

Project Disaster: Food, Shelter & Clothing

City Residents Served. 15 (of 30).

Mission

The American Red Cross (ARC) is a volunteer, international, humanitarian organization, which helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. It is the only non-governmental agency given responsibility under federal, state, and local emergency plans to respond to emergencies and natural disasters. The local chapter has worked continuously since 1917 and provides services such as food, shelter, and clothing for families involved in fires, floods, storms and tornadoes. Through these services ARC offers hope in time of desperate need.

Project

ARC requests \$5,000 in bridge-funding to provide vouchers to purchase new clothing, groceries, lodging, essential medications, bedding, furnishings, and other items to households faced with fires, natural disasters, and other emergencies. This amount would provide a week’s worth of necessities for 30 individuals (@ \$166 per person) or for five families of four persons (@ \$950 per family). (See Program Budget for the kind, price, and guidelines for use of these items.) ARC requests this bridge-funding because their regular donors have redirected their usual local contributions to help with a series of well-known disasters handled by the national and international divisions. This diversion of anticipated revenues led to a shortfall of \$25,000 in 2005, which should be recovered in future years when donations return to prior levels.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN identifies the need for providing shelter, food and clothing in the event of a fire or natural disaster and acknowledges the services provided by ARC at those times.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge-funding, which is explained above. (See Project)

Fiscal Leveraging. This organization is largely funded through donations and operates with the help of many volunteers.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. ARC provides immediate assistance to victims of disasters which alleviates the initial trauma and makes it easier for them to restore their disrupted lives.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$5,000

Amount Requested

Standardized Emergency Assistance Package \$5,000

includes food/groceries, clothing and shoes, cleaning and laundry supplies, toiletries, minor building repairs and lodging

This investment would serve 30 individual clients @ \$166 / client or approximately 5 families for a week @ \$950/family

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$5,000

SSF Funding History

1996	Denied	1 Day Intensive CPR Training	
1996	Denied	Station Wagon	
2000-Oct.	Granted	To convert a van to a mobile supply vehicle for disaster relief	\$1,600
2001	Granted	To purchase tables and chairs for community classroom	\$5,100
2004	Denied	Cabinet, health and safety equipment	
2005	Denied	Lighting and electrical renovation	

Project Amethyst House (Men’s Program)

City Residents Served. 48 (of 80).

Mission

Amethyst House, Inc., provides high-quality, structured living environments, treatment, education and recovery services to individuals with addictions and substance abuse issues. It has three transitional residential houses in Bloomington that serve men as well as women and their dependent children. The men's program includes supportive services and life skills training, can house up to 19 individuals at one time, and usually has a waiting list of 20 people.

Project

Amethyst House requests \$20,000 in bridge-funding to help operate its men’s program (which has a budget of about \$153,000) by paying for insurance, utilities, food, salaries, and benefits. This request would help offset \$40,000 in anticipated revenues it did not receive this year. Those lost revenues included \$32,000 from the Division of Addiction Services (or about 8% of the usual funding), which imposed across-the-board funding cuts well into the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year and \$7,680 in CDBG funds it did not get this year. Those reductions are coming at a time when costs like insurance and utilities are going up. While the women’s program has received the same level of funding over the last 10 years and the outpatient and ¾ houses are seeing slight increases, the men’s program has lost revenues and needs funds to keep going. Amethyst House is addressing the problem in the short term by not filling vacancies in staff positions and in the long term by seeking new revenues by collecting more in fees, entering into “emergency” contracts with the Department of Corrections to place clients, and joining several insurance networks.

Criteria

Need. The application in 2003 stated that the SPAN/MC ranked drug and alcohol abuse and affordable housing among the five highest priorities for social services in this community. It cited other local studies (by the CARES board and in City's Consolidated Plan) for the need to increase the beds for men seeking treatment for substance abuse. The 1991 COMPASS report also recommended use of the men’s facility to reduce the jail population.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge-funding, which is explained above. (See Project)

Fiscal Leveraging. Amethyst House is a non-profit that garners \$208,000 in funds from other sources to run all of its programs.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The proposal will have a broad and long-lasting benefits by allowing the men’s facility to continue providing transitional and counseling services to persons who are facing their addictions and attempting to better their lives and the lives of those around them.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost (for All Services and Facilities)</i>	\$228,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Insurance (property and liability)	\$5,000
Utilities (gas, water, electricity)	\$8,000
Food	\$3,000
Salaries	\$3,000
Benefits	\$1,000
 <i>Other Funds</i>	 -\$208,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$20,000

SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Start-up funds, office equipment and furnishings	
1997	Denied	Transitional Housing for men and women	
1999	Granted	New Van	\$10,000
2000-Oct.	Granted	Rebuild foundation of Womens' facilities	\$7,500
2001	Denied	Phone, Voicemail, Computer networking	
2002	Granted	To help rebuild and expand the men's facility by restoring the historic façade.	\$20,000
2003	Granted	To purchase and install a stairway elevator at Men’s House facility	\$4,521

Project **Go Live with 221 Infoline**

City Residents Served. 69,291 (of 142,349)

Mission Area 10 Agency on Aging, is a private, not-for-profit corporation serving elderly persons in Monroe & Owen Counties. It is one of 16 Area Agencies on Aging in Indiana. Their mission is to improve the quality of life and celebrate the independence, health, & dignity of all senior citizens 50-years of age & older in this area. One of their key functions is to provide information about services that benefit the elderly and disabled.

Project This request is for \$3,408 in one-time funding for Area 10 to upgrade their recently purchased IRis software in order to provide Information and Referral services on the web in connection with their 2-1-1 initiative that will serve the Bloomington and Owen County area. The 2-1-1 program is a national network led by United Way of America and the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems, and would perform like a 4-1-1 / 9-1-1 for social services, where persons call about problems and are connected with agencies that can help them. Over the last five years Area 10 has worked with other agencies and steadily put together a program that: 1) includes a data base of 337 agencies and 674 programs; 2) provides referrals over the phone from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 3) will determine whether referrals are appropriate by making follow-up calls; 4) will work with agencies to improve referral services; and 5) will track of the nature and consequence of the referrals. This request will acquire software for putting the database online in a manner that will: provide multiple search modes; be multilingual; be updatable by agencies; and, provide reporting options as well as many other features.

Criteria

Need. The application notes many references in the SCAN Report which indicate the need for better communication and education about services provided within the community. The SCAN Report also recommends that agencies work together to be more efficient and effective.

One-Time Investment. This is one-time request for IRis software that will make an Information and Referral database available on the web.

Fiscal Leveraging. The cost of this project is listed at \$12,600, but does not include the \$17,000 contributed by the Monroe County Council to develop the program. It is important to note that the United Way of Monroe County foresees that the 2-1-1 program will replace their First Call for Help service. The remaining funds are being contributed by the United Way of Monroe County and the Community Foundations of Monroe and Owen County, and will be used for accrediting the program and training the staff, volunteers, and agencies. Please see the numerous letters of support.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This project would make it easier for persons to get the help they need and would also give the community a means to track referrals, evaluate the performance of agencies, and identify unmet needs for services.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$12,600
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
IRis for the Web Software - \$3,500	\$3,408
<i>Other Funding</i>	
<i>Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS) Accreditation Fee and Visit - Community Foundations of Monroe County (\$4,200) and Owen County (\$800)</i>	-\$5,000
<i>AIRS Training and Travel - United Way of Monroe County</i>	-\$1,400
<i>Additional funds for purchase, installation and tech support - Community Foundation of Owen County</i>	-\$292
<i>Training 2-1-1 volunteers and local agencies - United Way of Monroe County (\$1,500) and Community Foundation of Owen County (\$1,000)</i>	-\$2,500
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,408

SSF Funding History

1995	Denied	Handyman Program	
1997	Denied	Senior nutrition services - freezer, fridge, range	
1999	Denied	Laptops	
2002	Granted	To purchase equipment for the Food Pantry at the Girls, Inc. site	\$1,475
2003	Granted	To pay for 50% of the annual wage for the Food Pantry/Emergency Food VISTA	\$4,614
2004	Denied	2-1-1 Call Center	

Project Technology for the Twenty-First Century Classroom Project

City Residents Served. 60 (of 120)

Mission

The mission of Aurora Alternative High School (Aurora) is to provide an opportunity for students previously unsuccessful in traditional schools to earn a high school diploma in a positive learning environment. The Indiana Department of Education (IDEO) recognizes it as the only public alternative high school in the State that has a full five-year accreditation and issues its own diploma. It has a staff of seven teachers and, since its inception in 1995, has served 645 students, 138 of whom have received high school diplomas.

Project

Aurora is requesting \$6,993 in one-time funding to purchase six laptops, projectors and mounts (@ \$2,415) for the six classrooms in the school that do not have them. One teacher piloted the use of projector and laptop this year and the positive response from students and teachers alike inspired this request.

Criteria

Need. The application indicates that the proposal will meet the needs of low-income population and enhance the education of at-risk youth. Approximately 54% of the students at Aurora are eligible for free or reduced lunches, which places the school as the third lowest in the system in terms of household income. Approximately 90% – 95% of the students also report that they would drop out of school if they were not able to attend Aurora.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time investment to purchase six laptops, projectors, and mounts for the six classrooms at Aurora that do not have them. The cost of equipping one room would be \$2,415.

Fiscal Leveraging. Aurora Alternative High School is part of the MCCSC. It will receive \$1,000 from MCCSC General Fund (based upon a per capita allotment) and \$6,500 from the IDOE for this equipment. The application indicates that Aurora is prepared to assume a larger proportion of the costs if the Committee decides to fund less.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The purchase of these classroom laptop and projectors will enable teachers to reach students more efficiently and effectively. It will bring technology to Aurora that is already in many of the other schools and give these disadvantaged students a chance to use it to improve their chances of success in subsequent schooling and in the workforce.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$14,493

Amount Requested

Projector (\$885) + Ceiling mounts (\$105) + Laptop (\$1,424) = \$2,415 per station \$6,993

Other Funds

IDOE Governor’s Alternative Education Grant - \$6,500

Aurora 2006 General Fund Technology Allocation - \$1,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$6,993

SSF Funding History

1996 Denied 2 classroom addition

Project BBBS Building Roof Repair and Reconfiguration Project

City Residents Served. 455 (of 700)

Mission BBBS is a youth development organization with a 31-year history in Bloomington, whose mission is to empower local school-age youth by matching them with an adult who will support their social, emotional and educational development. In 2005, they served over 600 at-risk youth in this county through their community based 1-1, in-school 1-1, Club Bigs (with Boys and Girls Club), and First Friends (which provides group mentoring for youth on the waiting list).

Project

BBBS is requesting \$10,137 in one-time funding to reconstruct a leaky roof and replace some damaged fiberboard at its office building located at 418 South Walnut. Apparently, work done by the previous owners to improve water flow off the roof was not done properly and allows water to pool on the roof and leak into the second floor after heavy rains. Weddle Brothers has provided a written estimate (without overhead or profit) to build a new parapet (sidewall), install EPDM flashing, and replace about 90 s.f. of damaged fiberboard on the second floor.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN identified positive youth development as one of its top ten priorities, especially the lack of appropriate consistent role models. It also recommends targeting low-income families and other children at-risk and removing barriers to their success. The Bloomington Consolidated Plan recognizes the effect of caring adult role models and mentors on improving the lives and prospects of at-risks youth.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time investment to repair a leaky roof and replace damaged interior surfaces and insulation.

Fiscal Leveraging. BBBS used expertise from its national organization, funds from local donors, and volunteer mentors to provide individual mentoring and family casework for 600 youth in 2005.

Weddle Brothers is waiving its overhead and profit for this construction project.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The repair of the roof and drywall will allow the agency to be more productive and continue a program that is highly effective at reducing negative behaviors of at-risk youth.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$11,937

Amount Requested

Estimate from Weddle Brothers to rebuild roof and replace damaged fiberboard \$10,137

Other Funds

Weddle Brothers will waive overhead and profit -\$1,800

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$10,137

SSF Funding History

1995	Granted	Office Renovation	\$4,800
1999	Denied	Capital Grant	
2000- June	Denied	Long Range Business and Growth Plan	
2000-Oct.	Granted	To expand hours and activities for children at their Crestmont Site	\$9,500
2001	Granted	To purchase and install windows and doors for its facility	\$8,779
2002	Granted	To purchase computer equipment for recruitment and training initiative	\$3,623
2003	Granted	To pay for Program Manager and program expenses for Girl's Inc.'s Teen Outreach LEAP Program	\$11,904
2004	Granted	Purchase a server, related equipment, and software to implement Phase I of its long range service plan	\$4,500
2005	Granted	Salary of Partnership Coordinator for a multi-year Capacity Building project	\$5,000

Project Nutrition Links: An Alliance of Caring Agencies

Participating Agencies. Community Kitchen of Monroe County and Bloomington Meals on Wheels

City Residents Served. 6 (of 6)

Mission

Positive Link began in 1993 and its mission is to coordinate comprehensive health and human services for people living with HIV/AIDS and provide HIV prevention and early intervention services, which includes HIV counseling and testing to the public in a six county area in South Central Indiana. Positive Link coordinates services including - assistance in securing housing, medical, legal & food/nutritional assistance for this population. It serves 179 unduplicated cases and has an active caseload of 147 clients, with about 57% living in within the City. Approximately 75% of its clients live on less than \$12,000 a year.

Project

Positive Link is requesting \$1,150 in one-time funding to purchase two hot boxes (@ \$525) and two cold boxes (@ \$50) to transport a hot and cold meal five days a week to six homebound persons living with HI/AIDS. This is a pilot project and is being done in partnership with Community Kitchen, which will prepare the meals, and Meals on Wheels, which will deliver them. It will augment an existing service that provides packaged and canned food through the Hoosier Hills Food Bank to some of those clients.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the SCAN report for the following propositions: nutrition is an integral part of a person’s health care; homebound persons need more services, which should be done efficiently; and, many low-income persons do not have enough money for food.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request to purchase boxes to transport hot and cold meals to homebound persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Fiscal Leveraging. This pilot project entails a partnership with Community Kitchen and Meals on Wheels.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The application suggests that this project will be a model for coordination between agencies and that the provision of food will nurture these six clients’ and, thereby, improve the quality of their lives and lower subsequent medical expenses.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$7,988
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
2 Hot Boxes (@ \$525 x 2)	\$1,050
2 Cold Boxes (@ \$50 x 2)	\$100
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Meals on Wheels - Volunteer Delivery of Meals (\$10/hr x 4 vol x 52 wks)</i>	\$2,600
<i>Positive Link Case Management - Personnel and Fringe (\$29.5/hr x 2 hr/wk x 52 wks)</i>	\$3,068
<i>Community Kitchen – Meal Preparation (\$2.25/meal x 10 meals/wk x 52 wks)</i>	\$1,170
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$1,150

SSF Funding History

<i>Home Health Services</i>	2000- Oct.	Granted	Implement a pilot healthcare program for local inmates after release from jail	\$3,000
	2002	Denied	Part-time Bilingual Therapist	
<i>Community Health Education</i>	2005	Granted	Facilitator salary for New Parents Initiative for the third year	\$3,000
<i>Positive Link</i>	2004	Denied	Personnel and materials for a social assets bargaining program	

Project Crestmont Youth Summer Camp

Participating Agencies. Big Brothers Big Sisters; Bloomington Housing Authority & John Waldron Arts Center

City Residents Served. 115 (of 115).

Mission

The Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington is a part of national organization which fosters the physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth of boys and girls ages six to eighteen with a special concern for those most in need of service. All the Boys and Girls Club programs are designed to help youth develop valuable skills needed to make wise life decisions. The Club strives to instill a sense of belonging, competence, usefulness and power so members feel they are part of something worthwhile. There is a main facility 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. Last year it served over 650 members and over 200 other youth at its three facilities. This includes over 170 children who are transported to these facilities daily during the school year.

Project

The Boys and Girls Club is requesting \$8,160 to help staff a pilot Summer Camp program for youth living in subsidized housing. This summer camp is in addition to the summer hours at the Crestmont Center, which will be reduced from all day to half a day (afternoons). It will allow about 30-40 youths a new opportunity to join the other Boys and Girls Club participants for 12 weeks of camp at Lake Lemon. The camp will have programs in areas of: education and career development; character and leadership development; health and life skills; the arts (in concert with the John Waldron Arts Center); sports, fitness & recreation; and, Technology. The partnership with Girls, Inc. largely refers to their transportation services during the school year, but will involve at least one special event in the summer. Approximately 93% of the youth at the Crestmont Center site pay no fee for services.

Criteria

Need. Citing the City’s Consolidated Plan, the application lists services needed in the Crestmont area, which include programs for at-risk youth, affordable child care, and non-sport themed summer programs.

One-Time Investment. This request is to fund salaries for staff, who will expand the Boys and Girls Club Summer camp to include 30 -40 youth from subsidized housing.

Fiscal Leveraging. This request will leverage Boys and Girls Club money to help fund more camp opportunities for at-risk youth. Bloomington Housing Authority offers space year round for the satellite center and Girls, Inc. provides transportation during the year. The John Waldron Arts Center provides classes for the youth at their facility.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Programs that positively engage at-risk youth can reduce the prospect of negative behaviors and put them on the path to more fulfilling lives.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost (Different from application, but confirmed with Joe Stebbins)</i>	\$21,350
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Summer Director Salary - \$10/hr x 40 hrs/wk x 12 weeks	\$4,800
1 Summer Staff – 1 x \$7/hr x 40hrs/wk x 12 weeks	\$3,360
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Boys & Girls Club Auxillary (\$1,350) and Board of Directors (\$780) – supplies (\$750), food (\$500) & rent (\$780)</i>	<i>\$2,030</i>
<i>Other donations – 3 summer staff – 3 x \$7/hr x 40 hrs/wk x 12 wks</i>	<i>\$10,080</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$8,160

SSF Funding History

1996	Granted	Central Air Conditioning	\$3,000
1997	Denied	Van	
1998	Granted	Renovate and equip facility for a teen center and learning center	\$23,000
2003	Granted	Job Development Specialist for TEENS supreme Career Prep Program	\$25,000
2004	Granted	Pay for salaries, transportation, and other operating costs related to the No Kid Left Behind Program	\$8,000

Project Prisoner/Community Reading Project

City Residents Served. Unknown (of 150).

Mission

Box Care Books and Community Center, Inc., is a local bookstore and gathering place which operates the Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project (MMPPP). The MMPPP is an all-volunteer program that encourages self-education of prisoners across the United States by providing free reading materials to them upon request. In addition, MMPPP offers an opportunity for members of the community to converse with prisoners and consider on a personal level the reality and human implications of our prison system. It exists “because prisoners are not strangers: they are brothers, sisters, friends, cousins, mothers, and children.”

Project

The MMPPP is requesting a one-time investment of \$1,937.90 to purchase and mail one or more of three books to prisoners that will also be read by community members in order in order to create a community dialogue on prison issues. These books are highly requested by prisoners and include *The Autobiography of Malcom X, The Wretched of the Earth, and Life in Prison..* Books will also be provided for community members who want to join the dialogue, but cannot afford them.

Criteria

Need. The application does not cite any survey, but asserts that bringing local citizens and prisoners from around the nation together to read these books and discuss them will raise awareness about our prison system and give prisoners an opportunity to educate themselves.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request for purchasing books, postage, and promotion for this prison / community reading project.

Fiscal Leveraging. The MMPPP will raise \$14,000 this year for its overall program. This project leverages approximately a \$558 discount on books, the hours of the staff, and volunteer participants in this dialogue.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The application asserts that effort will lead to long-term benefits by increasing cultural literacy and awareness of local citizens as well as encouraging and fostering an ongoing dialogue about such issues.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$2496.50
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Books purchased for prisoners – (50 copies three books @ 27.93 per set)	\$837.90
Books purchased for members of the community unable to pay for them – (approximately 18 sets of the three books @ 27.93 per set)	\$500.00
Postage for mailing books to prisoners	\$300.00
Promotion	\$300.00
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Box Car Books – Discount on books (\$1,396.50 x 40%)</i>	\$558.60
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$1,937.90

SSF Funding History

None

Project Latino Outreach

Participating Agencies. Mujeres en Conexion (women in Connection) and St. Paul Catholic Center

City Residents Served. 200 (of 200).

Mission

Catholic Charities Bloomington (CCB) is one of six Catholic charities under the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and has been operating in Bloomington since 1982. It is a member agency of the United Way and has the mission of enhancing human dignity and functioning for the community at large through education, social service delivery, and advocacy. It is a faith-based agency committed to providing quality therapeutic counseling and case management services without regard to religious affiliation, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, age, or ability to pay for services. It serves a six county area but approximately 75% of its clients are from Monroe County. The fee for mental health counseling ranges from \$0 - \$75/hr depending on the household income.

Project

CCB is requesting \$4,800 for personnel costs for a three-part pilot project serving the Spanish-speaking Hispanic population. It would be co-sponsored by *Mujeres en Conexion*, a local organization which has been supporting Spanish-speaking women for the last six years. The first part is a request for \$1,200 to conduct eight sessions on Latino Culture for social service providers. The sessions would last for about 90 minutes and have a maximum of 25 participants. The second part is a request for \$3,000 to fund a Spanish-speaking therapist to provide 100 hrs of mental health counseling at \$30/hr. In June, this therapist will begin offering counseling for individuals, couples and families with a fee ranging from \$0 - \$75/hr depending upon the household income. The third part is a request for \$600 to fund 20 hours of outreach services (@\$30/hr) which, in all likelihood, would be carried out by the aforementioned therapist in her effort to reach clients.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN report recognized that the Spanish-speaking Hispanic population faces language and other barriers to needed social services which include mental health services. It also called for more education on health services and program regulations presented in a culturally-appropriate format.

One-Time Investment. This is a request to fund personnel costs for a three-part outreach and counseling project serving the Spanish-speaking Hispanic population. The application does not address how this project will be funded in the future, but a call to the grant writer indicated that CCB and Archdiocese understood the need to provide ongoing support for the program and intended to obtain donations and grants for that purpose.

Fiscal Leveraging. The \$4,800 from JHSSF would be leveraged by staff time, administrative support, in-kind and copying amounting to \$1,900 provided by CCB.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The application does not directly address the long-term benefits of this project. However, a call to the grant writer indicated that this program would reach a growing and unserved population in the community.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$6,700
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Salary for conducting programs on Latino Culture (8 programs of 90 minutes targeted to no more than 25 students at time @ \$150 per program)	\$1,200
Salary for Spanish speaking therapist (100 hrs x \$30/hr)	\$3,000
Salary for outreach services (20 hrs x \$30/hr)	\$600
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<i>Other Funds from Catholic Charities of Bloomington:</i>	
<i>Staff time of Director</i>	- \$1,200
<i>Administrative support</i>	- \$300
<i>In-kind and copying</i>	- \$400
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TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$4,800

SSF Funding History

None

Project Wheels to Work
Applicant Agency. Monroe County Wrap Around House
City Residents Served. 25 (of 40 families)

Mission

Monroe County Wrap Around (Wrap Around) began in 1997 as a community based, planning process for children and families who have complex needs that can not be met by traditional categorical services. The planning is done by a team of providers, public officials, parents and other concerned citizens who address children at-risk of intense services by focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of the family and not just the child. Over 95% of the families involved in Wrap Around are eligible for Medicaid (and, therefore, are low-income).

Project

Wrap Around requests \$2,500 to help start a revolving loan fund to support a Wheels to Work program. It will be based on a successful program in Bartholomew County by the same name and entails: 1) taking cars that have been donated; 2) reviewing them for safety and drivability; 3) having them repaired by Hoosier Hills Vocational School; 4) selling them to their clients at a reasonable cost (with payments if need be); and 5) using the payments for future cars and repairs. It hopes to process six cars in the first year and is seeking a financial institution to provide a payment book and a place to make payments. The JHSS funds, in particular, would be used to pay repairs and garage insurance.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report notes the problem low-income households face merely getting to and from jobs, childcare and other appointments. Low-income households often cannot get loans or simply pay too much for them and often end up purchasing cars that are unreasonably expensive, unreliable, and unsafe. Wrap Around sees this problem affecting its clients and has paid for car repairs in the past.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request to start a revolving loan fund for a Wheels to Work program. The money would fund repairs and garage insurance. Unlike a previous request for such a revolving loan fund, this one is based upon a successful program in Columbus, Indiana, which is offering advice.

Fiscal Leveraging. The \$2,500 request will be leveraged in a number of ways: donated cars, subsidized repairs, Wrap Around Flex contribution of \$505, and a Sutpin Foundation grant for \$2,295.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This program offers numerous long-term benefits including: a positive change in the lives of these families; payments that will extend the benefits to future households; and the skills gained by vocation students who are making the repairs.

Note: The application requests funding into March of 2007 because it may not have acquired enough donated cars by the end of the year.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$5,300
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Car Repairs	\$1,500
Garage insurance	\$1,000
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Monroe County Wrap-Around Flex Fund</i>	\$505
<i>Sutpin Foundation</i>	\$2,295
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2,500

SSF Funding History

Center for Behavioral Health	2000-June	Granted	Floor covering for facility	\$7,000
	2001	Granted	To purchase counseling software for children	\$1,639
<i>(Children's Services)</i>	2002	Granted	To purchase equipment and fund 4 programs serving children and their parents	\$3,952
	2003	Denied	15 Passenger Van	

Project Restorative Discipline Resources for Students and Teachers

City Residents Served. 2,000 (of 3,450)

Mission

The Community Justice & Mediation Center’s (CJAM) mission is to promote a civil and just community through mediation, education, and restorative justice. It serves as a central organizational hub for conflict resolution activities in Bloomington and Monroe County. Programs include the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) and Shoplifter’s Alternative, as well as comprehensive community mediation and conflict resolution services for all sectors of the community. CJAM also provides education and training on a variety of conflict resolution and mediation-related topics to organizations and individuals, including volunteer mediators.

Project

CJAM is seeking \$4,920 in funds to print 3,400 copies of a conflict resolution manual to be given to all the students in six high schools and middle schools (\$3,300), purchase six sets of four books and a video on Restorative Justice to be placed in the professional libraries of those schools (\$600), and personnel expenses for the CJAM staff to reach students and teachers in these schools and instruct them on this form of conflict resolution (\$900). Restorative Justice (or Action or Discipline) encourages schools and communities to work out conflicts respectfully and effectively without calling upon external authorities. The manual to be distributed was created by local teens as part of a CAPE grant and is entitled *Fight Without Fighting: A Conflict Resolution Handbook for Youth*. The outreach and instruction will continue efforts to introduce these techniques to schools that began two years ago.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report notes the importance of keeping youth in school and helping them succeed academically in order to improve their chances for more productive and fulfilling lives. Restorative Justice addresses bullying in the schools, the inordinate rate of suspensions and expulsions of minority youth from schools, and the increasing dropout rates.

One-Time Investment. Except for the set of books and videos headed for the libraries in the six schools, this request appears to be for on-going expenses. However, Amy Dowell likened it to a marketing effort that required expertise and would expand services by training more student volunteers and not require the same effort in future years.

Fiscal Leveraging. The request would be leveraged by approximately \$2,100 in volunteer time (\$900), staff time (\$450), supervision (\$500), training expenses (\$100), and office space (\$150).

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This project should broaden access to conflict resolution services in schools, help create safer school environments, and, thereby, improve opportunities to achieve their academic potential.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$7,020
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
3,400 copies of Fight without Fighting to be distributed to students in six schools	\$3,300
Six sets of conflict resolution materials for teachers’ libraries that include four books and one video (\$100 x 6 schools)	\$600
Personnel expenses for outreach (a portion of 60 hrs or 10hrs/school @ \$15/hr)	\$450
Personnel expenses for instruction (a portion of 30 hrs or 5 hrs/school @ \$15/hr)	\$450
<i>Other Funding</i>	
<i>Remaining Personnel expenses and value of volunteers for above mentioned outreach and instruction</i>	\$900
<i>Training expenses (refreshments and copied materials)</i>	\$100
<i>Administrative and Facility expenses (5% of CJAM office costs)</i>	\$150
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$4,920

SSF Funding History

Citizens for Community Justice	2002	Denied	Pamphlets, mediation training and staff	
	2004	Denied	Copier	
Community Justice & Mediation Center (CJAM)	2005	Granted	Personnel, training, and recruitment expenses for constructive conflict resolution program for Black and Multi-racial youth	\$1,400

Project Vehicle Purchase and Repair

City Residents Served. 731 (of 850)

Mission

The Community Kitchen (CK) has been working in this community since 1983 with the mission of eliminating hunger 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, and deliver food to children in certain housing complexes. CK served 132,018 meals in 2005, which represented an increase of almost 12% over the prior year. Approximately 36 % of the meals go to children under 18 and another 20% go to senior citizens. Please note that they do not impose an eligibility requirement on those seeking food.

Project

The CK is requesting a one-time grant of \$8,401.64 to purchase a used, 1997 GMC Savanna Van from Girls, Inc. and make minor repairs in order for it to be suitable for the transport and deliver of food. This van is no longer in compliance with regulations for transporting children, but was inspected and found to be in good condition. It would replace a 1986 van that is in poor condition and is likely to require expensive repairs in the next few years.

Criteria

Need. Hunger has been identified as a significant issue by both SCAN Report and the City of Bloomington Consolidated Plan. This agency is the primary source of free meals in the community.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time investment of \$8,401.64 to purchase a used van to transport food.

Fiscal Leveraging. The CK receives all its revenues in the form of donations and grants, and this investment will offset rising costs due to the cost of higher wages (they are phasing increases to comply with the Living Wage requirements), higher costs for warehouse space (which previously been donated), and the higher cost of utilities at the CK Express location (which also had previously been donated).

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This investments will help the CK continue to provide meals by providing dependable equipment that will expand capacity and improve the quality of services.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$8,401.54
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Purchase used van from Girls, Inc.	\$8,000
To repair gas gauge and door locks and remove seats	\$401.64

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED **\$8,401.64**

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, purchase 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

Project Informate (Inform Yourself) Series

Applicant Agency. St. Paul Catholic Center

City Residents Served. Unknown (of unknown)

Mission

El Centro Comunal (el Centro) is a grassroots, community-based organization that began in 2000 in response to problems the emerging Latino population was having integrating into the community. Its primary goals are to facilitate access to resources; offer reliable information regarding health, safety, education, and work-related issues; and, to serve as a liaison between Latinos and the greater Bloomington Community. It is currently located within the United Way offices and served 430 clients in 2004.

Project

This one-time request of \$3,900 is for a pilot, Informate (Inform Yourself) series, educational program for Spanish-speaking Hispanic population and includes the cost of a projector (\$1,000), laptop (\$800), stipends for speakers (24 presentations @ \$50), printing brochures (\$500), and evaluating the program (\$400). This program will inform the Spanish-speaking population about health care, legal services, immigration, worker rights, adult education, mental health, domestic violence, home buying and predatory lending by finding knowledgeable representatives to give presentations in Spanish on these topics once a month with the newly acquired equipment. This program will also use this equipment for speakers who will help service providers understand and serve this population.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report classifies Latinos as a “vulnerable population” who: suffer from language and cultural barriers; are uninformed about services, laws, and rights; become caught up in legal problems, miss opportunities for employment; and, don’t use needed social services. The Stage 1 Report on the state of the Latino population from the Monroe County Latino Needs Assessment Task Force also found that many sectors of the community lack the means to inform the Spanish-speaking population of their services.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request for audio-visual equipment, stipends, brochures and program evaluations tied to a pilot project.

Fiscal Leveraging. The \$5,000 grant would leverage about \$1,000 in publicity, printing, and reimbursement for mileage provided by El Centro Comunal.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This grant would address problems in the growing Spanish-speaking population by facilitating their entry into the community, maximizing the delivery of services, and making Bloomington a more welcoming and enriched place to live.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost - Corrected</i>	\$5,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Optoma DLP portable projector	\$1,000
Laptop computer	\$800
Stipends for presenters of series (24 presentations @ \$50)	\$1,200
Print Brochures	\$500
Evaluation of Program by United Way or another entity	\$400
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<i>Other Funds</i>	
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<i>Publicity</i>	\$200
<i>Printer supplies and photocopies</i>	\$500
<i>Reimbursement for mileage</i>	\$400
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$5,000

SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Purchase software, office equipment, and furniture for a central office & meeting space	\$1,500
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Project The Gathering Place

City Residents Served. 2,080 (of 2,080)

Mission

The First Christian Church strives to be a faithful, growing church that manifests true community, a deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice. Last December its leaders decided to begin a Sunday morning breakfast in its upstairs gathering room at the corner of Kirkwood and Washington Street and called it “The Gathering Place.” It is open to all, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religious affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability, and does not involve religious indoctrination. Every Sunday since February of 2006, meals have been served to about 40 residents (10 unduplicated) who are either homeless or are experiencing financial hardships. These meals include eggs, pancakes, fruit, cold cereal, juice, milk, and coffee and a sack lunch for eating later in the day, and are the only free meals offered in the downtown that day.

Project

The First Christian Church is requesting a one-time grant of \$3,244 to make repairs and purchase appliances and items needed to operate the free, Sunday hot meal program mentioned above. The grant would upgrade plumbing for the dishwasher (\$1,135), repair the dishwasher (\$531), and purchase two storage cabinets (@\$333), an upright freezer (\$462), fire extinguisher (\$250), and incidentals (\$200).

Criteria

Need. The application notes that it is the only free meal program in the downtown on Sunday, but does not refer to any survey to support the need for this project. However, other applications note that hunger has been identified as a significant issue by both SCAN Report and the City of Bloomington Consolidated Plan.

One-Time Investment. This request is for a one-time investment in a pilot, free, Sunday meal program.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$3,244 request would be leveraged by a \$2,000 budget line, \$1,000 donation, and 22 hours of volunteer time each week.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The application does not indicate the broad and long-lasting effect of the program, but indicates that it serves 40 persons each week and will continue into the future.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost (based upon this table and not application which listed \$6,416)</i>	\$6,244
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Upgrade plumbing to improve water flow and heat for dishwasher (per estimate)	\$1,135
Repair dishwasher	\$531
Purchase 2 jumbo storage cabinets (@333)	\$666
Purchase upright frost-free freezer	\$462
Purchase silver grade fire extinguisher	\$250
Purchase incidentals including detergent, paper bags, baggies, dish towels, napkins, etc	\$200
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Line Item in church budget for food</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Donation for food</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,244

SSF Funding History

None

Project PARTNERS

City Residents Served. 27 to 45 (of 30 to 50).
Note: These ranges include 15-25 participants and 15 – 20 caregivers)

Mission The First United Church (church) has the outreach mission to minister to its neighbors and care for creation, to respond to the needs of the community and the troubles of the world, to advocate for peace, social justice and environmental responsibility, and to provide members of the Church with opportunities to make a difference in the world. It helped develop the PARTNERS program last summer, which offers a setting for persons with memory loss to engage in familiar roles, explore possibilities for growth, feel respected and valued, and be appreciated as whole people with a unique biography that connects us with our collective history. It also provides caregivers with occasional respite, which preserves the vitality of family support networks. The program is small - it started with four adults – but will grow to a moderate size – it now has ten. The church commits to separating its religious mission from the public nature of this program and will not require religious instruction, limit participation or employ staff based upon religious affiliation.

Project The church requests \$10,020 in one-time funding for the pilot PARTNERS program mentioned above and will would use the money to pay a case manager (\$4,000), artist-in-residence (\$2,520), equipment and supplies for a “memory station” (\$1,908) and an arts component (\$1,592). The case manager: recruits, assesses, and admits clients; monitors the services to both clients and their families; and, develops institutional partners, trainees, and volunteers who play an important one-to-one role with participants.

Criteria

Need. One of the seven primary goals of the United Way is the supporting of seniors in their efforts to be independent. The SCAN Report also identifies the need to expand adult day care and respite care and geriatric case management and services to help elders remain independent. While there are adult day care programs being operated in long-term care facilities, only PARTNERS and a weekly bingo game at the McDonalds in Ellettsville are held in the community. Programs operated outside nursing homes are more suitable for persons with temporary or the early stages of memory loss.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request to fund a pilot project for persons with memory loss that is not housed in a long-term facility. It will receive over half of its funding from tuition fees. The application does not mention how it will obtain future funding.

Fiscal Leveraging. This \$10,020 grant would be leveraged by \$14,480 in tuition, \$3,600 in donated space, contributions of supplies from local businesses, and the hours put in by volunteers from the BAAC, the IU Speech Therapy students, and other places.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The request for case management services will put this pilot project on more sound footing and the request for supplies and equipment that will enrich the lives of the participants. The request for an artist-in-residence will bring partnerships with the art community. The provision of respite care will help keep families and support systems in place.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$28,100
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Personnel costs to coordinate the program	\$4,000
Personnel costs for artist-in-residence	\$2,520
Supplies and equipment for a “ memory station ” which includes laptop computer (\$1164), photo scanner (\$260), 84” projector screen (\$129), digital audio recorder (\$245), and microphone (\$110)	\$1,908
Supplies and equipment for the arts components which include silk screen equipment (\$710), portable sound system for dance (\$399), paper press (\$218), and disposable cameras (\$95).	\$1,592
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Program income from fees</i>	\$14,480
<i>In-kind contribution from church based upon space given this program</i>	\$3,600
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,020

SSF Funding History

None

Project Healthy Choice Curriculum
City Residents Served. 180 (of 180)

Mission Girls, Inc. has been in Bloomington for 31 years with the mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. It serves girls age 6 – 18 with quality, research-based programs that fall into six core areas: career choice & life planning, self-reliance & life skills, health & sexuality, sports & adventure, leaders & community action, and culture & heritage appreciation. It serves about 600 participants from a variety of backgrounds with over 25% coming from low-income or single-parent households and approximately 78% residing in the City.

Project Girls, Inc. is requesting \$2,438 to pay for the salary and benefits of a part-time Program Specialist to organize, implement, and evaluate the Healthy Choice program (\$2,000), materials for the Friendly PEERsuasion program (\$225), and healthy snacks (\$13). The 11-month Healthy Choice program will serve 180 girls and addresses sedentary lifestyles, inadequate nutrition, and poor behavior choices of girls by offering a four-part curriculum including: 1) Friendly PEERsuasion, which helps girls resist pressure to use harmful substances; 2) Project BOLD, which provides age-appropriate violence prevention programs; 3) My Girlfriend Zelda, which provides an introductory health and anatomy program; and 4) Commit to be Fit, which provides health and nutrition classes and fitness activities.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report identifies the lack of affordable health-related services and the need to provide more health and wellness programs. It also notes that low-income youth are susceptible to unhealthy behaviors and choices.

One-Time Investment. This \$2,438 request covers salaries, program materials, and snacks (minor) for a 11-month Health Choice curriculum. The application does not indicate whether this fits under the pilot project or bridge-funding exception to use of funds for operational costs, nor how the program will be funded in the future. However, Dorothy Granger said that she will be meeting with the Wiley Foundation next month and her board is committed to ongoing funding.

Fiscal Leveraging. This request will be leveraged by a program with a \$31,730 budget which is made up of contributions from numerous sources (see chart below).

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This request would fund a program that encourages girls to take charge of maintaining fit, healthy bodies and becoming responsible for making smart life-choices and will result in a healthier population.

Cost

Total Project Cost	\$31,730
Amount Requested	
Personnel costs for half-time Program Specialist including salary (\$2,000) and benefits (\$200)	\$2,200
Purchase of healthy snacks	\$13
Purchase of Friendly PEERsuasion support materials	\$225
Other Funds	
<i>Girls Inc. for 8.5 PT staff, program materials, supplies, transportation, and scholarships</i>	\$11,686
<i>Alliance Indiana for staff and transportation</i>	\$4,002
<i>Precision Health for staff, program materials, postage and scholarships</i>	\$3,853
<i>Annie E. Casey Foundation for staff, program materials, and transportation</i>	\$5,751
<i>Wylie foundation for scholarships</i>	\$4,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2,438

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

Project First Aid / CPR / AED Training Program

Participant Agency. American Red Cross – Monroe County Chapter (ARC)

City Residents Served. 1,300 (of unknown number of total clients served)

Mission The mission of the Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council (GSTTC) is to build girls of character, confidence and courage who will make the world a better place. It serves 947 girls with 346 adult volunteers who all reside in the City and many more who live elsewhere.

Project The GSTTC and the ARC are requesting a one-time grant of \$4,071 to purchase First Aid, CPR & Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) instruction manuals and equipment (see chart below) to train 1,300 city residents. ARC certified trainers will train and certify Girl Scout Volunteer Trainers who, in turn, will provide age-appropriate training for the others. ARC is uniquely qualified to provide the training, training materials and equipment and certifications. The GSTTC desires this training not only to offer life saving skills, but also to provide opportunities for girls to expand their knowledge, find jobs (babysitting and camp counseling, for example), explore careers in health and safety, and encourage greater responsibility and leadership.

Criteria

Need. The application does not cite any community-wide survey to support this initiative, but does say that it will train city children ages 9 -17, adult volunteers, and staff to respond quickly and appropriately to emergencies befalling anyone in the community whether the person be of low income, elderly, disabled or otherwise disadvantaged.

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time request of \$4,071 for materials and equipment to provide FA/CPR/AED training to at least 1,300 city residents.

Fiscal Leveraging. The grant will be leveraged by approximately \$3,000 in operating funds to cover the overhead cost of the program and by volunteer trainers who will train others.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The program will train at least 1,300 city residents in First Aid, CPR, AED, who will be available throughout the community to provide these life-saving procedures whenever they arise. It will also introduce girls to new skills that may help with employment and spark an interest in a career in health and safety.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$7,080

Amount Requested –Program Material

First Aid (FA), Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for the Workplace, Schools, and the Community – Instructor’s Manual – 50 copies x \$12/copy	\$600
FA/CPR/AED Participants Workbook – 10 copies x \$10/copy	\$100
FA/CPR/AED Participant Manual – 30 copies x \$8/copy	\$240
FA/CPR.AED work place DVD – 5 copies x \$105/copy	\$525
FA/CPR/AED Schools and the community DVD – 3 copies x \$105/copy	\$315
Adult CPR.AED Skill cards – 100 sets x \$3.50/set	\$350
Infant and Children Skill cards – 100 sets x \$3.50/set	\$350
FA Skill cards – 100 sets x \$3.25/set	\$325

Amount Requested – AED Trainer and Equipment

AED Trainer – 3 units x \$325/trainer	\$975
AED Remote Control – 3 units x \$31/unit	\$93
Programming Kit – 3 units x \$21/unit	\$63
Pediatric Pads – 3 units x \$45/unit	\$135

Other Funds

Girls Scouts Operating Funds will cover overhead costs for implementing the program \$3,009

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED **\$4,071**

SSF Funding History

2000- June	Denied	Construction of new facility	
2001	Denied	Science Materials	
2002	Granted	To purchase 2 learning modules for the agency's Family Life Education Program.	\$2,148
2005	Denied	Construction of new building	

Mission

Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc.’s mission is to “collect, store and distribute surplus and donated food product to non-profit organizations with feeding programs that serve ill, needy and infant individuals and work to educate the community on hunger issues.” In 2005, Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB) distributed 1,679,915 pounds of food to 86 member agencies in Brown, Lawrence, Orange, Owen, Martin, and Monroe counties.

Project HHFB requests funds for the listed safety improvements to its warehouse & transport vehicles.

- *Installation of “Exit” lights at six doorways and emergency flood lights at four locations in the warehouse and the office of the HHFB facility.* These lights would provide significant safety improvements in the event of an emergency or power outage. HHFB writes that the warehouse is crowded with pallets and equipment; without proper lighting injury could ensue.
- *Replacement of existing wooded west door with panic hardware and self-closing hinges.* The current door opens inward, but safety requires it open outward and include a “panic bar” which allows for quick exit in the event of an emergency. A steel door provides greater safety.
- *Removal and Reinstallation of existing scale recessed into the floor.* HHFB weighs all incoming and outgoing food and the scale is therefore, located at the primary entrance. The scale sits on the floor and is elevated 3 inches, requiring ramps. Due to its location, the scale must be crossed by anyone who comes to the HHFB. Many people trip on this scale, although no one has yet been injured. HHFB wants to manage this risk by recessing the scale into the floor to allow for a flat surface.
- *Purchase of 2 “E-Z” steps with “Sure Grip” surface for traction, one grab handle and one adjustable “mod pod” mirror for the HHFB’s two largest trucks.* The adjustable mirror will allow HHFB drivers better vision in making lane changes. The steps and grab handle will provide safe access to the back of the tracks for drivers and staff from other agencies when loading or unloading food.
- *Purchase of one OSHA-compliant ten-step rolling safety ladder for warehouse staff.* Staff currently use straight ladders. A rolling safety ladder can be locked into place and has a platform.

Criteria

Need. SCAN points out that “food is a fundamental human need” and that 17% of all households and 50% of low-income households reported problems having enough money for food. 7% of all households and 31% of low-income households reported needing emergency or supplemental food assistance. “By providing over 1.6 million pounds of food to agencies serving the hungry, HHFB plays an important role in addressing this priority.” 50% of the agencies considered managing their organization’s facility a challenge. HHFB writes that these safety improvements will reduce that challenge for the food bank.

One-Time Investment. The items requested are on-time purchases that are not provided for in the agency’s current budget. While some smaller items could be included in future budgets, HHFB writes that it operated a substantial deficit in 2005 for the first time in memory due to staff turnover and loss of a major grant. HHFB is still in healthy financial condition and able to meet reserve requirements, but not able to fund substantial investments beyond normal operating expenses in the near future.

Fiscal Leveraging. HHFB has secured electrical contractor services at a reduced cost. HHFB will install vehicle equipment itself in the interest of reducing service costs.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. HHFB writes that this project will benefit more than 80 agencies utilizing its facility and will improve safety for their staff and volunteers. “HHFB member agencies include food pantries, day cares, youth programs, soup kitchens, senior feeding programs and programs for those ill with AIDS. Ensuring that seniors have access to food enables them to remain independent longer; providing proper nutrition to children enables them to learn and play and remain healthy; supporting the work of day care programs enables parents to work while their children receive quality care and food; and assisting with the food needs of the homeless, the ill, and victims of domestic violence helps allow these individuals to reclaim their lives.” The work of HHFB reaches over 20,000 each year and assists “in building a healthy and productive community.”

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$6,870.24
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$6,670.00
Install exit and emergency flood lights	\$1,055.24 (\$0.24 from HHFB)
Replace door to open outward, panic bar	\$1,750.00
Reinstall scale recessed in floor	\$2,700 (\$200 from HHFB)
Truck Steps (2@\$177.50); handle, mirror (\$202)	\$ 708

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 6,670
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SSF Funding History

1994	Denied	Warehouse addition, freezer, cooler, capital expenses	
1996	Granted	Refrigerated truck	\$3,800
1997	Granted	Equipment for Food Repackaging Room for meal rescue program	\$9,200
1999	Granted	Cooler and condensing unit	\$14,394
2000-June	Granted	One low-lift pallet truck and three sets of racking	\$4,549
2001	Granted	To purchase food for city residents	\$3,000
2004	Granted	Pay for renovations to the facility	\$13,294

Operational Costs – Salaries, taxes & supplies

City residents served: 123 (of 350)

BRIDGE FUNDING

Mission

The mission of Martha’s House is to provide safe shelter while working to end homelessness. As the only emergency shelter in the area, Martha’s House serves all populations of the homeless and provides a safe place to stay and a continuum of services to foster long-term self-sufficiency. Residents of Martha’s House are assigned a caseworker to develop a self-sufficiency plan specific to the needs of the individual client. Martha’s House works with other community organizations to offer on-site classes in job search/interviewing, money management, housing search skills, smoking cessation and sexual health/HIV testing. When residents move from the shelter, they are offered the *Graduate Program* – follow-up case management and support to ensure the long-term ability of residents to maintain their housing.

Length of a resident’s stay is determined by county of last residence. Residents who last lived in Monroe, Owen or Lawrence County can stay for 30 days. If these residents follow their case plans, they are eligible to stay for a maximum of 90 days. Individuals who last lived in a county other than Monroe, Owen or Lawrence are limited to a maximum stay of ten days. Over 54% of clients served in the last two years were from Perry or Bloomington Township and almost 25% were residents of other Monroe County townships.

In 2004, Martha’s House served 257 unduplicated individuals and in 2005, it served 344% -- an increase of approximately 75%. As part of its strategic plan, Martha’s House intends to expand its services to include an emergency family shelter and to increase programming options for both families and individuals. Currently, none of the area homeless shelters permits fathers to stay with their children in the shelters.

Project

Martha’s House requests \$10,000 in bridge funding for operating expenses so funds from other sources can be dedicated to an operating reserve. Martha’s House hopes to establish an operating reserve due to the seasonal nature of its funding cycle. In addition to the Homeward Bound walk in April and a golf scramble in May, the shelter’s annual solicitation is most successful in the winter, when the weather turns cold. The shelter also applies for State and federal funds, some of which have a wait time of six months to a year between the submission of the grant application and the notice of award. Between fundraisers and grant awards, the shelter falls short of funds during certain periods of the year. The goal of an operating reserve is to provide stability during these lean times.

Criteria

Need. Homelessness facilities are ranked as a high-priority need in HAND’s 2005-2010 *Consolidated Plan*. The *Plan* 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. See above description of *Project*.

Fiscal Leveraging. Martha’s House receives \$53,687.92 in in-kind donations to cover expenses for its Emergency Shelter; \$10,000 for its Family Shelter and \$13,709.50 for its Supportive Housing. Additionally, the shelter has been awarded a HUD Supportive Housing Program grant to offer supportive services (including rent and utility assistance) to eleven chronically homeless individuals with disabilities and four families experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the shelter has several grants pending, including an Emergency Shelter Grant (a two-year government grant to help fund operating expenses) and the Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits. Over the last two years, Martha’s House has worked to build its reputation; as a result, both the number of donations and the amount of the donations has increased in that time.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. As made clear in its mission statement, the goal of this bridge funding request is to allow the shelter to continue to provide services in the interest of helping clients achieve self-sufficiency and working to end homelessness in the community.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$243,94.93
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$10,000
Salaries & payroll taxes	\$9,000
Supplies	\$1,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,000

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

**Jail Diversion Program, Mental Health Community Coordinator & Associated Resources
City residents served: 49-53 (of 70)**

Mission

The mission of the Mental Health Alliance (MHA) is to promote awareness, acceptance, and treatment in the prevention of mental illness through advocacy, education, support and delivery of the most effective and appropriate services to all person affected by mental health issues.

Project

The Jail Diversion Program (JDP) transitions non-violent incarcerated persons with mental illness or mental illness in combination with substance abuse and/or developmental disability into appropriate treatment settings. In the first 15 months of the program, it provided services to 84 incarcerated individuals, at an estimated savings of \$180,000 for the criminal justice system. The MHA points out that while the JDP has been highly effective in identifying alternatives to incarcerations for mentally ill offenders and reducing the amount of time spent in jail prior case disposition, after release, mentally-ill inmates are faced with inadequate resources, transportation, housing and linkages to community supports. Without such supports, recidivism is likely.

MHA proposes to reach out to inmates after release by providing inmates with providing inmates extensive transition services and case management which are beyond the scope of the JDP. These services include: meeting with the inmate upon release, identifying client needs and available resources and working individually with the mentally-ill offenders to coordinate his/her needs. Toward this end, MHA asks for funds for a Community Coordinator. In addition to direct case management, the Coordinator would also participate in the Mental Health Treatment Review Team whose goal is to speed up the disposition of cases of mentally ill defendants. In addition to requesting 12 months salary for the Coordinator, the MHA also requests the following resources in support of the post-release program: a community resource guide/planner to be filled out and provided to the inmate at the time of release with upcoming appointments and suggested contacts; resource vouchers will be provided as needed to each inmate upon release for items such as clothing, transportation and emergency medication; and a cell phone for the Coordinator to facilitate communication.

Criteria

Need. The SCAN Report states that mental health services are in a state of crisis. Due to privatization, centralized resources and expertise have lagged. Downsizing of hospitals put people back into the community without a support network. “Providers do not see Monroe County responding in a coordinated manner as a community...many untreated people with mental illness eventually wind up in jail. SCAN points out that one of the community’s unmet needs is providers to work with people incarcerated and transportation to services.

One-Time Investment. This request is for the first 12 months of the Coordinator’s salary and supporting program resources. The MHA cites its previous JHSSF funds as evidence that they are skilled at using seed money to develop a needed service and to sustain that service.

Fiscal Leveraging. The JDP has become a permanent line in the Monroe County Jail budget. Monroe County CARES provided funds for the JDP and the MHA will solicit funding from this source for this expanded program also.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. As described above, post-release services would address the social problems associated with release of a mentally-ill offender. “Stopping the cycle of incarceration will impact the community’s crime rate, save the resources of our community justice system, reduce the level of one of the most intractable homeless populations and improve the quality of life from these mentally ill community residents and their families.”

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$36,607
Community Coordinator (\$15/hr x 52 wks)	\$11,700
Office Manager	\$ 728
Fringe (15%)	\$ 1,864
Material Support Program/Resource Guide	\$ 1,300
Supplies	\$ 200
Telephone	\$ 360
Travel	\$ 264
Other (Audit, insurance, equipment lease)	\$ 500

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$16,916
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SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Pay for computer equipment and a portion of salaries for a Jail Diversion Specialist – to find other means for handling non-violent, mentally ill offenders	\$10,000
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Operational Costs – Childcare Program

City residents served: 110 (of 110)

BRIDGE FUNDING

Mission

The mission of Middle Way House, Inc. is to end violence in the lives of women and children by implementing or sponsoring activities and programs aimed at achieving individual and social change.

Project

Middle Way House, Inc. (MWH) requests a grant to help fund the position of Childcare Program Coordinator. The childcare program serves pre-school children whose parents are working, participating in MWH programs designed to bring them closer to self-sufficiency standards, attending school, or fulfilling mandated obligations. The Coordinator is a teacher licensed in Early Childhood Education and certified in Special Education and performs individual assessments and designs individualized learning programs for the children aimed at helping them meet the challenges of school, family, social and community life. This program provides early developmental and school readiness activities, music, recreation, cooking and craft activities in a setting where the adult-child ratio is never less favorable than 1:3. Every week, supervised interns from IU Speech and Hearing Program come to the shelter and test children and encourage the development of effective communication skills.

Most children participating in this program are in need of special services as a consequence of witnessing domestic violence. In some cases, these children have been the victims of abuse. The survival skills learned in these abuse environments do not serve them well in the wider community. At school, these children are behind in their skills and are likely to get in trouble for a variety of inappropriate or violent behavior. This program is designed to help children overcome early deficits that lead to school failure, encouraging literacy and numeracy, the development of appropriate social skills and a love of learning. The children participating in this program are most likely to engage in self-defeating/self-destructive and anti-social behaviors as they enter the tween and teen years. This program promotes self-respect, teamwork, the value of community, and nonviolent conflict resolution.

Criteria

Need The SCAN points out that women who are single parents have fewer resources. “It is critical for parents with young children who are trying to improve their education or re-enter the workforce to have access to quality, affordable child care. Accessing reliable, quality, affordable child care is one of the greatest barriers to women obtaining and keeping a job, or furthering their education.” (pp.52-53)

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge funding. Decreases in government funds and changes in State and federal funding priorities have left the program in shortfall. MWH is applying for government and private foundation grants and is looking for its work-study positions to be restored.

Fiscal Leveraging. MWH has secured \$94,296 from HUD and \$30,000 from the State Office of Family and Children. \$23,574 in NAP money is pending.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. As explained above, the children participating in this program are most likely to engage in self-defeating/self-destructive and anti-social behaviors as they enter the tween and teen years. This program promotes self-respect, teamwork and the value of community, and nonviolent conflict resolution.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$168,058
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 15,000
Children’s Advocate Salary	\$ 14,000
Taxes/Benefits	\$ 1,000
Other Funds for Project	
HUD (confirmed)	-\$ 94,296
OFC (confirmed)	-\$ 30,000
NAP (pending)	-\$ 23,574

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 15,000
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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 lifts, lifts for Confidential Document Destruction	\$10,000

Evans-Porter Library Collection at the Banneker Community Center

City residents served: (unavailable; Banneker receives 80,000 visitors annually)

Project Partner: City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Mission

The goal of the Monroe County Public Library is to offer equitable access to information, a place to gather, and opportunities for lifelong learning, enrichment and enjoyment.

Project

Funds will be used to bring Internet access to the Evans-Porter Library Collection (EPC) at the Banneker Center and to provide easier and more immediate access to educational and cultural materials to serve all ages in the west side of Bloomington.

Criteria

Need SCAN identifies educational attainment and youth development as priorities. MCPL points out that “this project serves to strengthen the ‘informational education resource’ for educational attainment in a City neighborhood where many residents face difficult economic challenges.” The EPC will feature resources for GED, SAT and career preparation, as well as learning resources for school-age children through adults. It also will include materials on diversity and cultural heritage and pride. The Center houses a CAPE-funded Family Resource Center which brings in families from all over the community. The EPC will provide these families with more educational resources within the Banneker Center.

MCPL also points out that the project enhances the SCAN-identified efforts to serve “youth from families experiencing poverty.” Children in the Banneker neighborhood attend the lowest-achieving elementary school in the MCCSC. Over 80% of Fairview students qualify for free or reduced lunches (the highest percentage in MCCSC). Many children and families from the Crestmont area are served by Banneker programs. Banneker staff reports that many students visiting the Center lack reading skills and interest in reading for pleasure.

SCAN calls for work “to strengthen efforts and fund programs and organizations that are already working instead of creating new programs.” The Evans-Porter Collection will be operated in partnership with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department. The Center is already heavily-used for a variety of recreational activities for all ages, daily activities, seasonal events, and ongoing programs for all age groups.

One-Time Investment.

Funds will be used to jump-start the Evans-Porter Collection at the Banneker Community Center in the interest of meeting the information, educational, and recreational needs of the Banneker clients and individuals and families of the west side.

Fiscal Leveraging. MCPL is providing the following in-kind contributions: 1 library worktable; 2 spinner racks for paperback display; 30 linear feet of library shelving; 2 upholstered chairs; 1 table and lamp; 30 boxes of gently-used library books. Parks and Recreation is providing space and staffing at the Banneker Center. MCPL will provide selection expertise to maintain a quality collection that is up-to date and relevant to the community’s needs.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

The EPC honors former Banneker teachers, Alice Evans and Georgia Porter – women who taught at Banneker for over 20 years and influenced many youth. The EPC aims to preserve this aspect of the City’s history and to transit an increased awareness of these and other positive role models to youth in this neighborhood. Through partnerships, the MCPL expects the EPC to expand to include more library services and connections to resources for learning and self-development. This project strengthens equal access to information, resources for learning, and library services for all ages.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$ 12,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 5,000
Computer Access & Setup	\$ 2,500
Approximately 166 books	\$ 2,500
Other funds for project	
MCPL – 30 boxes of materials	-\$ 2,000
MCPL – furniture & shelving	-\$ 5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 5,000

SSF Funding History -- none

Expansion of Emergency Services – Increasing Caseworker Hours

City residents served: 1,954 (of 2,960)

Mission

“Monroe County United Ministries is a nurturing organization service 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

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) requests funding for the expansion of its Emergency Services Program (ESP). MCUM’s ESP provides basic needs assistance to low-income families in our community who are experiencing financial crisis. By providing food assistance, housing or utility payment, cleaning or hygiene supplies, and access to clothing and household items, the ESP “works to provide the basic needs that can prevent a short-term crisis from becoming a long-term problem.”

In 2005, the ESP saw a 25% increase in the number of requests for assistance, in addition to the 40% increase experienced in 2004. In 2005, this program distributed food to 4,096 people, a 22% increase over the previous year. The demand for cleaning supplies and hygiene products increased 80% in 2005 and the program provided financial assistance to 32% more people, keeping 115 people in their homes and utilities turned on. In 2005, the program’s caseworker (MCUM’s only caseworker) processed 8,878 requests for various forms of assistance. This caseworker averaged a 60-hour work week in 2005, receiving no compensation for additional hours worked. Despite these long hours, many potential clients were still turned away and time spent with existing clients was limited. In March 2006, MCUM hired another social worker at 20 hours/week. While this addition has improved services, MCUM finds that it needs to increase this position to 30 hours/week. And provide employee benefits. MCUM writes that “increased hours will stabilize this position by reducing turnover and allow us to provide the level of service we feel is necessary to meet the basic needs of our clients.”

Criteria

Need

Of all the families assisted, 60% included children are 18 or younger, 30% included a disabled family member and 100% were low-or moderate income. According to SCAN, 50% of low-income households report having a problem finding enough money to buy food. 31% reported that they had needed food assistance at least once in the previous twelve months. 50% of low-income households reported having a problem finding enough money to purchase needed clothing. 47% of households with incomes of 25% or less reported trouble finding enough money to pay the rent or mortgage. 46% of these same households reported the same concern with utility bills. Both SCAN and HAND’s *Consolidated Report* cite the need for basic needs assistance to help people move beyond a state of crisis and begin to address longer-term solutions such as education and employment.

One-Time Investment. MCUM points out that research by America’s Second Harvest finds that communities across the country are experiencing an increase in demand for basic needs assistance and that our community mirrors that trend.

Fiscal Leveraging. In 2005, MCUM received more than 75,000 pounds of donated food. Donors also provided cleaning and hygiene products. MCUM receives funding from local churches and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to provide rent/mortgage and utilities assistance.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

By providing short-term financial assistance, MCUM writes that it “can prevent homelessness, reduce the need to access other social services in the community, increase family stability, help children stay in school and be better prepared to learn due to improved nutrition and reduced stress, help adults become or stay employed and have a variety of other positive impacts.”

Cost

Total Project Cost \$20,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$20,000
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SSF Funding History

1996	Denied	Facility Addition - Daycare	
1997	Granted	Addition and renovation of child care facility	\$51,000
1998	Granted	Renovate existing building to meet new building code	\$9,925
1999	Granted	Equipment for food area	\$11,850
2001	Granted	To pay rent and utilities for city residents at risk of being dislocated	\$32,884
2003	Granted	Subsidize childcare costs for low-income households within the City	\$20,000
2004	Granted	To subsidize child care services for low-income city residents primarily during the summer months	\$15,000
2005	Granted	Caseworker salary for Emergency Services program	\$16,000

Food Pantry Program: Refrigeration Equipment

City residents served: 40,040 (of 57,200)

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.”

Operating in Bloomington since 1998, the Cupboard is the largest food pantry in Monroe County. Each week, the Cupboard serves an average of 1,100 clients and distributes over 7,000 pounds of food. The Cupboard is staffed by two paid employees and more than 70 volunteers who collectively contribute over 50 hours of work week. Over 80% of volunteers are also Cupboard patrons.

Project

The Cupboard is requesting \$6,670 from JHSSF to pay for the purchase and installation of one two-door freezer unit and one two-door refrigeration unit. For the past seven years, the Cupboard has used recycled household refrigerators in our food pantry. These units are too small to accommodate the volume of food the Cupboard distributes on a daily basis. In the fall of 2005, the Cupboard acquired a large in-kind donation of 3 glass-doored coolers from Osco Drug. This request for two additional cooling units will increase the Cupboards’ ability to store and stock perishable foods to be distributed to its clients.

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. Among Monroe County households with incomes less than \$25,000, 23% needed emergency or supplemental food assistance and 39% had trouble paying for food. (*SCAN 57-58*). As a response to this need, HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* encourages, “the Citizen Advisory Council [of the CDBG Program] to continue to set aside at least 50% of the social service funding for emergency services, which are classified as food, shelter and medical care.” (p. 116).

The Cupboard operates the largest food pantry in Monroe County and serves an average of 1,100 clients/week. Since 2003, the Cupboard has seen an almost 100% increase in demand for services. The Cupboard is the largest agency partner of Hoosier Hills Food Bank, distributing 20-30% the Food Bank’s food per year. 100% of the Cupboard clients meet CDBG income eligibility guidelines; 70% are City residents; one-third of individuals served are children under 18; over 10% of Cupboard clients are ill or disabled, while 43% consider themselves temporarily, or permanently, unemployed.

One-Time Investment. The Cupboard’s request is a one-time investment for refrigeration equipment; the Cupboard will assume all responsibility for maintenance and repair of this equipment.

Fiscal Leveraging. The Cupboard will maximize JHSSF by leveraging other fiscal mechanisms. The Cupboard estimates that it will receive \$40,000 worth of donated food from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The Cupboard’s pantry facility is donated by the Perry Township Trustee and has an estimated market value of \$15,640.

Broad & long-Lasting Benefits. Investment in refrigeration equipment will make a broad and long-lasting contribution to the community by 1) decreasing the food insecurity of the community and 2) increasing the quantity and quality of food available to low-income residents, thereby fostering the long-term health of this population.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$6,670
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$6,670
2 solid door commercial freezer	\$3,550
2 solid door commercial refrigerator	\$2,750
Installation of units @ \$60/hour	\$120
Freight charges for 2 units @ \$125 per unit	\$250
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$6,670

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

Inmate Transition Program – Partial Funding for Full-time Director & Part-Time Coordinator

City residents served: 75 (of 75, Jan-April 2006)

Participating Agencies: Monroe County Correctional Center & WorkOne

BRIDGE FUNDING

Mission

The mission of New Leaf-New Life (NL-NL) is to develop a comprehensive approach to providing for the needs of inmates and their families during and after incarceration. The goal of NL-NL is to establish programs and support systems for offenders in and out of jail that reduce recidivism by fostering responsible behavior, self-determination and successful reentry into the community.

Project

Since its inception the Transition Program has been staffed part-time by the Disabilities Program Navigator at WorkOne. This position is grant funded. In January, NL-NL received a grant from the Sparkplug Foundation for a part-time program coordinator. Both grants supporting both positions will end in June 2006. NL-NL requests funding to pay for part of the salary for a full-time director and for a part-time coordinator.

Criteria

Need

SCAN cites that one of the largest gaps in mental health services are advocates to work with clients who are incarcerated. Inmates involved in the Transition Program have an advocate who works to assess an inmate’s needs and insure that medication or treatment needs are being met during the gap between release from jail and application and availability of health care.

SCAN also points out that incarceration is identified as one of the “triggering” events that can result in homelessness and hunger. Transition program navigators prepare inmates before release by locating employment opportunities, available housing or shelter, public assistance, and other resources and continue to work with the inmate after release to provide support and assistance.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) there is a need for continuity of care as offenders with substance abuse disorders move from incarceration to the community. Many offenders are released with no job, no home, and no positive social support.

NLNL’s application refers to the Mayors “City Vision 2006” address wherein he stated the need to break the cycle of recidivism to increase the safety of citizens and to control and reduce the costs of corrections. The application quotes the Mayor as saying, “I fully support the goals and plans of New Leaf-New Life, Inc.”

One-Time Investment. Bridge funding. Applicant indicates that it is pursuing a number grants and suggests it has the endorsement of INDOC.

Fiscal Leveraging. WorkOne will provide the Program with space, a computer and a telephone. NL-NL has garnered private donations to cover the costs of birth certificates, school transcripts, and other incidentals.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

The application states that, “[p]eople being released from jail and prison face many challenges that can easily lead to a return to the lifestyle that led to incarceration. Incarceration does not only affect the offenders but their partners and most tragically their children who have to experience the absence of a parent. An investment in the Transition Program will have a positive effect on the community and lowering recidivism.”

Cost

Total Project Cost – salaries \$ 46,800

Amount Requested \$ 23,000*

* Note: exact distribution of these funds is contingent upon pending grants.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$23,000
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SSF Funding History

2005

Denied

Personnel, office, office supplies

Equalizing with E-Cycling Program
City residents served: 19 (of 19)

Mission

Options for Better Living, Inc. partners with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self-directed and fulfilled lives.

Project

Options recently retired 19 office computers and 22 monitors to make way for hardware that can handle certain software. It wishes to recycle this hardware through the *Equalizing with E-cycling* program whereby these machines are reconditioned and made available to Options customers.

Funding for this e-cycling program would help Options hire a computer technician to clean each computer, reinstall programs pertinent to the agency’s customers’ individual needs, install modems, and prepare the computers’ accessories. The computers will then be given to Options’ customers who currently do not have access to a computer. Options intends to evaluate the program to assess the impact of the e-cycled computers.

Criteria

Need. According to the Institute for Health and Aging (IHA), only one-fourth of Americans with disabilities own computers and only one-tenth ever make use of the Internet. This means that of the 10,648 people with disabilities in Monroe County, 7,986 people do not own a computer, and 9,583 individuals have not or cannot access the Internet. Options’ 2003-2006 Strategic Plan calls for developing computer resources and enhancing the access of computers and other technology for its customers. The IHA reports, “[t]o a population that is often physically as well as socially isolated, [computers] can offer access to information, social interaction, cultural activities, employment opportunities, and consumer goods.” As *SCAN* points out, 70% of people interviewed at service provider locations reported an income below \$15,000, many of whom are dependent on Social Security and/or disability payments as their primary income. This segment of the community does not have income to purchase a computer. The *SCAN* also points to the need to reach out to households with lower incomes to improve education. Further, the IHA reports that, even when people with disabilities are employed, only 42.6% use a computer at work, and only 26.4% of those had access to a computer.

This program complements Options’ *Life Enrichment Activities Participation* program which offers customers the opportunity to receive computer training. This training provides a foundation for further study of word processing programs, skill training websites and learning how to search for jobs.

One-Time Investment & Leveraged Funds. This one-time investment will help Options leverage donations for used computer software such as word processing programs, educational games, interactive encyclopedia programs, and other programs that allow customers to learn and enforce quality life skills. Options has already raised \$2,424.00 and expects another \$1,000 for the project.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. Options writes that these computers will increase customers’ self-esteem, boost their confidence, and provide valuable training that can be used in the workplace. “Bloomington will benefit from the computers, as 19 more individuals will be able to become further educated, learn life skills, enhance their ability and potential in the workforce, and have a higher level of independence, connect and communicate with others, and socially become part of the electronic community. These people will give back to Bloomington time and time again – through jobs, attending more events and community celebration, and by obtaining new skills to give back to the area, making Bloomington an even better place to live.”

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$ 8,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 5,000
Computer formatting and rebuilding	\$ 1,330 (#1 rank)
Installing modems and software	\$ 2,530 (#2 rank)
Internet Connection Fee	\$ 1,140 (#3 rank)
Other funds	
In-kind – pending	-\$ 1,000
Options funds – confirmed	-\$ 144.50
Kiva’s Reduced-Rate Internet	
Contribution – confirmed	-\$ 2,280

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 5,000
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SSF Funding History

1997	Granted	Upgrading phone and voice mail system	\$13,500
1998	Granted	Repair 1991 Club Wagon for client purpose	\$3,000
2000-June	Granted	Materials, computer, and furniture for resource library	\$5,000
2001	Granted	To purchase CPR training equipment to train staff	\$4,966
2002	Granted	Materials for a program between Options and Center for Behavioral Health to address persons with dual diagnosis	\$5,000
2003	Granted	Materials for resource library & speaker fees. Family Partnership	\$1,725
2004	Denied	Career Exploration Day Transportation and Costs	
2005	Granted	Modify wheelchair accessible van for community participation program	\$7,500

**Penny Lane, East – Subsidized Care for Families in Need – Full Scholarships for 4 Children
City residents served: 74 (of 86)
BRIDGE FUNDING**

Mission

“Penny Lane exists to provide the community with a service of a preschool and licensed child care facility combined into one. All children...are given the best possible care that we can provide for them. Every child is an individual with lots of capabilities not yet explored. Penny Lane uses all the developmental areas – physical, cognitive, social-emotional and language -- to help children and families experience their needs in a natural environment that is safe, healthy and developmentally appropriate.”

Project

Penny Lane is a licensed child care facility that serves children age 6 weeks to 10 years. Penny Lane has locations on both the west and east sides of Bloomington. As more City residents patronize the eastside location, this application requests funds to subsidize care for four additional children at the Penny Lane East location.

Currently, Penny Lane has contract with the Child & Adult Care Food Program and the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and receives CCDF vouchers. Since 2000, CCDF funds have been cut by \$33,990 (27%). At the same time, cuts have been made in the City voucher program. As a result, many families in need of childcare vouchers are put on a wait list. Currently, the wait is approximately four months. 83 families are on the waitlist. Penny Lane has a capacity of 103, but currently only serves 86 children because of the voucher scarcity. Penny Lane requests funds to provide care for four City children whose families are currently unable to afford care and do not have vouchers. All children served by this project will be at 100% of the poverty level, or greater. Please note that the charge of \$103/child/week is comports with market rates (*see rates attached to application*).

Criteria

Need

The SCAN Report documents the need for more subsidized childcare in our community. According to SCAN, in 2002, there were 2438 slots available for children in licensed day care, yet the number of children receiving child care vouchers was only 1248. SCAN also reports that many childcare providers follow the MCCSC calendar. Penny Lane provides services all year, except for six holidays.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge funding. Penny Lane is currently in the process of accreditation, once accredited, it will receive a greater rate of reimbursement from CCDF and be able to reach out to more families in need in the future.

Fiscal Leveraging. Penny Lane receives funds for subsidized care from Child & Adult Care Food Program and the Child Care Development Fund.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. By providing care to children and families otherwise unable to afford it, this program will provide children with good nutrition, a positive learning experience and a safe and stable environment. This program also allows parents trying to improve their education or re-enter the workforce to have access to quality, affordable child care.

*** Note: Applicant is requesting funds into March of 2007 in the interest of fostering the greatest stability for families already experiencing great instability.**

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$20,800
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$17,680
Weekly charge (\$130/child x 4 children)	(\$ 520)
Weekly cost x 40 weeks	\$20,800
Holidays & Vacation (2 weeks)	- \$ 1,040

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$19,760

SSF Funding History -- none

Therapeutic Arena Props and Special Horse Tack

City residents served: 84 (of 150)

Mission

People and Animal Learning Services, Inc. (PALS) is dedicated to providing high-quality, safe, educational, fun and therapeutic animal assisted activities such as therapeutic horseback riding, hippotherapy, animal care and pet encounter therapy to children and adults with physical, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities. It was established in 2000 and is accredited as an operating center by the North American Riding for Handicapped Association (NARHA).

Project

PALS requests JHSSF monies to pay for arena props and new tack equipment for the program. Arena props include: foam dice, bean bags with colored numbers, a colored cone set, colored bean bags, and textured rubber rings. These props will help the rider with their balance, agility, improved motor skills, reading, and assist them with stretching and strengthening muscles. The tack equipment requested includes: rainbow reins for special riders (color-coded reins that make it easier for a rider to grip) and riding pads (held to hold the rider in the saddle and help make the horses more comfortable).

Criteria

Need

“PALS therapeutic riding program serves a 100% special needs population that includes children and adults with disabilities. PALS addresses the recreational needs of children and adults with disabilities by providing therapeutic riding and hippotherapy lessons. All of the PALS rider have at least one of the following disabilities: amputations, autism, brain injuries, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, emotional disabilities, learning disabilities, developmental delay, learning impairments, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, pos polio, speech impairments, spina bifida, spinal cord injuries, visual impairments, cardiovascular accident, stroke, ADD, ADHD, at-risk youth and others.” The application points out that therapeutic riding improves learning and memory skills in cognitively-impaired clients. It improves self-confidence and provides a sense of independence and normalcy. For rides with mobility impairments, riding on a horse gives a sense of freedom of movement and control that is difficult to attain any other way. Over 50% of its riders are low-income and use PALS scholarship money to pay for riding lessons.

One-Time Investment. The application does not address this.

Fiscal Leveraging. The application does not address this.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. See above.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$1,435
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$1,435
1 set - colored shapes	54.99
Teaching book	29.99
1 set – colored cone set	59.99
1 set – ring sampler	39.99
2 sets – foam die	37.98
1 set – bean bag with colored #s	24.99
11 – rainbow reins	384.89
2 – black & white reins	69.98
1 – Cashel SoftSaddle	224.99
3 – Walker Belt	59.97
1 – Therapeutic Riding Pad	334.99
1 set – colored bean bags	19.99
1 – Wintec Western Cinch	31.99
1 set – adjustable handle reins	<u>59.99</u>
	\$1,435

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 1,435
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SSF Funding History

2000-Oct.	Denied	Equipment, computer programs and operating costs	
2003	Granted	Purchase and install tow hydraulic mounting lifts to be used for and owned by the PALS therapeutic riding program	\$3,400
2005	Denied	Leadership camp, copier	

Summer School Program for At-Risk Dyslexic Youth

City residents served: 21 (of 24)

Mission

“Pinnacle School is an independent, nonprofit school that teaches students with dyslexia, dysgraphia (“math dyslexia”) and similar learning disabilities how to read, spell, write, do math and learn successfully in all subject areas. First established 24 years ago as the Bloomington DePaul School, Pinnacle now works with student in grades 1 to 10. We are one of only two such schools in Indiana. Our proven techniques, approved by the International Dyslexia Association, build on each student’s individual strengths. Pinnacle offers specialized after-school tutoring and summer school programs, open to students in the Bloomington community.”

Project

The Pinnacle School (PS) requests funding to: 1) expand the capacity of its summer school program to allow 3 at-risk Bloomington children to attend the 8-week Summer School program (50% scholarships), and 2) the replacement of specialized permanent teaching materials that were destroyed last year.

The Summer School started last year and began as a response to the need for students to maintain new skills learned the previous year and to have time for more intensive remediation. Many of the Summer School students qualified for free or reduced lunch at their home-district school. PS offered four 50% scholarships and two full scholarships. Last year, the Summer Program served 16 students; PS hopes to expand the program this year to meet a growing need. PS currently has 8 students on a waiting list for Summer School scholarship.

Criteria

Need

SCAN identifies educational attainment and youth development as priority community needs. The NIH reports that 1 of every 5-7 students has some degree of dyslexia. Students with dyslexia have a learning disability and are underserved by traditional education. PS provides appropriate interventions to help them learn reading, writing, spelling and critical math skills.

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

Fiscal Leveraging. Families of PS students commit to volunteer 20 hours of service each year. Additionally, the school anticipates receiving other funding to provide five Summer School scholarships. Note: PS points out that its ability to offer scholarships and purchase needed specialized material is severely constrained by \$50,000 in unrecovered damages the school suffered from a wastewater flood last year caused by damage to a sewer main on the neighboring U.S. Army Reserve property.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

“PS will be able to expand the capacity of its program and have the necessary instructional materials to allow additional at-risk students with dyslexia to attend Summer School to develop critical reading, writing, spelling and math skills. These are vital, life-long skills needed to be able to continue in school successfully. The long-term impact of academic attainment is a higher quality of life and future earnings potential.”

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$27,189
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 8,919
Teaching Materials – manipulatives	\$ 4,549
Teaching Materials – dyslexia readers	\$ 1,400
Scholarship support to expand capacity	\$ <u>2,970</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 8,919
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SSF Funding History -- none

Bloomington Health Center Renovation

City residents served: 4,442 (of 7,100)

Mission

The mission of Planned Parenthood of Indiana is to protect, provide and promote reproductive health.

Project

Planned Parenthood of Indiana (PPIN) requests funds from the JHSSF to help fund the renovation of the patient waiting room and front desk of the Bloomington Health Center. JHSSF monies will be used in conjunction with \$21,000 pledged by an individual donor and \$5,000 pending from the Community Foundation. The Bloomington Health Center is one of the busiest of PPIN’s 38 health centers. However, due to poor structural planning, it is not currently meeting the needs for patient flow and volume.

Criteria

Need

Sixty-eight percent of the Bloomington residents visiting the Health Center had incomes at or below the federal poverty level and seventy-eight percent were at or below 150 percent of poverty. Most of these patients either lacked health insurance or had inadequate coverage for their health care needs. For the nearly eighty percent of patients served here who fall at or below 150 percent of poverty, PPIN is often their primary health care provider.

With the recent closing of the family planning services offered through the CHAP clinic, the Health Center has seen an increase in the number of local patients served. The proposed renovation is necessary to manage patient volume and protect patient privacy. The current configuration of the door and counter form an “L” shape – that means that there is no entry and exist flow and that patient privacy is compromised – patients entering or existing the front door can overhear what is being said to patients checking in and checking out. A consultant from the Planned Parenthood Federation of America confirmed that the placement of the front desk (and medical records) were detrimental to patient privacy and efficient work flow. The space is also heavily worn and showing signs of age.

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

Fiscal Leveraging. All but the JHSSF element are funded through private donations and a community foundation grant. *See* below.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

PPIN provides comprehensive reproductive health care for women and men. The Support of the JHSSF will allow PPIN to continue providing outstanding service to area residents. PPIN’s focus is on providing affordable, preventative care such as annual gynecological exams, follow-up and treatment of abnormal Pap results, STI screening and treatment, and family planning, without which many Bloomington residents would find themselves at greater risk for serious health conditions or unplanned pregnancies.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$29,050
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 3,050
Front desk furniture	\$ 3,500
	- \$ 450 (private donation)
	\$ 3,050
Construction	-\$10,000 (private donation)
Filing System	- \$ 5,000 (Community Foundation -- pending)
Flooring	-\$ 3,500 (private donation)
Move computers/phones	-\$ 2,000 (private donation)
50 Waiting Room Chairs @\$85/ea	-\$ 4,250 (private donation)
8 Waiting Room Tables @ 100/ea	-\$ 800 (private donation)
	\$ 3,050

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 3,050
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SSF Funding History

1997	Denied	ADA Approved restrooms and waiting room expansion	
1999	Granted	Exam table for handicapped	\$5,000
2000-Oct.	Denied	Offset \$34,000 needed for program	
2001	Granted	To purchase equipment to test for anemia	\$1,394
2002	Granted	To purchase an autoclave for the purpose of sterilizing instruments.	\$1,495
2003	Granted	Purchase four computers for its 421 South College facility	\$3,600
2004	Granted	To purchase 6 sets of cervical biopsy equipment	\$2,923
2005	Granted	Security cameras and equipment for the facility at 421 S. College Ave.	\$1,500

Food Pantry Expansion – To Distribute More Food & More Nutritious Food
City residents served: unknown; described as a “large majority”(of 2,400-5,000)

Mission

The mission of the Salvation Army is “to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.” Religious instruction is not a compulsory element of service provision. As stated in the application, “[a]lthough the Salvation Army is a ministry, we do not [proselytize] or base any provision of assistance on an individual’s religious beliefs. The Salvation Army does not hire according to faith system affiliation, but requires each employee to be comfortable working under the stated mission.”

Project

The Salvation Army (SA) requests funds for the expansion of its food pantry program. Located at 111 N. Rogers, the SA food pantry currently serves approximately 200-500 people/month. The pantry is located convenient to Shalom Community Center, Middleway House, Martha’s House and the Community Kitchen. Clients who patronize other food pantries which provide nutritious food, often come to the SA food pantry when the other pantries are closed. The pantry also provides a convenience for patrons in that patrons can receive other forms of emergency assistance, such a assistance for rent, utilities, prescriptions, transportation, and vouchers to purchase clothing and household items. Currently, the pantry is mostly stocked with government commodities. When the pantry receives the commodities every three months, it does not have the storage space to stock other food. As spelled out in the application, government commodities are not as nutritious as food provided by food pantries. SA wishes to expand its pantry to include sufficient space to stock healthier food.

Toward that end, SA requests funds for: a scale to weigh the food, shelving, food, labor for expansion work and a refrigerator. An industrial-sized scale will help the pantry keep better statistics on consumption and plan better. More accurate statistics will also help the SA leverage more grant money. JHSSF money will also be used to purchase more healthful food; currently, if the pantry is low on commodities, it will purchase about \$50 worth of food from HH Food Bank. This provides some variety to patrons, but does not provide patrons with consistent, well-balanced foods. An expanded pantry will move the storage space into other office areas at the SA building. To maximize this space, SA asks for funds to remove a wall, thereby increasing the area of the storage space by 25%.

Criteria

Need. SCAN points out that there is a need for more food pantries in the community and that the food the State requires clients to choose from is higher in calories and not as nutritious as food generally available at food pantries. Furthermore, a National Institute of Health study demonstrates that poverty and obesity are often linked.

One-Time Investment. “With the use of the scale and programming developed from the class at [IU], we will be able to purchase food in future years without Jack Hopkins grants.”

Fiscal Leveraging. As stated above, more accurate statistics will help the pantry document distribution. Such documentation is necessary to secure many grants, such as the Feinstein Foundation grant, which requires agencies to give record of the amount of food donated in pounds. This foundation contributes matching funds based on pounds of food distributed. The SA would use such matching funds to purchase nutritious food from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. SA is partnering with a nutrition class at IU to: establish food drives, increase the pantry visibility, develop an inventory guideline to ensure each household receives well-balanced foods, prepare a guide for clients that explains healthy eating and budgeting, establish a volunteer recruitment and maintenance program, and develop a logistical plan for moving the pantry into its new space.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. The application states that this expanded pantry creates another sustainable pantry in Bloomington. By providing a healthier, well-balanced, consistent supply of food, SA writes that it will be able to better meet human needs without discrimination by bridging the gap of economic disparity.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$7,824
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$7,824
Scale	\$200
Shelving	\$140
Food	\$2,600
Expansion Work	\$2,839
Refrigerator	\$1,895+\$160 ship

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$7,824
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SSF Funding History

2002	Denied	Renovation for childcare facility
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Facility Expansion at 110 South Washington – Installation of Communications System & Upgraded Technology System

City residents served: 100 (of 800)

Mission

Shalom is a daytime respite and resource center for residents of Bloomington experiencing poverty – hunger, homelessness, 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 institutions which can help those in need. Shalom employs a low-barrier outreach model. Nationally recognized, the 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 empowerment. Shalom’s overriding goal is to maximize opportunities for all people to develop their assets and talents to the fullest extent possible, and to take responsibility for their own lives.

Project

Shalom requests funds to 1) install a communications system and 2) obtain a new technology network with a server and software to integrate Shalom’s data collection and reporting functions. Since the move to 110 S. Washington, Shalom can no longer effectively use the communications systems in the First United Methodist Church building on which it relies since its inception. The church will now be devoted entirely to the Center’s feeding programs. The 110 S. Washington location will be used to site all social services, employment programs, computer lab and office staff.

The communication system consists of a Toshiba 16e Digital key system, refurbished strategy 4-port voice processing system @ 8 lines and 16 stations. The technology system consists of both hardware and Filemaker Pro software.

Criteria

Need

SCAN reports that 25% of Monroe County residents live in poverty or serious economic risk. The Shalom Community Center is at the heart of anti-poverty efforts in Bloomington, serving primarily our most vulnerable citizens who are experiencing hunger and homelessness.”

One-Time Investment. Shalom asks for 13% of the projected cost of total expansion. The project has already leverage “significant cash and in-kind contributions. Negotiations are in progress for contributions for additional project resources.”

Fiscal Leveraging. JHSSF funds will be multiplied by more than seven times by funds and in-kind donations from other Bloomington community supporters of the Shalom Center.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. “This investment will meet the Shalom Center’s communication and information technology needs for the foreseeable future as well as provide adequate physical space for the Center to better meet the growing demand for its services.”

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$ 7,809.18
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 7,809.18
Communication System	\$ 3,677.50
Technology System Network (Server)	\$ 2,900
Technology System Network (Software)	\$ 1,231.68

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 7,809.18
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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

Incentive Project

City residents served: 6 (of 6)

Mission

Stepping Stones, Inc. provides transitional housing and supportive services to disadvantaged youth aged 16-20 who are experiencing homelessness. Incorporated in July 2004, Stepping Stones’ mission is to provide a supportive community that encourages youth to make decisions that positively affect their lives.

Project

Stepping Stones requests funding for an Incentive Project that includes: a Community Service Component, an Incentive Component, a kick-off of the program & final celebration, bus passes for residents over a three-month period, and salaries for administering the program.

The Community Service Component requires residents to commit to 15 hours of community service over a 2-3 month period. In collaboration with the Bloomington Volunteer Network, residents will identify a particular area of interest in which they can volunteer their time. In exchange, they will choose from a pool of activities geared to promote independence, e.g., drivers’ ed classes, a class at Ivy Tech, a bicycle, etc. for a maximum of \$250. The goal of this objective is to broaden residents’ experiences and foster a sense of community commitment.

The Incentive Component is intended to help residents save money and build assets. Stepping Stone’s goal is for each resident to have at least \$1,000 in their investment account prior to moving out. As soon as residents start working, they start contributing to this account with the first \$250 earmarked as their security deposit. To encourage residents to contribute more money to this account, Stepping Stones wants to offer matching contributions. Under this component, residents contribute \$150 into their investment account over three months and a JHSSF grant would match it with \$150. As explained by the Corporation for Enterprise Development, “Individual Development Accounts are matched savings accounts proven to help the working poor save and build assets. They are built upon the theory that given the right savings incentives, lower-income people can and will save to accumulate assets. They enable low-income families to save...and work toward purchasing an asset – most commonly buying their first home, paying for post-secondary education, or starting a small business.”

Criteria

Need

HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* cites the development of Stepping Stones as one of the key strategies in addressing homelessness in Bloomington. The report state this “this organization addresses the critical problems with adolescent homelessness or ‘couch surfing’ in the Bloomington community.”

Similarly, SCAN points out that youth participating in productive opportunities “can help develop valuable competencies and social skills while contributing to self-esteem and a sense of purpose.

Research shows that youth who are involved in a activities with caring adult role models and mentors are more likely to complete school, do better academically, make healthier life choices, and engage in fewer destructive activities.” One of the stated goals in the *SCAN* report is to “[e]xpand the current capacity of high-quality mentoring and youth leadership programs, including a focus on low-income youth, and promote areas of professional interest. These programs should include opportunities for youth to be involved in planning and implementation.”

One-Time Investment. The application states the “[t]his grant request is a one-time investment because our plan is to find individuals or organizations that will partner with us on continuing these projects.”

Fiscal Leveraging. Stepping Stones is contributing some of its own funds for office supplies, interns and providing a match for JHSSF funds.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. The goal of this program is to teach residents how to become self-sustaining adults. A key component in achieving this goal is to empower them. Activities build on residents’ strengths and give them the chance to participate in a democratic setting. Residents are encouraged to learn how to make healthy life choices including postponing parenthood, being responsible, and developing sound values.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$ 6,008
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 4,598
Community Service Component	\$ 1,500
Investment Component	\$ 900
Kick-off & Celebration	\$ 500
Exec. Dir. @7.5% of time over 3 mos.+25% fringe	\$ 798
Travel – Mileage @.40/mi & bus passes	\$ 900
Volunteer/Intern@3 hours/week	-\$ 360 (funded by Stepping Stones)
Office Expenses (copying, mailing)	\$ 150 (funded by SS)
Investment Component	-\$ 900 (SS to match JHSSF)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 4,598
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Children’s Door – Expansion of Program to Operate on Saturdays

Project Partner: IU, Department of Applied Health Science

City residents served: 75 (of 100)

Mission

“We exist to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence.”

Project

Working in cooperation with child development experts in IU’s Department of Applied Health, SCCAP launched the Children’s Door (CD) in December in 2005. CD offers a safe place for volatile parenting time exchanges at SCCAP, Head Start, 102 W. Fifteenth Street. During exchanges, trained volunteers supervise a child’s movement between his or her parents and document each exchange to indicate that the parties were on time and exchanged their child/ren without conflict. Professional security personnel are on site and readily available during exchange times. Special arrangements are in place in cases that involve restraining or no contact orders. CD is in close communication with the County Family Court program, law enforcement and Middle Way House, among other community agencies and resources, in the interest of meeting the comprehensive needs of each child.

CD is currently opened 5 hours per week – on Friday, Sunday and Wednesday. The Friday/Sunday schedule allows CD to monitor exchanges for two-night weekend parenting time, but not one-night parenting time as indicated for children under three as indicated by the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines. At the request of the Family Court program and domestic violence providers, CD asks for funding to expand its services to include Saturday exchanges. This will allow Friday night-only or Saturday night-only exchanges. The service is free in the interest of removing all cost-related barriers to involvement. The program currently serves 8 children. Based on need and feedback from courts and service providers, it expects the program to serve 100 children by the end of the year, 75 of whom are expected to be City residents. CD firsts accepts those families who are Court-referred and then those who are referred by attorneys.

See attached letters of endorsement from: Professor Billingham of the Department Applied Health Science, The Children’s Rights Council, Monroe County Family Court and Atty. Catherine Stafford.

Criteria

Need. As identified in SCAN, CD addresses personal safety by proving an intervention for dysfunctional families going through the stress of family breakup and offers safe haven from the threat of conflict and abuse surrounding parenting time exchanges and provides a forum for educating parents about healthy, effective co-parenting practices after divorce or separation. CD allows divorced, separated and never-married parents with high levels of ongoing conflict and/or histories of abuse the opportunity to exchange their children in a safe, neutral, supervised environment.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for one-time funding. Once CD is expanded to include Saturdays and to serve more families, SCCAP anticipates future funds at greater levels of support from government, private and individual funding sources.

Fiscal Leveraging. The Department of Applied Health Science has allocates start-up funding and has pledged to match a JHSSF grant, if awarded. CD and the Department have set up a special fund through the IU Foundation to receive donations.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

As spelled out in its application, CD’s goals are to:

1. Eliminate the potential for conflict surrounding parenting time (visitation) exchanges;
2. Provide opportunities for children to have contact with both parents without witnessing parental conflicts;
3. Protect victims of domestic abuse from further assault; and
4. Present a model for conflict-free exchanges that divorced and separated families can learn to practice on their own.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$26,100.00
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 2,780.50
6.5 staff hrs/wk x \$16.50/hr x 26 weeks	\$ 2, 780.50 (+ Match, IU Dept. of Applied Health \$ 2,780.50)
Private donation	\$ <u>11.50</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 2,780.50
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SSF Funding History

1997	Denied	Renovation, cribs, cots, strollers and refrigerators	
2002	Granted	To establish a revolving loan program for auto repairs of clients	\$5,000
2003	Granted	Pay for the development of computer software	\$6,292
2005	Granted	Furnishings, equipment and cognitive materials for Head Start classrooms at Templeton and Summit schools	\$8,000

Teachers Warehouse at 1365 W. Second Street, Bloomington

Partnerships. Sponsored by the three Bloomington Rotary Clubs

Residency/Client Population. 1,600 city students out of 2,000 students

Mission

Teachers' Warehouse, Inc (Warehouse) was incorporated as a not-for-profit in July of 2003 with the mission of enhancing the learning opportunities of disadvantaged children in the area served by the three Bloomington Rotary Clubs. It uses volunteers to gather surplus and obsolete education supplies and equipment – pencils, crayons, scissors, notepads, paper, cabinets, and similar items - that businesses and individuals would otherwise discard and began making them available in August of 2004 to area school teachers at no charge for distribution to needy children in their classrooms. It rents 5,100 s.f. of space on West Second street and sets aside 1,100 s.f. for teachers to pick up needed supplies. The application indicates that teachers visited the Warehouse 200 times and picked up supplies that served 2,000 elementary school children so far this year.

Project

The Warehouse is requesting \$1,500 to purchase 20 shelving units (at \$75.00 per unit) and \$1,000 to help cover the cost of utilities for a total of \$2,500.

Criteria

Need. The application says this program will serve about 2,000 school children in 2006 about 80% of which reside in the City. It directly affects the educational opportunities of the nearly 30% of school children in the Monroe County School Corporation (MCCSC) whose family income qualify them for free or reduced-cost lunches. These families are often unable to provide school supplies for the children. Neither are the teachers (who typically contribute from \$500 - \$1,000 of their own money each year to stock their classrooms); nor is the MCCSC which is under statewide budget constraints.

One-Time Investment. While the \$1,500 request for shelving is clearly a one-time investment, the request \$1,000 for utilities would be for an on-going expense.

Fiscal Leveraging. The program raised \$57,000 in 2005 (not counting approximately \$23,000 of in-kind donations) and is anticipating \$61,000 in 2006 from corporations, foundations, rotary clubs and their members, and various grants. These grants and donations cover rent (\$32,000), personnel (\$9,370), utilities (\$2,473) along with the other costs.

Broad and Long Lasting Benefits. The \$2,500 for shelving and utilities will provide broad and long-lasting effects by giving children the tools to learn and by recycling otherwise recycled solid waste.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$63,500

Amount Requested

Shelving – 20 units @ \$75/unit	\$1,500
Utilities – Cost \$2,500 in 2005	\$1,000

Other Funds for Project

Corporations and Foundations - \$35,000

Applications for Grants (O'Bannon Fund, CICF *(Pending)*) - \$10,000

Rotary Clubs and Individual Rotarians - \$16,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2,500
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SSF Funding History

None