously had the resources to weather economic stress.”

One-Time Investment. The request is for a one-time investment to help MSC provide more efficient and effective services as it grows its voucher program. The long-term goal of MSC is to secure a more adequate retail space wherein a separate storage facility is no longer needed. Toward this end, the organization has established a building fund for the ultimate procurement of a site.

Fiscal Leveraging. Perry Township trustees provide MSC housing in their annex. MSC partners with over 20 different local agencies to collectively serve the needs of women in the community wrestling with job placement, basic nutritional requirements and shelter assist women. MSC's partners include: the Community Kitchen, Martha's House, Middle Way House, New Leaf, New Life and The Shalom Center. The proceeds from store sales are used as seed money to purchase items needed to conduct additional fundraising and to promote public awareness of our mission.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MSC writes that “[t]he proposed project will serve to widen the presence of [MSC] in the community and strengthen our efforts to become self-sustaining. The long-term significance of the project is: (1) to make a difference in the lives of individual women and their families by supporting efforts to ensure their economic security and (2) to serve as a model of women helping women by encouraging others to become directly or indirectly involved, whether donating clothes, time, skills, and financial assistance and/or advocating to affect social change.”

Cost --Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

10x20 storage facility at Storage Express (\$182/mo x 12 months)	\$ 2,184.00
Sterilite 66 qt. clear storage boxes	
Set of 4 @\$39.99 x 8 sets	\$ 319.92

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 2,503.92
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Other Funds

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 2,503.92
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SSF Funding History

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

Mission. New Leaf-New Life (NL-NL) was founded in 2005 to provide services to jail inmates and released persons and their families to facilitate reentry and productive, contributing roles in the community. NL-NL manages programs in the Monroe County Correction Center aimed at preparing inmates for their release to the community as well as transition services and aftercare programs for those recently released from jail.

Project. NL-NL requests \$16,584 in bridge funding to fund two months of NL-NL’s operations. NL-NL lost its primary source of funding from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), in part due to federal cuts made in 2008 and in part, because of an administrative misunderstanding with the County. According to NL-NL, the organization was owed \$30,000 by ICJI and the County was to submit invoices to the State for re-imburement. Due to the elimination of staff at the County, the invoices were not submitted properly to ICJI and ICJI stopped the re-imburements. Eventually ICJI called for an audit and froze the grant funds. As a result of the confusion, NL-NL was turned down for 2009 ICJI funds. However, after determining NL-NL was not at fault, ICJI unfroze the 2008 funds and allowed an extension of use of funds until July 2009. NL-NL requests bridge funds to operate its program for two months after the ICJI money is exhausted. The bridge would provide for operations both within and outside the jail.

Inside the Jail:

- The Transition Program – Assists inmates, former inmates and family members with the practical needs during their transition back into the community including locating housing, employment and health care.
- Addicts in Recovery Community—Assists with recovery from substance abuse and addiction
- The Intake Program – Weekly discussion group of 45 men focusing on recovery, problem solving and coping.
- Enrichment Program –Weekly creative writing class for men and writing class for women 2-3x/week.

Outside of the Jail:

- CrossRoads -- Two support groups who meet weekly to discuss challenges confronted by many ex-inmates.
- The A+ Group – Weekly support group for those who had participated in the Addicts in Recovery Program.
- Shalom Program – NL-NL staff provide counseling to former inmates who come to Shalom frequently.
- Work One – A designated cubicle where staff hold office hours to help ex-inmates with job searches.
- Clothing Program – NL-NL has started a clothing program for people transitioning out of incarceration.

Criteria

Need. SCAN points out that incarceration is identified as one of the “triggering” events that can result in homelessness and hunger. NL-NL prepares inmates for release by locating employment opportunities, available housing or shelter, public assistance, and other resources and continues to work with the inmate after release to provide support, assistance and fosters economic self-sufficiency. NL-NL points out that in 2008, it helped 54 ex-inmates find jobs and helped 48 find housing.²

One-Time Investment. This request for bridge funding will keep the program operating for two months after July. NL-NL states that it is actively pursuing multiple grants to sustain the organization beyond the Hopkins bridge. It has submitted grants to Vectren Foundation for two months worth of operation and to Monroe County CARES, Inc. for twelve months worth of supplies. It also intends to apply for a new federal grant offered to *Second Chance Act*³ grants for re-entry programs.

Fiscal Leveraging. NL-NL has 60 volunteers who volunteer a total of 500-600 hours a month. Office space is provided to NL-NL free of charge by the Monroe County Jail and Work One.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. NL-NL points out that reduced recidivism leads to increased public safety, lower crime and lower costs for the community. The long-term effect of NL-NL “will be a significant reduction in recidivism and jail overcrowding, as well as a positive impact on children of incarcerated parents so that they do not repeat the same mistakes of their parents. A national survey has shown that children of incarcerated parents are 7 times more likely to wind up in jail when they are older than children of parents who are law-abiding citizens.”

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Operations – 2 months

Program Director	\$ 6,932 (@\$3,466/month)
Volunteer Coordinator	\$ 3,466 (@1,733/month)
Outside Transition Coordinator	\$ 1,732 (@\$866/month)
Inside Transition Coordinator	\$ 1,732 (@\$866/month)
Executive Director	\$ 1,732 (@\$866/month)
Supplies	\$ 500 (@\$250/month)
Life Insurance	\$ 490 (@\$245/month)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 16,584
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Other Funds

Monroe County CARES	\$ 3,120 (pending – for 12 mos of supplies)
Vectren Foundation	\$16, 584 (pending)
Other grants	\$63,216 (NL-NL intends to apply for:Second Chance grant; ICJI funds; Veatch Program money & Community Foundation.)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 99,504

SSF Funding History

2005	Denied	Personnel, office, office supplies	\$10,000
2006	Denied	Inmate Transition Program	\$23,000
2007	Denied	Families & Child. of Incarcerated Parents	\$14,100
2008	Withdrawn	Hal Taylor House	\$ 6,270

² Note that these figures are only for those ex-inmates who are tracked. NL-NL writes that many others were counseled, but the results of such counseling are not known as the clients did not report back to NL-NL. The organization is currently developing a tracking system to measure the success of its programs.

³ Section 211 of the Second Chance Act (42 U.S.C. § 17531) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes for the purpose of providing mentoring and other transitional services essential to reintegrating individuals released from prisons or jails into the community. The mentoring grants are authorized at \$15 million per year, though the annual appropriations process will determine the actual funding level of the program. On March 11, 2009, President Obama signed in to law an omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2009 which provides \$10 million for Section 211 grants.

Mission

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

Project

Shalom Center requests \$18,000 in bridge funding to provide emergency hunger relief through its *Hunger Relief Program*. The Program provides breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday and a weekly food pantry is held every Wednesday afternoon.

The Center points out that it has experienced a significant increase in demand for its hunger relief programs. In 2008, the Center served 868,521 meals through its breakfast and lunch program – a 20% increase over 2007. The Center’s Templeton-Shalom Family Market, a weekly food pantry focused on addressing family food needs, experienced marked growth for the second year in a row. In 2008, the Family Market provided groceries and supplies to 2,228 families, representing 8,389 men, women and children – a 54% increase over 2007. Shalom attributes this increased demand to the current economic climate and states that its first quarter figures show similar double-digit percentage increases.

Based on the past few years and current indicators, Shalom projects to serve 80,000 meals and provide groceries to 12,000 people in 2009. While Shalom’s board increased the Center’s budget line for food purchases by \$7,000 this year, this increase is insufficient to meet the increased demand for food. The funds requested from the Jack Hopkins fund will help Shalom meet its projected need.

Criteria

Need. SCAN indicates that approximately 25% of Monroe County residents live in poverty or at serious economic risk. Shalom primarily serves the community’s most vulnerable citizens experiencing hunger & homelessness.

One-Time Investment. The bridge funding requested addresses a hunger emergency brought about by changing circumstances – the current economic climate has caused a marked increase in demand for hunger relief.

Fiscal Leveraging. The funds requested constitute 25% of the hard (cash) cost of this year’s Hunger Relief Program. JHSSF funds will be multiplied more than 22 times by funds and in-kind donations. Shalom also receives over 5,500 hours of volunteer time contributed by kitchen and food service workers.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

“This one-time investment will provide significant hunger relief for Bloomington’s most vulnerable citizens.”

Cost *Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority*

Bridge Funding for Hunger Relief Program	\$18,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 18,000

Other Funds

Grants & Individual Contributions for staff salaries	151,552
In-kind provision of rent-free space and kitchen equipment- First United Church	25,520
In-kind provision of free food	200,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$395,072**

SSF Funding History

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

Mission

Stepping Stones, Inc. (SSI) is an independent nonprofit that provides transitional housing and supportive services to youth aged 16-20 who are experiencing homelessness. Its mission is to provide a supportive community that encourages young people to make decisions that positively affect their lives.

Project

SSI requests \$20,044 in pilot funding for the expansion of its Community Center and the expansion of its staff. The funds will be used to pay for one year’s rent, down payment and added insurance costs for a new two-bedroom apartment as well as payroll and added costs to add a second Resident Assistant (RA) to its staff. Both the expansion of staff and the Center are identified in the organization’s 5-year Strategic Plan as first steps toward housing and serving more needy youth. Hopkins funds will allow SSI to strengthen and stabilize staff in preparation for housing expansion.

- Expansion of the RA position

SSI requests \$8,719 to add a second RA to its staff. Currently, SSI operates with just one RA working 30 hours a week. In effort to expand their services to more youth, SSI wants to grow the one-person, one-year RA position into a two-person, two-year position. One position will be a Senior RA, working 35 hours/week and the second position, the Junior RA, will be a resident-in-training intern and will work 25 hours a week and will move into the Senior RA position in the second year. SSI points out that the role of the RA is a high-intensity, high-demand one: assistance, case management, supervision, evening activities, etc. The addition of a second RA will allow SSI to provide more services to youth by proving more stability and in-depth services to current residents and allowing SSI to expand services to former residents and other at-risk youth.⁴

- Expansion of Community Center

SSI requests \$11,325 to rent an additional two-bedroom apartment to house the two RAs. SSI has operated out of the same 3-bedroom apartment in College Mall Apartments since the organization was founded in 2005. This apartment has served multiple functions: it serves as the administrative office, houses the organization’s one RA, is the space where youth congregate for counseling, tutoring and receive case management, site of group meetings, workshops, a computer lab, social gathering space and a space for youth to do their homework. In order to grow its staff by the addition of a second RA and in order to work toward providing more services to more youth, SSI wishes to move the RA positions out of the small bedroom in this apartment into a two-bedroom apartment in the same apartment complex. Freeing up the third bedroom in SSI’s current space will allow SSI to create a “Resident Lab” in which SSI encourages residents, friends of residents, former residents and other at-risk youth to utilize the space for homework, job-related activities, program-related activities and requirements as well as provide a safe place for all youth to experience community and receive case management.

SSI points out that only after it grows its staff can it grow its housing initiative to serve more youth. SSI hopes to expand its housing for residents within 18 months. While the long-term goal of the organization is to purchase a facility of its own, the first phases of its expansion initiative will involve renting a few more apartments to house more residents. After it engages in the early steps of expanding staff, it hopes that its configuration will include: five two-bedroom resident apartments, one two-bedroom RA apartment and one three-bedroom community center/office.

Criteria

Need. SSI cites the *Consolidated Plan* for support that, “[t]he lack of housing and necessary services provided to homeless adolescents was identified as a “critical problem” by the Housing Network of Region 10 (115) and an essential aspect of the community’s long-range planning. In response to the public service category “05D Youth Services” being given a “high priority”(72) and the identified “Need for a residential mentoring program for ‘runaway’ or ‘throwaway’ teens who are struggling to survive.” SSI is the only organization in the County devoted solely to addressing the needs of this population.

One-Time Investment. This request is largely a request for pilot funds to get their expansion effort off the ground. It is also partially a request for bridge funding as they’ve lost their AmeriCorps Health Coordinator. SSI states that, as this expansion is identified in its 5-year plan, the SSI board is committed to raising the money it needs to continue to rent the second apartment. In 2008, SSI added three to-be-annual fundraisers and increased its fundraising projections by 10% for 2009. Also in 2008, SSI added a second full-time staff member who is dedicated to fund development and donor cultivation. SSI is currently in the process of United Way certification and is applying for Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits. As stated above, the long-term goal of the organization is to purchase a facility to house the program.

Fiscal Leveraging. As noted in the budget below, SSI has secured funding from HUD, Indiana University and Stepping Stone for 54% of this project. In interest of expanding resident housing, SSI is in the preliminary planning stages of some different housing configurations established through partnerships with the Bloomington Housing Authority.

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

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Housing costs (rent, utilities, deposit)	\$11,325
Payroll expenses	\$7,319
Added payroll costs	\$1,400

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 20,044
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\$ 19,050 (HUD Grant -- confirmed)
\$ 3,980 (Indiana University – pending)
\$ 834 (Stepping Stones -- confirmed)

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$ 43,908

SSF Funding History

2006	Denied	Incentive Project		\$4,598.00
2007	Granted	Tutoring and back-to-school supplies for the Tutoring program.	\$1,314.00	
2008	Granted	Independent Living Project – household items, books, supplies, fees		\$5,000.00

⁴ Furthermore, SSI expects to lose a Health Coordinator position is currently funding through the Americorps program. This is a key volunteer position to the SSI “Health and Wellness Program” and is responsible for coordinator with food stamps, Medicaid, health visits, nutritional education and physical activities. With the loss of this position, SSI plans to add hours to the RA position and task a RA with these coordination duties.

Mission

“The Villages champions every child's right to a safe, permanent and nurturing home. We are committed to strengthening all families and embracing the dignity and diversity of every child, youth and family served.”

Project

The Villages is requesting funds to update its primary curriculum for its *Healthy Families* program. The Villages assumed the administration of *Healthy Families* in 2006. Prior to this time, the program was run by another agency.

Healthy Families is a home-based family support program designed to promote healthy child development and enhance family functioning in overburdened families of newborns in Monroe County. *Healthy Families* is designed to promote positive parenting, enhance child health and development and prevent child abuse and neglect. This initiative is modeled on *Healthy Families America*, a researched based program with proven outcomes for the reduction of serious incidents of child abuse and neglect with families who participate in the program.

The program is free and voluntary and receives most of its referrals from the Indiana Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and the Bloomington Hospital. There are no income guidelines for participation; instead, participants are selected based on the presence of certain risk factors, such as childhood history and knowledge of child development. The program begins prenatally or within 90 days after birth. A Family Support Worker visits at least once a week for up to one year to establish support systems, teach problem-solving skills and enhance positive parent-child interaction. A family is eligible to receive support for up to five years.

The Villages uses the widely-engaged “San Angelo” curriculum model. The Village’s current curriculum dates to 1996 and it wishes to replace this curriculum with the most recent 2006-2007 model. The updated model provides current information on child development practices and activities and focuses on parenting needs such as: healthy parent-child relationships, developmental stages, health and safety needs, brain stimulation and building self-esteem.

As Spanish speakers comprise ~5% of the *Healthy Families* participants, the Villages would like to purchase the curriculum in both English and Spanish.

The curriculum is separated out into two parts: that for parents of children 0-36 months & for parents of children 37-72 months.

Criteria

Need.

The SCAN Report points out the need to provide outreach services to the community that focus on parenting education and health information. From SCAN: “Greater support and recognition of the challenges of parenting is required, along with efforts to develop parenting skills, regardless of income level.”(p.75)

One-Time Investment.

This is a request for one-time funding for updated curriculum. The Villages spoke with the drafters of the curriculum who advise that there is no major re-write of the curriculum scheduled for at least the next three years. Any minor updates would be distributed to current users of the curriculum free of charge over the next several years. Villages writes that it intends to use this curriculum for “many years.”

Fiscal Leveraging. *Healthy Families* partners with many community agencies to ensure quality delivery to all participants. Agencies with which *Healthy Families* has current Memoranda of Understanding include: Bloomington Hospital, WIC, Family Solutions, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Hoosier Health Wise, City of Bloomington (CFR), First Steps, Catholic Charities, Head Start, Milestones, Monroe County Wraparound, Purdue Extension, Templeton/Shalom FRC and Work One.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

The Villages writes that “*Healthy Families* is designed to promote positive parenting, enhance child health and development and prevent child abuse and neglect.” By giving inexperienced or otherwise at-risk parents the tools they need to help raise their child, they aim to foster healthier children, families and communities.

Cost -- Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Full set: <i>Healthy Families</i> Curriculum (0-36 & 37-72 months) – English	\$ 924.00
Full set: <i>Healthy Families</i> Curriculum (0-36 & 37-72 months) – Spanish	\$ 924.00
Shipping & Handling	\$ 30.00

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 1,878
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<i>Other Funds</i>	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 1,878

SSF Funding History

2005	Withdrawn	Safety fencing for pre-schoolers (found a private donor)	\$2,333.76
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