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Total Amounts Requested

\$246,525.03

Mission BBBS is a youth development organization with a 32-year history in Bloomington, whose mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact. 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). The children matched with BBBS mentors have been shown to be more likely to have better peer relationships and be significantly less likely to skip a day of school, start using illegal drugs or drinking alcohol, or lie to their parents.

Project BBBS requests small stipends for four volunteer coordinators and funds for recruitment material to begin a pilot project that will connect 40 children of current or former incarcerated persons with mentors drawn from church congregations. This project is modeled after the *Amachi* program in Philadelphia. According to the narrative, children of incarcerated persons are more likely to: become caught up in the criminal justice system; live in unstable families with one-parent or grandparents as head of household; display fear or contempt for authority figures; and, suffer increased risk of academic failure, delayed development, and family instability. This project partners with churches because they are voluntary associations which offer refuge to people of all ages and have members who are deeply committed to improving the lives of children our community. The narrative emphasizes that the motivation to improve the lives of children and not the desire to proselytize that will drive the volunteers.

Criteria

Need. The *SCAN* identifies 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 HAND department’s *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. The request is for operational costs (i.e. stipends for four volunteer coordinators and recruitment materials) for a pilot project. It anticipates that the mission of the congregations and the commitment of its members will make it likely that the mentor relationships will continue and grow in future years without future need of funds from the City.

Fiscal Leveraging. BBBS uses expertise from its national organization, funds from local donors, and volunteer mentors to provide individual mentoring and family casework. This \$5,215 request will be leveraged by a Department of Health and Human Services grant (\$8,775), administrative support for the 40 matches (amounting to \$28,305 or \$780/child), and the in-kind contributions of the church congregations (\$7,200).

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This project would use local churches as an efficient means of matching a particularly vulnerable population of children with a large pool of committed mentors.

Evaluation: BBBS will define success based upon: 1) the ability to meet outcomes affecting youth development; 2) the ability to create and maintain matches that last beyond the first year; and 3) the ability to effectively refer children and families for additional support services.

Cost

Amount Requested

Stipend for 4 Volunteer Coordinators - (@ \$1,000)	\$4,000
Amachi Materials including: 1) 2,000 brochures @ \$0.30 = \$600; 2) 50 posters @ \$1.90 = \$95; 2,000 recruitment mailings = \$340	\$1,035
BBBSA Partnership Packets (20 @ \$9.00)	<u>\$180</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$5,215
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Other Funds

<i>Department of Health and Human Services Grant</i>	\$8,775
<i>BBBS General Fund (40 matches @ \$780/child)</i>	\$28,305
<i>In-Kind contribution from area congregations</i>	<u>\$7,200</u>
Total Other Funds	<u>\$44,280</u>
Total Project Cost	\$49,495

SSF Funding History

1995	Granted	Office Renovation	\$4,800
1999	Denied	Capital Grant	\$0
2000-June	Denied	Long Range Business and Growth Plan	\$0
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 equipment and software to start Phase I of its long range service plan	\$4,500
2005	Granted	Salary of Partnership Coordinator for a multi-year Capacity Building project	\$5,000
2006	Granted	To reconfigure and repair roof and replace water-damaged fiber board at their facility at 418 South Walnut	\$8,109

Mission

Positive Link (PL) began in 1993 and serves a six-county area. Its mission is to provide a compassionate service model of HIV prevention and services worthy of replication. PL’s Client Services Team consists of four full-time staff who provide intensive case management and support programs to an active caseload (i.e. 150 persons in 2006). About 57% of those persons resided in the City and about 75% were living on less than \$12,000 a year. Its Prevention Team consists of three staff (2.5 FTE’s) who provide community education and outreach, HIV counseling and testing (1600 tests in 2006), and HIV awareness programming to persons within the service area.

Project

PL requests funds for client transportation costs, staff training materials, and client materials for the *Mpowerment* group support program. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending more group level intervention in both prevention and client services and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has indicated it will tie funding to implementation of that recommendation in 2008. With that in mind, PL wishes to expand its group level intervention efforts to include the *Mpowerment* program. The *Mpowerment* program attempts to reduce high-risk unprotected sex between young gay males by enlisting members of that population to work with staff and develop activities that will change those high-risk behaviors.

Criteria

Need. The application uses the *SCAN* report and its own findings to make the following propositions: 1) AIDS and HIV-positive patients need health care services and are likely to attend group meetings of similarly situated persons; 2) Outreach services are lacking in this community and the *Mpowerment* program offers a targeted and measured approach likely to produce good results; 3) Transportation is a problem for low-income and disabled populations, and a survey of PL clients, in particular, indicates that assistance with transportation will raise attendance at meetings. The application also notes that the program will only serve clients who are low-income and disabled.

One-Time Investment. The \$2,360 request is for operational costs (i.e. transportation, training, and group materials) for a pilot project that will be funded in future years by the ISDH and other sources.

Fiscal Leveraging. The request is leveraged by a ISDH grant of \$9,204 and \$300 in administrative overhead funded by Bloomington Hospital.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. The application states that *Mpowerment* is an effective and measurable means of decreasing HIV infection rates within the GLBT community. It also states that group support services for persons with HIV will decrease substance abuse, increase support networks, and reduce the need for additional services in the long run.

Evaluation: PL will use the evaluation approach required by the CDC which includes rates of participation among other factors.

Cost

Amount Requested

Transportation Assistance – vouchers averaging \$2/client x 15 clients x 52 weeks	\$1,560
Mpowerment Training Materials - 2 trainees (CDC requirement) @ \$250/trainee	\$500
Client Services Group Materials – workbooks, snacks, and activity supplies for 3 groups @ \$100/group	\$300

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2,360
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Other Funds

Indiana State Department of Health Grant – Personnel and Fringe - \$29.50/hour x 6 hours/week x 52 weeks/year	\$9,204
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Bloomington Hospital – Program Advertisement – 3 groups @ \$100/group	\$300
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Total Other Funds	\$9,504
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Total Project Cost	\$11,864
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SSF Funding History

2000-Oct.	<i>Home Health Services</i>	Granted	Implement a pilot healthcare program for local inmates after release from jail	\$3,000
2002	<i>Community Health Services</i>	Denied	Part-time Bilingual Therapist	\$0
2004	<i>Positive Link</i>	Denied	Personnel and materials for a social assets bargaining program	\$0
2005	<i>Community Health Education</i>	Granted	Facilitator salary for New Parents Initiative for the third year	\$3,000
2006	<i>Positive Link</i>	Granted	To purchase portable hot boxes, portable coolers, and related supplies for the Nutrition Links program.	\$1,150

Mission The Bloomington Housing Authority has been serving the community for over 40 years. It offers a variety of affordable housing opportunities and supportive services that foster stability and self-sufficiency through creative partnerships while servicing its customers with the highest level of professionalism and respect.

Project BHA is requesting bridge funds for the Neighborhood Nurse project. This project began in 2003 with a grant from the Baxter International Foundation which funded a nurse practitioner who was charged with improving health literacy and well-being for persons living, working and playing in the 3rd Street Park area. The nurse practitioner does *not* perform clinical treatment, but builds relationships of trust based upon health education and referral to community resources. With the help of a Community Foundation grant and assistance from the Bloomington Housing Authority Resident Council, the project shifted to the Crestmont Neighborhood in 2006. From October, 2006 to February, 2007, the nurse performed over 80 consultations. BHA is proposing that the nurse practitioner work with VIM to provide more clinic services to Crestmont residents. The Baxter International Foundation has expressed interest in funding the project but requires a six month break before accepting a new application, which means BHA will apply for another grant near the end of the year.

Criteria

Need. The applications cites the Center for Disease Control for the direct relationship between adverse health conditions and a population with low-income, little education, and frequent disabilities.

One-Time Investment. BHA is requesting bridge funding for a nurse’s salary and supplies for two periods over a 10-month period – one through the end of the year (7 ½ months) and the other for the early 2008 (2 ½ months).

Fiscal Leveraging. This project and application were prepared with the help of Phil Stafford and his IU service learners. The Bloomington Housing Authority Resident Council provides in-kind services promoting the program and scheduling appointments. The BHA has sought an \$11,876 grant from the Bloomington Monroe County Community Foundation *for the same project*, but won’t know about the award until June 30, 2007. It also will apply for another Baxter International Foundation grant near the end of this year.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. By identifying unaddressed health problems and educating and referring clients to clinical services, this program should reduce adverse health conditions and health risk factors and, thereby, improve the quality of lives of the Crestmont residents and reduce the need for additional medical services in the future.

Self-Evaluation. BHA will use a “logic model” (enclosed) to identify short and long range outcomes.

Cost

Amount Requested

Nurse Salary for 7.5 months – June through January 15, 2008	\$10,660
Nurse Salary for remaining 2.5 months – January 15 through March, 2008	\$3,608
Equipment	\$1,206
Supplies	\$614

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$16,088
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Other Funds and Contributions

<i>BHA – Supplies</i>	<i>\$1,002</i>
<i>In-Kind</i>	<i>\$2,200</i>

Note: BHA has sought funding from the Community Foundation for this project.

<i>Total Other Funds</i>	<i>\$3,202</i>
<i>Total Project Costs</i>	<i>\$19,290</i>

SSF Funding History

1998	Granted	Insulate 8 buildings and purchase hand held carbon monoxide detector	\$5,000
1999	Granted	Roof replacements	\$9,300
2000	Granted	Outdoor lighting at two facilities	\$7,045
2001	Granted	To purchase and install outdoor lighting for Walnut Woods complex	\$6,502
2004	Denied	Transportation and meals for Women in Sports Day	\$0
2005	Granted	Washers, dryers, vacuum cleaners and accessories, for Lice Program	\$5,000

Mission The Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) of Bloomington is a part of national organization which fosters the physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth of boys and girls ages 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 at 311 South Lincoln, a satellite facility at 1108 W. 14th Street in the Crestmont Center, and a camp site at Lake Lemon. Programs are staffed by trained youth development professionals, Indiana University students, and community volunteers. In 2005, it served over 650 members and over 200 other youth at its three facilities. This includes over 170 children who were transported to these facilities daily during the school year.

Project B&GC requests funds to improve its Camp Rock facility located on Lake Lemon property, which is owned by the City of Bloomington Utilities department, as part of a three-year plan to revitalize this asset. Camp Rock has been operating for over 25 years and provides an 11- week summer program for about 50 school-age campers from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday. Nearly a quarter of these campers receive partial or full scholarships. The improvements include constructing walls, upgrading the kitchen and bathroom and electrical system, and painting an old two-room house used by the campers. In addition, they will be installing a 20’ x 30’ basketball court, adding gravel to the driveway, and clearing away debris. B&GC shares the facilities with Boy Scout 110 and is entering into a partnership with the Riddle Point Rowing Club, who will teach rowing skills to campers, donate a boathouse, build a boat dock, and share in the maintenance of the facilities. In 2009, the partners intend to construct another building with shared, multipurpose space.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the SCAN report for the need to expand the “current capacity of high quality mentoring and youth leadership programs, including a focus on low-income youth.” It also notes the need to “seek additional sources of potential adult volunteers, including IU students and seniors” and provide transportation to and from facilities.

One-Time Investment. The \$9,370 request is for improvements to the facilities and grounds at Camp Rock which is on City-owned property at Lake Lemon.

Fiscal Leveraging. The Camp Rock facilities are shared by the B&GC, Boy Scout Troup 110, and when the agreement is concluded, the Riddle Point Rowing Club. The IU Credit Union and ABATE motorcycle organization provide scholarships for low-income campers. Almost all the labor and some of the equipment for the improvements which amount to \$5,000 of this \$14,370 project will be donated.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Programs that positively engage youth can reduce the prospect of negative behaviors and put them on the path to more fulfilling lives. Partnerships offer synergies that can improve the quality of all the partner programs.

Cost

Amount Requested

Plumbing and Electrical	\$2,370
Framing and Finishing	\$2,100
Exterior Work	\$4,000
Appliances and Flooring	\$900

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$9,370
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Other Funds and Contributions

<i>K & S Rolloff, Prange Building LLC, G&S Electric – Donated labor and materials</i>	<i>\$1,700</i>
<i>Riddle Point Rowing and Others – Install fixtures and flooring and paint exterior</i>	<i>\$3,300</i>
<i>Total Other Contributions</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
Total Project Cost	\$14,370

SSF Funding History

1996	Granted	Central Air Conditioning	\$3,000
1997	Denied	Van	\$0
1998	Granted	Renovate and equip facility for a teen center and learning center	\$23,000
2003	Granted	Job Development Specialist for TEENSupreme Career Prep Program	\$25,000
2004	Granted	Pay for salaries, transportation, and other operating costs related to the No Kid Left Behind Program	\$8,000
2006	Granted	To pay for staffing, supplies, food, and rent for the Crestmont Youth Camp.	\$8,160

Mission The Caldwell Center for Culture and Ecology (CCC&E) is a new organization with the mission of helping others see and understand their meaningful relationships within the natural world. Its program focus areas include: developing and disseminating bioeducational materials; 2) training educational professionals and academics around these materials; and 3) serving as a resource and coordination center for bioregional groups who share aspects of this mission. Harmony School has offered to serve as lead agency and has served in that capacity for other nascent organizations. The Center for Sustainable Living and the Local Growers' Guild are additional participants who share a common focus on local, sustainable economies.

Project The CCC&E is requesting \$10,000 in operational costs for hosting a pilot, mobile teacher-training institute for teachers and administrators of the MCCSC known as "Achieving Results with Gardens in Your Schools." This program is modeled after garden programs around the country. It will target schools with the highest number of low-income students and give teacher/participants the information and skills to: 1) start gardens; 2) integrate those gardens into their curriculum; and 3) integrate those nutritious foods into the diet of students and their families. Through this program, they hope that children will learn about cultivating a garden and appreciate the beauty and goodness of the harvested food. They also hope the children will see the value in growing their own food or purchasing locally grown food. Their application indicates that the keys to success are: funding, persons to oversee maintenance of the garden, and integrating the garden across subject areas. Surplus produce will be given to local food agencies and neighborhood associations for distribution to needy households.

Criteria

Need. The application cites the *SCAN* report's section on "Meeting Human Needs: Emergency Shelter, Hunger and Clothing" for the need for healthy food particularly for low-income children and families. *SCAN* also cites the need to instill a sense of self-esteem and self-sufficiency in children. The application also goes beyond the usual focus on social services by citing the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and the Environmental Commission for the need for the community to "reinvest in local economies, culture, and environment."

One-Time Investment. This \$10,000 request for operational costs associated with this pilot training program for local teachers and administrators is a one-time investment that is based upon the "enterprise" model that should generate enough in participant fees to carry forward into future years. In fact, the program budget indicates (see below) that the participant fees alone (30 teachers @ \$500/teacher or \$15,000) would more than cover the expenses for the first year without assistance from JHSSF.

Fiscal Leveraging. This project brings four organizations together: CCC&E, Harmony School, Center for Sustainable Living, and the Local Growers' Guild. Efforts are underway for Teachers to earn certification credits for attending the training. As mentioned above, the fees for the class and materials will be used to operate the program and other activities in future years.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This program promotes and provides fresh, locally grown food for school children and their families. Any surplus will be used to feed the hungry. Along with these benefits, this program promotes local economies and personal self-sufficiency.

Self-Evaluation. They will follow-up with the participants to improve the training sessions and help participants gauge changes in the attitudes and behavior of their students towards gardening.

Cost

Amount Requested

Salary for two Program Coordinators (2 @ \$2,000) \$4,000

** Note: First \$2,000 is a high priority and second \$2,000 is a low priority*

Seeds and Course Materials \$2,300

Digital Projector \$600

Rent for facility (\$200 x 5 days = \$1,000); \$1,000

Lunch (\$35 persons @ \$7.00/person = \$1,000); Transportation (Van for field trip to local farm = \$200) \$1,200

Stipends \$900

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,000
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Other Funds and Contributions

Participants – 30 teachers purchase 4 books @ \$10/book \$1,200

** \$15,000 in Participant Fees (30 teachers @ \$500/teacher) will be used to operate this program in future years.* *****

Total Project Costs **\$11,200**

SSF Funding History – none by CCC&E; many by Harmony School as Supporter of Rhino's

Mission El Centro Comunal Latino (CCL) began in 2000 in response to problems the emerging Latino population was having integrating into the community and the correlated problems social service agencies were having providing services for this population. It is an organization of volunteers who, through direct service, advocacy, education and research, identify needs of their Latino clients and support their efforts to become independent and self-sustaining. These efforts have coalesced into three programs. The first provides comprehensive service and case management to Latinos with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The second, known as Informaté and funded by JHSSF in 2006, gives presentations in Spanish to LEP Latinos regarding life skills, workers’ rights, predatory lending, healthcare, affordable housing and navigating the justice system. It also gives presentations to local social services agencies to improve their services to LEP Latinos. The third provides document translations and interpretation services for individuals and organizations in the community. CCL is currently located within the Monroe County Library and served 1,480 persons in 2006.

Project CCL is requesting funds to pay for the salary of an Outreach Program Coordinator to supervise and direct their three existing programs (noted in the first paragraph) and to implement two new ones. The first new program would increase the pool of competent and professional interpreters through an Interpreter training program. The second program, known as Raices y Alas (Roots and Wings), would promote personal growth, educational achievement, and positive self-identity of Latino youth by providing activities that encourage literacy in Spanish and English and celebrate the heritage and traditions of various Latin American countries. The application argues that the CCL is expanding to the point where it needs a full-time position to keep its services going and not see a loss due to exhaustion of its volunteers.

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. IU’s Center for Education and Society’s report entitled “Integrating Indiana’s Latino Newcomers: A Study of State and Community Responses to the New Immigration” highlighted the limits of volunteerism and the need to support permanent resources in order to meet the needs of this population.

One-Time Investment. This \$20,000 request is for part of the salary and benefits for an Outreach Program Coordinator. CCL’s long range development plan calls for donations and assistance of other agencies to cover this cost in the future.

Fiscal Leveraging. The request would be leveraged by an additional \$15,000 and volunteers, who, up to now have provided 90% of the work of this agency.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. This request will put services to Spanish-speaking residents on a more stable footing. Addressing problems of the growing Spanish-speaking population by facilitating entry of Latinos with Limited English Proficiency into the community and maximizing the delivery of services will enrich lives and make Bloomington a more welcoming community.

Evaluation: The new position and interns will devise outcome measurements, quantify client needs, and use surveys to evaluate services.

Cost

Amount Requested in order of Priority	
Outreach Program Director – \$14.42/hour x 40 hours/week x 52 weeks = \$30,000	\$20,000
Total Amount Requested	\$20,000
<i>Other Funds</i>	
<i>Donations by individuals and corporations – remaining salary and benefits</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Total amount of other funds</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>

SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Purchase software, office equipment, and furniture for a central office & meeting space	\$1,500
2006	Granted	To purchase a portable DLP projector and laptop and provide stipends for speakers for the Informaté Series initiative.	\$2,468. 51

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 (Feed Our Future), deliver food to children attending Fairview and Summitt schools, (Backpack Buddies), and prepare two meals per day per person to HIV+ patients through Positive Link. CK served 131,145 meals in 2006, which represented a slight decrease from the prior year. Approximately 32 % of the meals went to children under 18 and another 28% went to senior citizens. Please note that they do not impose an eligibility requirement on those seeking food.

Project The CK is requesting funds to replace a walk-in cooler & freezer and expand the loading dock so that it can serve as a foundation for this equipment. The existing cooler & freezer is 15 years old and the condenser is 12 years old, and both face increased maintenance costs and are ready to be replaced. The new unit is bigger than the existing one and can store more food.

Criteria

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

One-Time Investment. This is a one-time investment of \$29,800 to purchase and install a new, larger walk-in cooler and freezer which will expand capacity and lower maintenance costs.

Fiscal Leveraging. The CK is an efficient organization that receives all of its \$465,000 in revenues in the form of donations, volunteer work, and grants. It has also been able to obtain free storage space from Cook Pharmica and free pest control services. This investment will offset rising costs of higher wages as CK finishes its phasing-in of the Living Wage requirements. A letter from Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB) indicates that the larger unit will enable it to turn-over high value (i.e. frozen) foods in a quicker period of time and, thereby, distribute more in the course of the year.

Broad and Long-Lasting Benefits. Good food and nutrition are a cornerstone for healthy and successful individuals and families. This investment expands the CK's capacity to store frozen and refrigerated foods and allows it to provide better quality meals more efficiently. As noted above, the expanded cooler/freezer space will allow HHFB increase the distribution of these high-value items during the course of the year.

Cost

Amount Requested

Purchase and install walk-in cooler & freezer \$25,000

Expand loading dock for cooler platform \$4,800

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$29,800
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Other Funds

Subaru of Indiana Automotive Foundation \$2,730

Total Project Costs **\$32,530**

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
2006	Granted	To purchase and repair a used van from Girls, Inc.	\$8,401.64

Mission

The mission of Martha’s House (MH) is to provide safe shelter while working to end homelessness. As the only general, non-faithbased emergency shelter in the area, MH serves all populations of the homeless and is able to provide a safe place to stay and a continuum of services for 28 persons at one time with the goal of fostering long-term self-sufficiency. Residents of the facility develop an individualized self-sufficiency plan with the help of a caseworker and are offered on-site classes on job search/ interviewing, money management, housing search skills, smoking cessation and sexual health/HIV testing taught by partnering agencies. The length of stay ranges from 10 days for persons coming from outside of the Monroe, Owen, and Lawrence county areas to 30 days and as long as 90 days for those from this area who follow their case plans. MH recently began a permanent supportive housing program with the help of a Housing and Urban Development grant which can serve as many as 11 individuals and four families. In 2006, MH provided 295 separate individuals (115 of which were City residents) with 8,097 nights of emergency shelter.

Project

MH is requesting funds to purchase, install, and obtain a 5-year warranty for an energy-efficient, stackable, large capacity commercial washer and dryer for the emergency shelter. These machines will be *in addition to* the set of conventional ones that could not handle the daily load without needing frequent repair. The commercial machines will be used to wash the linens for the 28-bed facility and the conventional ones will be used for residents to wash their clothes. The addition of the new units will increase the number of residents who can wash personal laundry from four to as many as 10 per night.

Criteria

Need. The *SCAN* Report recognized that homeless individuals do not have access to enough affordable housing in this community and often have multiple problems that block their prospects for self-sufficiency. *HAND’s 2005-2010 Consolidated 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 one-time investment in a commercial washer and dryer that will keep linens clean and sanitary, and more than double the number of residents who can wash their clothes each night.

Fiscal Leveraging. The application indicates that MH received a \$25,000 Emergency Shelter Grant to help operate the facility and, for the time being, has the utilities paid by the Perry Township Trustee. Please note that while the year-end financial statement indicates a negative net income last year, the interim acting director says the agency is meeting its expenses in a timely manner and the board is looking for someone with fundraising and public relations experience to fill the director’s position.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MH provides emergency housing and self-sufficiency services to hundreds of persons each year. Through this program these people will have a safe place to stay and a better chance at improving their lives.

Cost

Amount Requested

Commercial Washer and Dryer - \$1,300 for washer and 1,050 for dryer	\$2,350
5-Year Warrantees - \$310 for washer and \$269 for dryer	\$579
Delivery and Set-Up	\$85

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,014
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<i>Total Cost of the Project</i>	\$3,014
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SSF Funding History

2004	Granted	Salaries and operational costs needed to operate 28-bed emergency shelter & facilitate a new self-sufficiency & outreach program	\$17,823
2005	Granted	Salary for Assistant Director and House Managers of the Emergency Shelter program	\$12,500
2006	Granted	To pay for personnel expenses for the Martha’s House homeless shelter.	\$8,000

Mission

The mission of Middle Way House, Inc. (MWH) 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. It provides 24-hour crisis intervention, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, life skills development and personal growth activities, legal advocacy, pre-employment training and placement assistance, educational support, and comprehensive programming for children and youth. MWH is one of six national model programs and the rate of residents who return to abusive relationships following a stay in its shelter is the *lowest* in the country.

Project

This request is to pay for part of the salary and benefits for the Manager and weekend staff for its 22-bed Emergency Shelter. These employees respond to emergencies all hours of every day of the year and care for the women and children who are in this facility. MWH wishes to make up the difference between what it requested from CDBG (\$25,000) and what it received (\$15,000).

Criteria

Need The application notes that MWH figures prominently in the City’s continuum of care. The *Consolidated Plan* accords a high priority to services for abused spouses and acknowledges the role of MWH in combating poverty.

One-Time Investment. This is a request for bridge funding. Decreases in CDBG funding have left the program in a shortfall. MWH will continue to apply for grants and have fundraising events as well as rely on donations from the community for future funding.

Fiscal Leveraging. MWH has secured all but \$10,000 of its \$251,003 budget through grants and donations from numerous sources.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. This program offers a break in the cycle of violence and the intergenerational transmission of family violence and addresses the many social problems associated with domestic violence. By doing so, it reduces the damaging effect of domestic violence, improves the quality of lives of its clients, and reduces the burden on other social service agencies now and in the future.

Evaluation: MWH gathers information on clients up entry, during, and at the end of a resident’s stay to measure progress of the client and effectiveness of the intervention.

Cost

Amount Requested

House Manager and Weekend Staff Salaries	\$,8000
Benefits and Payroll Taxes	\$2,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,000
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Other Funds for Project

CDBG (\$15,000), ESG (\$22,000), EFSP –Owen and Monroe (\$8,184); FFV (\$54,394); SSBG (\$37,357); DVPT (\$55,802); and Other Sources (\$46,266)	\$241,003
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Total Cost of the Project	\$251,003
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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 loops, lifts for Confidential Document Destruction	\$10,000
2006	Granted	To pay for the personnel expenses of the Childcare Program Coordinator.	\$12,000.00

Mission

The mission of the Monroe County Step Ahead Council (MCSA) is to focus community attention and resources on the needs of children and their families. It has a board of officers, a paid part-time coordinator, and a number of local member agencies including Family Resources Centers of Monroe County, First Steps, Head Start, and our Community and Family Resources department.

Project

MCSA is requesting funds for materials, personnel, childcare and transportation costs to conduct a pilot, training series for parents based upon *Brazelton Touchpoints* approach towards child rearing. The *Brazelton Touchpoints* approach emphasizes the importance of supporting and educating parents on early development, bonding, and building healthy relationships with children starting at infancy. It accepts that children develop in predictable bursts, regressions, and pauses and prepares parents for these “touch points” in order for them to respond positively and, thereby, build good relationships with the child and for the whole family. *Brazelton* principles have been taught to professionals and this project will bring it to the parents. The project would offer a free parenting workshop targeting low income households in the fall of 2007 and another in early 2008. These workshops would meet once a week for four weeks.

Criteria

Need SCAN highlighted the need to assist parents with child-rearing and called for early intervention. The application cites reports from experts on the importance of supporting and educating parents in the areas of early child development, bonding, and building healthy relationships.

One-Time Investment. The request is for operational costs associated with a new training series for low-income parents. MCSA intends to build these workshops into the continuum of care for local families and foresees ongoing support coming from the strong community partnerships it has created.

Fiscal Leveraging. MCSA has obtained dedicated physical space, advertising support and personnel time through its partnership with the Family Resource Centers. Out-of-City residents would be supported without use of JHSSF monies.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. Meeting cycles of child development with confidence and understanding can decrease anxiety and lead to more functional parenting, increased parental self-esteem, and self-confidence resulting in healthy family functioning and optimal child development.

Evaluation: MCSA may use a consultant hired through CAPE funds for evaluating this program or it may simply rely on records of attendance and surveys of attendees.

Cost

Amount Requested

Training Materials - 24 families @ \$32- \$250 from Step Ahead	\$518
Transportation - bus passes (minus in-kind)	\$200
Childcare – 2 staff x 8 sessions x 1.5 hours/session x \$10/hour	\$240
Personnel – 2 staff x 26 hours x \$25/hour = \$1,300 - \$300 in other contributions	\$1,000

Total Amount Requested	\$1,958
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Other Funds

<i>Step Ahead (\$250) & Other Funds (\$550)</i>	<i>\$800</i>
Total Cost of Project	\$2,758

SSF Funding History

1997	Granted	Parenting Conference	\$2,000
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Affordable Childcare

\$ 51,480

City residents served by this project in 2007:

11 (of 11)

Total MCUM daycare

60 (of 130)

Mission

“Monroe County United Ministries is a nurturing organization serving working families and those in distress by assisting with emergency needs and subsidized childcare. We provide quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance for the poor and community service opportunities.” MCUM provides affordable childcare to preschool children ages 2-6 in a licensed and accredited center. Children are enrolled full-time and care is available year-round. The program requires that parents work or attend school and work, provides basic health services, encourages parental involvement in each child’s education and development, presents workshops to build parenting skills and provides two meals and two snacks daily to enrolled children.

Project

MCUM requests bridge funds to fully subsidize 11 City children in its Affordable Childcare program for 26 weeks. The agency writes that it has recently experienced a funding cut of approximately \$95,000 stemming from CDBG’s denial of its application, resulting in the elimination of 11 children from the program. MCUM writes that CDBG’s decision not to fund both reduces the amount of Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit money MCUM can access, and United Way funding due to a change in allocation policy. MCUM is currently considering whether to eliminate the 11 slots through attrition or immediate elimination of the enrollees.

MCUM states that the loss of the 11 children threatens a \$100,000 State grant for the 1999 expansion of its childcare facility. Until late 2008, MCUM is operating under the State’s funding restrictions, requiring enrollment to be at least 71 children, of which 51% must be Monroe County residents living outside City limits. Due to these restrictions, any children eliminated from the program due to funding shortfall will likely be City children. If MCUM loses all 11 threatened children, it would not be able to meet its enrollment requirement of 71. Failure to meet these requirements will mean MCUM will be required to return a portion of the grant.

During 2006, the Childcare Program cared for 136 preschool-aged children, 44% of whom were City residents. Currently, 42 of the 58 children on the waiting list are City residents. When the State’s restrictions expire in 2008, MCUM will be able to move many Bloomington children into the program.

Caring for one child costs MCUM \$9,360/year (\$4,680 for 26 weeks) or \$180/week/child. On MCUM’s sliding scale, families pay an average of \$45/week/child. MCUM requests full subsidization of 11 children and proposes to apply any income generated by parental sliding-scale contributions and thy reimbursement through the federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program toward the continued partial subsidy of these children beyond the grant period.

Criteria

Need. HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* cites childcare services as a high priority, explaining that “Reliable, quality, affordable child care is one of the greatest barriers to women obtaining and keeping a job, or furthering their education and was listed as the 5th highest priority by the Bloomington Housing Authority residents on their survey.” (p. 122). According to the 2003 SCAN, 4,135 children in Monroe County lived in a family in which all their caregivers work and only 2,438 slots were available for children in licensed daycare facilities. In 2003, 1,248 children received government vouchers to cover the cost of the care; that number declined dramatically to 456 in 2005.

One-Time Investment. MCUM is adjusting its budget to accommodate the loss in CDBG funding by: considering closing a classroom to reduce overhead, evaluating the need to eliminate staff and determining if these 11 children can be eliminated through attrition rather than being ejected from the program.

Fiscal Leveraging. As mentioned above, the program requires some parental investment in the form of sliding scale payments. Funding these 11 children will allow MCUM to maintain compliance with its \$100,000 State grant and will eliminate the need for MCUM to return a portion of this funding.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. MCUM recounts that quality, affordable childcare allows parents to work and prepares children for kindergarten. MCUM also states that children who participate in quality pre-K education are more likely to demonstrate greater cognitive achievement, better social adjustment, less-frequent grade repetition, and lower rates of crime as adolescents and adults.

Evaluation. MCUM’s evaluation will include a summary of the results of its parent survey and an assessment of how well it is able to minimize the impacts of funding cuts on enrolled families.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Full subsidies for 11 children
@ \$4,680/ child @ 6 mos. \$51,480

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 51,480
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TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 51,480

SSF Funding History

1996	Denied	Facility Addition - Daycare	\$50,000
1997	Granted	Addition and renovation of child care facility	\$51,000
1998	Granted	Renovate existing building to meet new building code	\$9,925
1999	Granted	Equipment for food area	\$11,850
2001	Granted	To pay rent and utilities for city residents at risk of being 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 during the summer months	\$15,000
2005	Granted	Caseworker salary for Emergency Services program	\$16,000
2006	Granted	Expenses of an additional social worker for the Emergency Services program	\$20,000

Mission

My Sister’s Closet (MSC) is an outlet for new and gently-used women’s professional clothing. Its mission is to assist women of low-income to achieve self-sufficiency by providing free workforce attire for interviewing and job placement. The long-term goal of MSC is to promote opportunities for women’s economic and job stability. Since its founding in 1998, MSC has served over 300 low-income women in Monroe and Owen counties. After a hiatus during which MSC had to close its shop, Perry Township Trustees awarded housing in their annex in September 2006 and MSC opened in November 2006. Since its re-opening, MSC’s store has experienced a steady increase in transactions. The store provides free clothing *via* vouchers to income-eligible women. For women who do not qualify for vouchers, yet cannot afford professional clothing, MSC provides clothing at a reduced cost. MSC has experienced a steady increase in transactions since its re-opening. In March, MSC served approximately 40 non-voucher patrons, 75% of whom were classified as “at-risk.” (AS MSC estimates 90% of its clients and patrons to be City residents, the number of non-voucher needy City women served in March is approximately 27).

Project

MSC requests funds for equipment and supplies to sustain its re-sale store and ensure its viability and presence in the community.

Criteria

Need.

SCAN documents the poverty rate in Monroe County as 14%; 15.4 % for children under 18. MSC cites the 2005 US Census in pointing out that the number of women in poverty is larger than ever while the number of families receiving welfare benefits has plummeted. MSC focuses on women struggling to improve their family’s well-being through employment and writes: “A key issue faced by women making the transition to the skilled labor force is obtaining professional attire. Women with little or no income often lack the appropriate clothing for interviewing and job placement; they may need assistance in putting together the kind of wardrobe that will attract a higher paying job.”

One-Time Investment.

MSC is working to build its base of independent support through its re-sale store sales and uses proceeds to defray operating expenses. MSC expects its profits to grow as its visibility increases. The store is currently open to the public three days/week. Additionally, MSC holds a number of fund-raising events, including: a Honey Basket sale in December, a Sorority Date Auction in March, a Hanging Flower Basket sale in May, and a Fall women’s tea/luncheon.

Fiscal Leveraging.

Perry Township trustees awarded MSC housing in their annex in September 2006. MSC works with Martha’s House, Middle Way House, and the Community Kitchen to collectively serve the needs of women in the community wrestling with job placement, basic nutritional requirements and shelter. MSC also runs a re-sale store, open to any women in the community may purchase affordable work wear. The proceeds from store sales are used as seed money to purchase items needed to conduct additional fundraising and to promote public awareness of our mission. MSC is also pursuing a grant from the Monroe County Community Foundation to expand both its retail hours and its visibility (funds for advertising & a part-time employee.)

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

MSC writes that the benefit of this project is “to create a lasting for change so that women can make the transition to work and career development.” MSC specifically enumerates the following benefits: 1) target a broader segment of the community by including women whose income may be too high to qualify for government assistance but too low to afford the professional clothing they need and women who have been down-sized and are receiving re-training through WorkOne and women in college as they prepare to enter the job force; 2) benefit businesses who employ MSC client by providing employees with professional attire; 3) build confidence and self-esteem; 4) assist local social service agencies in helping women and families become economically secure; and 5) provide a model of women helping women.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Cash register/point of sale ticketing & pricing system	\$2,219.04
Vacuum cleaner	\$ 99.00
Neon “OPEN” sign	\$ 179.00
Clothing racks (8 racks @ \$67.50)	\$ 540.00
Shoe racks (4 racks @ \$45.99)	\$ 180.00
Presentation case	\$ 529.95
Ceiling lights & bulbs	
{6 track lights @ \$48.42}	
{9 2-pack bulbs @11.98}	
{1 hall light @ 99.95}	\$ 448.29

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 4,247.23
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Other Funds -- None

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 4,247.23

SSF Funding History

1999	Denied	wages, rent, credit card processing, parking stickers & loan repayment	\$25,000.00
2001	Granted	To purchase display, tagging & laundry equipment for clothing donation program	\$ 1,130.00
2003	Denied	Re-open retail and service facility	\$ 9,959.77

Entire New Leaf Initiative

100 adults, 120 children (of 120 adults, 150 children)

Mission

New Leaf-New Life (NL-NL) was founded in 2005 to provide services to jail inmates and released persons and their families to facilitate reentry and productive, contributing roles in the community. The goal of NL-NL is to foster cooperation among courts, probation, Monroe County Corrections, government agencies and social service organizations such that recidivism is reduced from historic levels approaching 70% to half or less.

Project

NL-NL requests funds to launch a Family and Children pilot program. NL-NL currently runs a transition program, offering case management and continuity of services for inmates and their families during and after incarceration. The Family and Children program would augment this program by offering parenting education and family strengthening activities to families of the incarcerated.

The pilot program will be offered on Sunday afternoons for four hours; two of these hours will be devoted to parenting classes and two hours will be devoted to activities encouraging awareness and use of positive family traditions. The latter component will be modeled on the Family Ritual Integrity Course while the parenting component will rely on the Developing Capable People (DCP) model. DCP combines video presentations, group discussions, classroom activities, along with reading and writing exercises in effort to build skills in areas such as interpersonal relations, communication and self-control. NL-NL points to numerous studies illustrating the efficacy of the DCP model.

NL-NL proposes to offer five, nine-week classes with a limit of seven couples or 14 individual parents in each Class, eighty percent of whom are estimated to be City residents. The primary cost of the project is the salary of a trained facilitator who will organize and conduct the training and coordinate the work of a team of volunteers. While NL-NL can make the program run with staffing the facilitator for only four hours/week; it points out that hiring a facilitator to run the program fifteen hours/week would allow additional time for the facilitator to meet with released inmates and families and to coordinate volunteers. NL-NL plans to implement an on-going support group for graduates of the DCP classes.

Criteria

Need. NL-NL points to SCAN for the need for “early intervention for troubled families through programs focused on case management and continuity services, and parenting classes.” p. 80. SCAN points out that many families cannot afford parenting classes and that when families suffer from a lack of parental education and training children have more problems in school and adjusting to society. *Id.*

One-Time Investment. NL-NL writes that, “[k]nowledge and experience gained from the proposed pilot project will help to fully develop a multi-systemic approach to the reentry problem that can lead to a significant reduction in jail overcrowding. Reduction in recidivism leads to reductions in crime and increased public safety with savings to the taxpayer.” NL-NL states that if its collaborative approach reduces recidivism, it is confident that future funding will be available from multiple sources.

Fiscal Leveraging. A local church is donating space for NL-NL to conduct its parenting classes. NL-NL will rely on volunteers to provide child care and anticipates receiving donated refreshments. NL-NL writes that its broader inmate project “leverages existing work underway through a \$171,520 grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and an estimated \$117,000 in volunteer contributions.” Additionally, NL-NL is working with Big Brothers Big Sisters to help identify participants and bridge the continuum of care.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

“[R]eductions in recidivism lead to increased public safety, lower crime and lower costs for the community.” NL-NL writes that the continuum of care it proposes can be effective if there are programs in the open community that can provide consistent support services to released inmates and their families. “This family program in particular has the chance to break the generation cycle of crime and incarceration that seems to afflict some families.”

Evaluation.

NL-NL will measure the efficacy of this program by the number of parents participating and by a survey of participant satisfaction.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Books and supplies	\$ 1,800
(\$36/book/person; \$46/book/couple)	
Supplies	\$ 300
Facilitator	
salary \$240/week x 45 weeks	\$10,800
training 60 hours	\$ 1,200

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 14,100
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Other Funds

Donated space	\$ 2,700
Donated childcare	\$ 2,080
Other volunteer help	\$ 3,320
Donated refreshments	\$ <u>1,300</u>
	\$ 9,400

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 23,500

SSF Funding History

2005	Denied	Personnel, office, office supplies	\$10,000
2006	Denied	Inmate Transition Program	\$23,000

City residents served by this project in 2007:

Entire Therapy Program

50 (of 150)

Tee

7 (of 9)

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 and to at-risk youth. It is accredited as a “Premier Operating Center” by the North American Riding for Handicapped Association (NARHA).

Project

PALS requests funds to support its newest horse, “Tee” for one year. Tee is a 17-year old Palomino Quarter Horse donated by a PALS volunteer in March 2007. Tee’s addition allows PALS to expand its therapeutic riding program from 10 to 11 horses to meet increased demand for its therapeutic riding program and will allow it to offer its therapeutic riding program to two-three more riders/session. PALS offers three sessions per year and expects to be able to serve nine more riders with the addition of Tee, seven of whom are estimated to be City residents. Notably, PALS measures ridership on a per-session basis; therefore, some of the seven City riders served by Tee may actually count the same client as two or three riders, depending on the number of sessions for which the client registers.

Criteria

Need.

PALS addresses the recreational needs of children and adults with disabilities by providing therapeutic riding and hippotherapy lessons. SCAN identifies PALS as a therapeutic and collaborative program for children, teens and adults with disabilities. PALS points out that therapeutic riding improves learning and memory skills, improves self-confidence and provides a sense of independence and normalcy. Further, by reaching out to at-risk youth 58% of PALS riders fall below the HUD median income for this region and 56% have incomes 80% below the area median income for a household of four.

One-Time Investment.

This is a request for one-time funding. PALS funds the maintenance all of its horses on a rotating grant basis. As Tee is a recent donation, his care is not built into the current rotation. Once the first year of Tee’s keep is funded, PALS will pursue funding from the Indiana Horse Council, the American Quarterhorse Foundation and the Indiana Quarterhorse Foundation – all of which provide funding for the maintenance and care of therapeutic horses.

Fiscal Leveraging.

Tee was donated by a volunteer in interest of expanding PALS’ therapeutic riding program. All the therapeutic horses are cared for by volunteers. Additionally, PALS partners with a number of local agencies, including Stone Belt, Arc., Options for Better Living, Girls Inc., Harmony School, Christole, Inc. and others.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

By expanding its therapeutic riding program, PALS writes that therapeutic riding improves the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and at-risk youth, helping them reach their full potential.

Evaluation.

Tee is currently going through a three-month therapy training to become a therapy horse and is expected to finish training in July. PALS will document Tee’s training by filling out a “New Horse Profile and Check List” at the end of his three month trail. PALS proposes to measure the success of this added therapy horse by how many riders it will add.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Board & Hay	\$2,400
Shoeing	\$ 450
Medical Expenses	\$ 450
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 300
Extra Feed	\$ 300

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 3,900
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Other Funds

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 3,900

SSF Funding History

2003	Granted	Purchase and install two hydraulic mounting lifts to be used for and owned by the PALS therapeutic riding program	\$3,400
2005	Denied	Leadership camp & copier	\$3,300
2006	Denied	Therapeutic Arena Props and Special Horse Tack	\$1,435

Mission

Planned Parenthood of Indiana’s (PPIN) mission is to provide, promote, and protect reproductive health for all women and men in Indiana, focused primarily on prevention through education and health care services.

Project

PPIN points out that the 2005 poverty rate in Monroe County was 14%. In 2006, 70% of patients visiting the Bloomington Health Center were 100% below the national poverty level; 80% were 150% below. All of these visitors needed free or substantially-reduced cost health care services. Some of these women do not qualify for government funding, yet are still not able to afford reproductive health care. In response, PPIN has developed the *Friend to Friend Patient Pass* to fill the gap on the continuum of services. The *Pass* program will allow women who are not eligible for government funds -- but yet cannot afford the cost of reproductive care -- to receive a voucher covering the cost of Pap tests, gynecological and breast exams. Vouchers will be issued by PPIN to local community organizations and organizations who will issue vouchers to women who express a need. Upon intake at PPIN, if the woman is eligible for government funding (through Title XX) of her exam, then she will be asked to keep the voucher and pass it to another woman in need in the Bloomington community. PPIN expects that the voucher will reach an exponential number of women and will be tracked through a unique, identification number printed on the voucher and recorded when presented at the health center. However, when a patient is not eligible to receive Title XX, PPIN will utilize the *Pass* to cover her annual exam, after which, the voucher will be removed from circulation and evaluated for the number of patients served. PPIN estimates this program to serve at least 100 City women.

Follow up and other care not provided under Title XX will be funded *via* PPIN’s Women’s Health Fund. Together, these initiatives guarantee that all patients at the Bloomington facility will be given the opportunity to receive free or reduced-cost reproductive care. In the event that vouchers are lost in circulation before the *Pass* fund is depleted, PPIN will track all vouchers printed and if any vouchers have not been utilized at the end of the grant cycle, PPIN will issue a “master voucher” to a local nonprofit that serves women in need. Women at this nonprofit can attend PPIN’s Bloomington center for services free of charge; if vouchers continue to be presented at the clinic after this period, PPIN will honor the voucher and provide the health services as in-kind through its Women’s Health Fund.

Criteria

Need. *See above.*

One-Time Investment. PPIN seeks funds to launch this pilot project. Once launched, PPIN plans to partner with corporations in effort to fund the cost of providing vouchers in the future. In addition, PPIN also intends to pursue grant monies for the future funding of this project. PPIN has built the *Pass* program into its 2008 budget.

Fiscal Leveraging. PPIN has secured in-kind donations for the printing and marketing of the *Pass* program.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits. By providing low-income women with access to reproductive health care, PPIN will help prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections and prevent serious illness and death. The project will bring in women who have not had an annual exam for many years, reaching those hardest to reach and serving those most in need. By bringing more women into the program, PPIN will also direct more women to the availability of Title XX, in order to ensure subsequent visits for future annual wellness exams. PPIN writes that the *Pass* program has the added benefit of encouraging concern for others and increasing individual community philanthropy by “passing along” a voucher that will help another in need of a well-woman exam.

Evaluation. PPIN will measure the efficacy of this program by number of vouchers processed and by the number of women enrolling in Title XX. Additionally, all patient services will be evaluated based on the services delivered, adherence to protocols, and patient satisfaction surveys.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

100 annual exams @ \$53/ea. \$5,300

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 5,300
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Other Funds

Local Marketing

5 hours of research	\$ 153 (in-kind)
5 hours to run media list + press release	\$ 125 (in-kind)
5 hours of pitching to the media	\$ 125 (in-kind)
15 hours of Media Manager Benefits	\$ <u>99</u> (in-kind)
	\$ 474

Printing of Vouchers	\$ <u>120</u> (in-kind)
	\$ 594

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$5,894

SSF Funding History

1997	Denied	ADA Approved restrooms and waiting room expansion	
1999	Granted	Exam table for handicapped	\$5,000
2000-Oct.	Denied	Offset \$34,000 needed for program	
2001	Granted	To purchase equipment to test for anemia	\$1,394
2002	Granted	To purchase an autoclave for the purpose of sterilizing instruments.	\$1,495
2003	Granted	Purchase four computers for its 421 South College facility	\$3,600
2004	Granted	To purchase 6 sets of cervical biopsy equipment	\$2,923
2005	Granted	Security cameras and equipment for the facility at 421 S. College Ave.	\$1,500
2006	Granted	To install cabinetry and purchase files and furniture for the front desk renovation	\$2,440

Mission

The Shalom Community Center is a daytime respite and resource center for residents of Bloomington who are living in poverty and experiencing its ultimate expressions: hunger, homelessness, and lack of access to health care and basic life necessities. Its principal purpose is to serve as a front door to the larger community and the institutions which can help bring stability and a greater degree of self-sufficiency to those in need.

Project

Shalom requests funds to purchase and install a used three-compartment, deep well sink and a new electric convection oven. Shalom states that it experienced a 16% increase in the number of meals served between 2004 and 2005, another 16% increase between 2005 and 2006, and it anticipates a similar increase this year. This increased demand requires increased efficiency and Shalom can only realized this level of efficiency by acquiring a three-compartment deep well sink and an electric convection oven. A three-compartment sink would bring Shalom into compliance with health code regulations requiring that pots and pans must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized. Presently, Shalom is only able to wash and rinse because larger pots and pans do not fit into the Shalom dishwasher. The three-well sink would also allow for the safe draining of hot liquids and would provide a safe place to wash fruits and vegetables. Shalom also requests a new electric convection oven to replace an old oven. Shalom’s current oven is too small for the quantity of food it cooks daily and the oven’s heat adjustment mechanism is broken and not repairable, due to its age. A large, double-door convection oven would allow Shalom to use commercial-size pans and will ultimately increase its capacity, resulting in reduced cooking time and energy usage.

Criteria Need.

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

One-Time Investment.

The sink and oven are one-time investments. Both pieces of equipment are fully portable.

Fiscal Leveraging.

This request is 2.6% of Shalom’s \$207,600 2007 Hunger Relief Program. Shalom is also receiving project funds and/or donations from: FEMA, United Way, three churches, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, businesses and individuals.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

“This one-time investment will both meet the Shalom Community Center’s food preparation needs for the foreseeable future as well as provide significant hunger relief for Bloomington’s most vulnerable citizens.”

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Used 3-compartment deep well sink	\$ 500
New convection oven	\$3,250
Freight	\$ 150-250(max)
Installation materials & labor	\$1,500

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 5,450
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Other Funds

60,000 free weekly breakfasts & lunches	\$121,600 (donations by HHFB, businesses & individuals & cash contributions from monthly food sponsors & other community supporters)
Free groceries at Templeton Family Food Market	\$ 30,400 (<i>see above</i>)
Salary & payroll for part-time coordinator	\$ 23,500 (individual contributions & grants)
10% of salary & payroll expenses of Exec. Director	\$ 4,340 (individual contributions & grants)
Space & commercial kitchen equipment	\$ <u>22,310</u> (First United Church)
	\$202,150
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$207,600

SSF Funding History

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

Mission

South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) exists to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence. As a program of SCCAP, Head Start supports this mission by providing quality, comprehensive child development and family services for Monroe County families.

Project

SCCAP requests funds to retrofit two Head Start playgrounds in City limits (Lindbergh Center and Arlington Park) as required by a recent federal mandate. In February 2007, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Families and Children, Office of Head Start required all Head Start facilities to meet the guidelines outlined in the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) handbook. The CPSC identified the critical height of playground surfacing material as the approximation of the fall height below which a life threatening head injury would not be expected to occur.

The surfacing material under and around a particular piece of playground equipment should have a critical height value of at least the height of the highest designated play surface on the equipment. This federal mandate was issued after a study illustrating that program compliance with safety standards varied. Previous to this new rule, Head Start standards have required compliance with local law. However, under the new regulations, both the Head Start playgrounds within City limits do not meet the safety requirements.

To achieve compliance, Head Start would like to install “fall zone mulch” at its Bloomington playgrounds. Specifically, it would like to install tire mulch at both its Arlington Park and Lindbergh Center playground sites to raise both sites to a critical height of 6”. Currently, both sites utilize tire mulch at a depth of 3” and 4”, respectively and will require 3” and 2” to retrofit. According to CPSC data, it would take 12” of wood mulch to achieve the shock absorption of 6” of mulch made of shredded tires under a 10’ critical height fall zone. SCCAP writes that while wood mulch is cheaper, it breaks down much faster and would have to be replaced every few years, while tire mulch does not decompose or compress over time, nor does tire mulch encourage insect growth like wood mulch. Tire mulch also offers “superior drainage allowing playing shortly after it rains.”

Criteria

Need.

As spelled out in SCAN, “Young children need good nutrition, healthy care and positive learning experiences from birth. Children born into a family already struggling with unemployment, stretched resources, stress and depression, and even substance abuse are often at risk for hunger, inadequate health care, lack of stimulating play and learning activities, unstable surroundings and even neglect or abuse in severe cases. 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.” SCCAP writes that its partnership with Arlington and Lindbergh will allow residents in these, and surrounding, areas to the opportunity for quality child care, two nutritional meals and a snack each day, health services, and family services. Arlington Park Apartments provides low-income housing to residents and serves 30 children, in two classes during the school year. The Lindbergh site is adjacent to the Bloomington Housing Authority at Crestmont, which serves 87 children.

One-Time Investment.

Both Head Start and Arlington Park Apartments budget for ongoing maintenance of the playgrounds. Currently, both playgrounds utilize tire mulch as the surfacing material at a depth of 3” to 4,” but do not meet the surfacing requirement of the new federal rules. In each case, the extra surfacing will renovate the play space and increase playground safety for all children. Although some of the material will be lost through normal wear (on shoes, thrown outside the fence), once the investment is made, on-going maintenance will be minimal.

Fiscal Leveraging.

Arlington Parks Apartments and SCCAP are each contributing \$1,000 to the project. The mulch vendor – Play Safe Surfacing, Inc. – is providing SCCAP a 14% discount on the material. Community Corrections is providing the labor. SCCAP writes that funds from JHSSF will help the organization meet its 25% federal match requirement.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

This project will make the playgrounds at Arlington Park and Crestmont safer, more durable and longer-lasting.

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Playground renovation – Arlington Park Head Start	\$2,179
Playground renovation – Lindbergh Center	\$5,945

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 8,124
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Other Funds

Arlington Park Apartments	\$1,000
Head Start budget	\$1,000
	\$2,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 10,124
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SSF Funding History

1997	Denied	Renovation, cribs, cots, strollers and refrigerators	\$28,600
2002	Granted	Establish a revolving loan program for auto repairs of clients	\$5,000
2003	Granted	Pay for the development of computer software	\$6,292
2005	Granted	Furnishings, equipment and cognitive materials for Head Start classrooms at Templeton and Summit schools	\$8,000
2006	Granted	Children’s Door project	\$2,230.80

Mission

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

Project

SSI seeks funds to enhance and expand its tutoring program by: 1) making more robust its current weekly tutoring program for residents; and 2) initiating a tutoring program for other community teens in need of assistance.

Currently, SSI offers a tutoring session to residents once a week wherein students are paired with tutors from IU’s School of Education. Residents express that this dedicated time helps them to better complete their assignments; however, these residents still experience low grades and have not yet passed the ISTEP. The first prong of SSI’s proposal is to strengthen the current program’s focus on fundamental skills, including reading comprehension, typing, math and writing skills. To meet this goal, SSI needs more supplies, such as books, easels, flip charts, etc. SSI will also partner with the IU Office of Diversity Education to develop ongoing workshops featuring speakers who can relate to the struggles of SSI residents and who will share their motivations for personal success. The final component of strengthening the SSI tutoring program, is to provide back-to-school-supplies for its six residents who could otherwise not afford such supplies.

The second prong of SSI’s enhanced tutoring program offers tutoring help to youth in the community. Over the course of SSI’s current tutoring program for residents, it has found that more and more non-resident teens show up requesting tutoring. In response, SSI intends to partner with the IU School of Education and the Bloomington Volunteer Network to establish a community tutoring program 1-2 days/week. The program will be offered to residents, their friends, and teenagers from Big Brothers Big Sisters and held at a central community location, such as the public library. SSI anticipates serving 8-10 teens from Big Brothers Big Sister and expects to serve even more teenagers in the future.

Criteria

Need.

SCAN points out that youth development in our community should encourage and support all youth in their efforts to succeed academically and to take advantage of the many opportunities for engaging in productive activities outside of school.” (72) SCAN points out the need for “affordable after-school tutoring, especially between the hours of 3pm and 6pm” (74) and that “youth who are involved in activities with caring adult role models and mentors are more likely to complete school, do better academically, make healthier life choices, and engage in fewer destructive activities.” (72)

One-Time Investment.

This project requests many pieces of educational equipment that are a one-time investment (skill books; flip charts, easels, erase boards, etc.) However, for supply needs that are on-going, such as pens, paper, pencils, glue, etc, SSI plans to partner with Teachers Warehouse, other local organizations and for-profits to cover these costs. It requests JHSSF funds to get the enhanced program up and running.

Fiscal Leveraging.

SSI is providing salaries for an education coordinator, resident assistant and Executive Director to devote to this enhanced program. It has secured an in-kind donation from the IU Office of Cultural Diversity for consulting, educational workshops and campus visits and in-kind donations from the IU School of Education, the Bloomington Volunteer Network and community volunteers for tutoring.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

SSI cites to SCAN for the proposition that “youth who are involved in activities with caring adult role models and mentors are more likely to complete school, do better academically, make healthier life choices, and engage in fewer destructive activities.” (p.72) Stepping Stones also states that “education is the primary causal factor in decreasing the changes of future poverty and homelessness, and through this program, we hope to impart that message to our residents as well as to those in the community that we hope to serve.”

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Tutoring supplies	\$ 370
Back to School supplies	\$ 943

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 1,313.80
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Other Funds

Education Coordinator	\$ 1,008 (Stepping Stones)
Resident Assistant or Independent Living Coach	\$ 432 (Stepping Stones)
Consulting, Workshops, Campus Visits	\$ 1,000 (IU Office of Cultural Diversity)
Tutors @ 4hrs/wk x 12 wks x \$10/hr x 4 tutors	\$ 1,920 (IU School of Education)
Tutors @ 4hrs/wk x12 wks x\$10/hr x 4 tutors	\$ 1,920 (City Volunteer Network; community volunteers)
Executive Director@12 hrs/\$16/hr + fringe@20%	\$ 230 (Stepping Stones)
Weekly group dinner @ \$25 x 12 wks	\$ 300 (Stepping Stones)
Tutoring supplies	\$ 50 (In-kind)
	\$ 6,860

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 8,173.80

SSF Funding History

2006	Denied	Incentive Project	\$4,598.00
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Mission

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

Project

Stone Belt’s Bloomington manufacturing site was built in 1978 and has been in continuous use for 30 years with very little renovation. Stone Belt is engaging in renovation of the manufacturing site and requests funds to complete the final phase of the renovation – the renovation of a quadrant of its manufacturing site to be utilized as an art studio for the production of Stone Belt’s product line of client-designed and manufactured fine art pieces (produced under the name of *Stone Belt Art and Craft*). This final phase of the renovation includes: installation of upgraded lighting, completion of separation walls, installation of security door, painting of the space, purchase of a drying rack and storage for materials.

Criteria

Need.

SCAN reports that there are over 8,500 individuals with developmental disabilities ages 21-64 living in Monroe County, with 4% of households surveyed reporting having a household member with a disability. According to SCAN, individuals with developmental disabilities are “vulnerable to financial constraints.” All clients served by this project are individuals with developmental disabilities and are of low income.

One-Time Investment.

This project represents a one-time investment in the renovation of Stone Belt’s workshop. “The renovations will allow for a significant expansion of services of an innovative agency initiative (art production), as well as for a more professionalized, upgraded work environment for clients.”

Fiscal Leveraging.

Stone Belt has secured over 80% of the total cost of the project and seeks JHSSF funds for the completion of the project. Stone Belt is devoting \$15,000 of its own resources toward the deep cleaning of the space and \$5,000 toward the painting of the space. It has secured \$5,000 from a private donor for career advancement furniture and has a \$15,000 grant pending from JP Morgan Chase for the purchase of manufacturing furniture.

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

Stone Belt proposes that the creation of the art studio will have a number of broad and long-lasting benefits to both Stone Belt clients and the community. Outsourcing and other challenges have caused economic shifts to which Stone Belt has sought to find creative ways to allow clients to continue to express their abilities while earning a competitive wage. The Art & Craft Studio proposes to provide more professional opportunities. With the Studio, clients’ artistic expressions will be translated into marketable pieces by both the individual artist and other client craftspeople, with each participant earning a competitive wage. This allows for both meaningful employment and provides growth opportunities for clients as they come to view themselves as community artists and artisans. The Studio will also serve as a place where local community artists work side by side with Stone Belt client artists and will serve as an “incubator” in the creation of collaborative pieces for community-wide display and celebration in venues such as Lotus, Arts Week and permanent City Park installations. All of the above “contribute to building social capital as clients create lasting relationships with members of the non-disabled community.”

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

Upgraded lighting	\$ 3,880
Double security door	\$ 1,750
Metal drying rack	\$ 1,325
Storage units (various sizes)	\$ 700
Dry wall	\$ 300
Painting	\$ 300
Professional labor	\$ 850

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 9,105
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Other Funds

Stone Belt resources	\$20,000
JP Morgan-Chase grant	\$15,000
Private donor	\$ 5,000
	\$40,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$49,105
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SSF Funding History

2005	\$5,000	salary for curriculum specialist for new career advancement program
2000	\$11,500	equipment & software for "compu-play" facility
1999	\$4,000	industrial sewing machines
1997	\$15,000	primary network server for computer system

VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE OF MONROE COUNTY
Promoting Wellness for the Uninsured with Information Technology Tools

Fiscal Agent: Bloomington Hospital Foundation

City residents served by this project in 2007:

4,000 (of 5,000)

Mission

Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County (VIM) is a community owned, community operated, community financed free health care clinic for the uninsured in Monroe and Owen Counties. In cooperation with others in the community, VIM plans to provide the following services without cost to the medically underserved: 1) easily-accessible, quality primary and preventive healthcare; 2) treatment for both acute and chronic conditions; 3) health education that empowers individuals to take responsibility for their own well being. While VIM anticipates serving 5,000 patients, it expects to service 14,000 visits to the clinic.

Project

Uninsured patients often have unmanaged chronic diseases and sometimes visit multiple health facilities in the same region without all facilities being aware. These patients tend to be poor historians of their own medical histories which complicates care and can result in redundant testing and medical errors (e.g., drug interaction). To remedy this problem, many health care facilities are moving toward a paperless environment wherein results, referrals and patient medical histories can be exchanged via secure, electronic tools known as “clinical messaging.”

VIM seeks funds for both a clinical messaging system and the infrastructure to support it. Specifically, it asks for eight clinical and administrative staff computer stations, a network server to connect the stations, a scanner/photocopier for the clinic and funding for its clinical messaging subscriber fee. It also seeks funding for technical support to evaluate and set-up the clinic’s networking system and to migrate patient data from Community Health Access Program clinic’s database to VIM’s system.

Criteria

Need.

Both the SCAN report and HAND’s *Consolidated Plan* cite access to affordable health care as a priority.

One-Time Investment.

This request is for a one-time investment. Once the infrastructure and messaging system are in place, the clinic will have the technology it needs to be able to engage in clinical messaging.

Fiscal Leveraging.

The City intends to contribute \$25,000 by way of its internet connectivity *via* the Bloomington Digital Underground and VIM expects \$8,890 from the HHS Health Resources Administration for the IT network design and support component of the project. According to VIM, JHSSF funds would leverage investments “as well as significant resources for the clinical messaging system that Bloomington Hospital, primary and specialty care providers, and federal grants are contributing.”

Broad & Long-Lasting Benefits.

“Funding for this project will set the stage for VIM’s successful clinical and administrative operations. The messaging system will have a positive, long-term effect on the quality and continuum of care VIM will be able to provide low-income individuals without health insurance in our City. As a result, more City residents will have access to primary, dental and behavioral health care, enjoy better health outcomes and create a healthier community overall.”

Cost

Amount Requested – Ranked by Priority

network server	\$ 2,500
computer stations (8@ 950/ea)	\$ 7,600
monitors (8@ 200/ea)	\$ 1,600
commercial, all-in-one color printer/scanner/copier	\$ 5,000
subscription to messaging system	\$10,000
IT network & support (evaluation of needs, design & data migration)	\$ 9,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 35,700
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Other Funds

IT network & support	\$ 8,890 (HHS Health Resources Administration)
Network connectivity	\$25,000 (Bloomington Digital Underground)
	\$33,890
<i>Total project cost:</i>	\$69,190

SSF Funding History

None