

Lighting and Electrical Renovation at 417 E. 7th Street

Mission

The American Red Cross is a volunteer, international, humanitarian organization, which helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergency situations. The local chapter has worked continuously since 1917. It is the only non-governmental agency given responsibility under federal, state, and local emergency plans. The Red Cross prepares people to save lives by educating them on first aid, CPR, AED, aquatics and water safety, swimming lessons, babysitting safety, preventing disease transmission, HIV/AIDS prevention education and other care giving roles. It is the national leader in Health & Safety training so that people can be safe in their homes, schools, and workplaces.

Project

The American Red Cross (ARC) is requesting \$2,007 to renovate the lighting at its office (417 E. 7th Street) so that staff, instructors, and students may enter and move about the building safely in the day and light. The funds will help purchase and install an exterior motion sensor light, relocate an interior light switch so that it is next to the door and at a height suitable for persons with disabilities, and purchase and install lights on the stairs and in common areas of the second floor.

Criteria

This agency’s Health and Safety training program teaches adults, children, and infants how to prevent, prepare for, and respond to life emergencies. It is able to touch about 19,500 city residents each year and recently has reached out to the Hispanic community in order to help with in-home emergencies. This one-time investment in lighting and electrical renovation will make it easier and safer to conduct those classes, which often include volunteers who become instructors and spread their knowledge to others. This program coordinates with the IU Division of Outdoor Sports (IU pool) and the local YMCA. Significant and long lasting effects should result from the sheer number of people who become better informed about how to prevent and deal with life emergencies.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$2,007
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Twin head 150 watt motion sensor light	155
One 2GT lay	165
4-way light switch	229
Wire mold to 4 ft height	670
LB 440 light at 4 ft	220
Two exit/emergency lights	393
1 x 4 recessed light	175
 <i>Other funds for Project</i>	 0

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2,007
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Note on Budget: \$34,406 deficit last year.

SSF Funding History

2001	\$5,100	purchase tables & chairs
2000	\$1,600	Mobile supply vehicle for disaster relief

Capacity-Building Project

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 2004 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). Working in concert with a recent long-range plan promoted by the national organization, BBBS intends to serve at least 20% of the community’s at-risk youth with one-to-one matches by 2010 (up from 12% in 2000). The plan involves two phases. Phase I focused on enhancing the computer network and received help from JHSS Funds. Phase II will concentrate on enhancing the competencies of staff and volunteers.

Project

BBBS is requesting \$10,000 to help pay for one part of a two-part, \$50,200 capacity building project promoted by its national organization after research into best practices. The two-part project includes hiring a full-time Partnership Development Coordinator (\$31,500) and retaining a 15-month contract with an organizational consultant (Mission Enablers) for \$18,700. BBBS would apply the City’s funds toward the Coordinator position, who would be responsible for: increasing the matches with youth by 10% per year; broadening the pool of mentors to include males, seniors, minorities, and Spanish-speaking volunteers; and, promoting a “menu of opportunities” in order to attract more mentors. The consulting firm would strengthen the leadership abilities and core competencies of staff, improve internal processes, and strengthen the mentor relationships (by reducing termination rates by 25% and thereby reducing the cost for each match by 10%).

Criteria

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. BBBS provides one-to-one mentoring by adults and targets at-risk children. This request will help fund the second phase of a two-phase plan to almost double the number of matches of at-risk youth it makes from 2000 to 2010. The \$10,000 from the city would be part of a \$50,200 capacity building project, which includes hiring a Partnership Development Coordinator and entering into a 15-month contract with Mission Enablers, an organizational consultant. The national organization will provide a \$30,000 grant (one of 10 in the nation) and BBBS has sought the remaining \$10,200 from the Community Foundation. The combination of the new personnel and consultant are intended to increase the mentor matches by 10% per year, attract a more diverse pool of mentors, and reduce the cost of each match.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$50,200
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
1 Full-time Coordinator (incl. fringe) - JHSSF	\$31,500
15-mo. Contract, Mission Enablers	\$18,700
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	
Big Brothers/Sisters of America	-\$30,000
Bloomington Community Foundation (<i>pending</i>)	-\$10,200

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,000
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SSF Funding History

2004	\$4,500	to purchase a server, related equipment & software to implement Phase I of its long-range service plan
2003	\$11,904	Program Manager – for Girls, Inc’s Teen Outreach LEAP Program
2002	\$3,623	Computer equipment for recruitment & training initiative
2001	\$8,779	purchase & install doors & windows for facility
1995	\$4,800	Office Renovations

New Parents Initiative

Mission

The Community Health Education is a department of Bloomington Hospital which seeks to enhance the community’s quality of life through wellness education that creates awareness, promotes healthy choices, fosters self-responsibility and encourages prevention practices for parenting and pregnant teens. The New Parents Initiative has met each week for the past two years with teens who are pregnant or parents, whether in or out of school, with the purpose of: helping them recognize their role as a resource for their children, teaching them skills to be a positive role-model, and providing them with support through their peers and other community agencies.

Proposal

This agency is requesting \$4,540 continue the New Parents Initiative for a third year after loss of CAPE III funding and help make it a credible, viable, long term service in the community. The funds would pay for a Community Health Educator (\$4,540 - 5 hrs/wk @ \$15.45/hr + benefits), a stipend for speakers (\$150), and educational materials (\$250). For next year they intend to offer the following services: weekly sessions at Aurora Alternative High School (but not at the other high schools in the county); weekly outreach at those schools and after-school opportunities for these teens; weekly sessions at the Bannecker Center with peer support, consultations, and educational programs; speaking opportunities for the teens with middle school students and others; and, continued networking and reciprocal relationships with local agencies.

Criteria

The application indicates that 8.6% of the births at Bloomington Hospital in 2004 were to mothers between the age of 15-19, which translated into 94 new teen mothers in Monroe County. While many agencies offer assistance to teen parents, none specifically address their unique concerns and challenges. This program attempts to address fragile self-esteem, low expectations, and lack of support for this category of at-risk youth. The New Parents Initiative seeks JHSS funds for bridge-funding in order to make it a viable, long term service after loss of the CAPE III grant. It received CAPE III grant for the last two years, Monroe County Family Resource Center money last year, in-kind support in the form of office space and internal donations from Bloomington Hospital, and has extensive relationships with numerous local agencies including Indiana Legal Services, First Steps, Crisis Pregnancy Center, and others. The application argues that by helping teen parents access resources, improve self-esteem, gain parenting skills, and support themselves and others, we as a community will see benefits extending through the life time of the parents to the life time of the children as well.

Other material submitted: Letters of support from: Auroa Alternative High School, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, YMCA,Richland-Bean Blossom Family Resource Center, MCCSC Social Services; Brochure

Cost

Total Project Cost \$11,408.60

Amount Requested

Program Facilitator (5hrs/wk @15.45x34% benefits for 40 weeks)	4,140
Educational Materials	250
Stipends for speakers	150

Other funds for Project

In-kind	\$ 6,868.60
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TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 4,540.00
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SSF Funding History –

2000 \$3,000 Pilot project with Home Health Services for jail medical treatment program

Rainbow Garden – Project Materials

Mission

Bloomington Hospitality House (BLHH) is committed to providing comprehensive, high quality, and cost-effective care which, through dedicated staff and coordinated efforts in the community, aims to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual & educational needs of its residents in a homelike environment. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bloomington Hospital which, according to the application, is a separate financial entity and receives no direct operational, construction, or maintenance funds from the hospital. The Recreation Therapy department promotes Horticultural Therapy (HT) because it benefits residents and others by offering a chance to nurture and be useful, enjoy physical exercise, smell and touch plants, and be in sunlight – to list a few examples. The Recreational Therapy department began a gardening club last year where residents use adaptive gardening techniques in order to be stimulated by this environment, maintain or improve their level of functioning, and reflect on life.

Project

The BLHH Recreation Therapy department requests \$4,125 to purchase and construct raised beds, a shaded seating area, and wheelchair-friendly concrete foundation for an outdoor 400 s.f. Rainbow Garden near the short-term rehabilitation wing of this facility. The Recreation Therapy department will provide \$300 to purchase the plants and expects that the annual sales of plants and plant crafts will generate another \$400 per year. This garden will serve as an interactive gardening space for residents, caregivers, family members, and community members seeking educational advancement (through, for example, Parks and Recreation and school programs).

Criteria

The application cites the SCAN 2003 Report for the proposition that elderly have a special need for resources, support and services for patients with Alzheimer’s, and greater public awareness of their needs. It envisions that the Rainbow Garden will serve as a gathering place for residents and members of the community. All will enjoy both the benefits of Horticultural Therapy (HT) as well as the visits from members of the community who will become familiar with the residents and their lives in this nursing facility. This one-time investment of \$4,125 will buy the materials and labor for the raised plant beds, seating area, and concrete path. The Recreation Therapy department will cover the costs of plants (\$300) and expects that the sale of plant items will generate about \$400 of revenue each year. Given the fact that the population is growing older and lasting longer, efforts like the Rainbow Garden will help improve the lives of these residents and future residents of this facility as well as those who come to visit.

Other material submitted:

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$4,425
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Concrete materials & installation	2,900
Lumber	1,025
Soil & mulch	200
 <i>Other funds for Project</i>	 \$400
<small>(2005 funds culled from Maintenance & Recreational Therapy Depts; 2006 ff. funds to come from proceeds of plant/craft sales)</small>	
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$4,125

SSF Funding History

2004 \$ Memory Gardens Denied

Residential Services -- Lice Program

Mission

The Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) offers decent, safe, and affordable housing to low-income clients at various sites and through Section 8 vouchers. It also provides supportive services to its residents in order to foster stable and self-sufficient households. The residential services division performs those latter services in partnership with the schools, Boys and Girls Club, WonderLab, Family Solutions and other agencies, and has recently expanded its staff from one to three full-time positions.

Project

The BHA is requesting \$6,810 of \$11,018 for a lice reduction program. The JHSS funds would buy 8 washers and dryers (with 3 stackable units), 3 vacuum cleaners and accompanying accessories, and 30 lice kits and the remaining funds would be in the form of staff hours (\$1,920) and discounts for the appliances and kits (\$2,258). After consulting with the MCCSC (particularly Fairview School), Family Solutions, and its own residents (see attached survey), it is proposing to provide lice program for as many as 30 households (15 with at least one occurrence a year and 15 with more than one). The program attempts to prevent lice infestations, help families treat infestations quickly and effectively, and decrease absenteeism, and would include three elements 1) loaning washers and dryers (and helping maintain them if broken); 2) providing lice kits with shampoos, detergents, and bags (@\$70.54 per kit); and, 3) conducting monthly educational classes and individual family sessions. The BHA may also establish an on-site affordable Laundromat at the Crestmont facility.

Criteria

The SCAN 2003 Report identified the need to lower absenteeism and to assure medical treatment for low income children. BHA has consulted with the MCCSC, its residents, and Family Solutions about the incidence of lice among its residents and developed a coordinated strategy to remedy the problem and lower absenteeism. It is asking for a one-time contribution for washers, dryers and vacuums that it would loan to residents and 70 lice kits it would provide along with monthly classes and family consultations. To help leverage these funds, BHA would contribute staff time and money for future repairs, and local businesses would provide discounts. The application suggests that once in place this pilot project would be able to prevent lice infestations, help keep the kids in school and give the families' confidence to face future challenges.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$11,018
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
5 washing machines	230/ea.
5 dryers	233/ea.
3 stackable washer/dryer units	690/ea.
3 vacuum cleaners	80/ea.
3 filter/hose sets	23/ea.
30 lice kits	70.54/ea.
 <i>Other funds for Project</i>	 \$4,208

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$6,810
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SSF Funding History

2001	\$6,502	Purchase & install outdoor lighting for Walnut Woods complex.
2000	\$7,045	Outdoor lighting at two facilities
1999	\$9,300	Roof replacements
1998	\$5,000	Insulate 8 buildings & purchase hand-held carbon monoxide detector

Community Bike Project -- Human Power: Service Learning on Wheels

Mission

The Community Bike Project promotes the use of bicycles in the City by: advocating the use of bicycles, teaching and encouraging maintenance skills, selling and giving away ‘gently used bicycles,’ arranging bike rides, and starting a summer camp. It recently moved from Harmony School to the corner of Madison and 7th Street. Last year, staff, students, and a Vista volunteer at Harmony School began a summer camp known as Human Power: Service-Learning on Wheels for 10, 8 -14 year-old students last summer. The mission of the camp was to: 1) promote bike use and safety for the campers as well as the greater community; and 2) engage campers with projects that would educate them and benefit the greater community.

Project

The Community Bike Project is requesting \$3,060 in JHSS funds in order to pay for 3 high school aides to help expand the summer camp in 2005 (@ \$8.50 per hour x 3 aides x 15 hours per week x 8 weeks). An additional \$3,060 of revenues from a CIBA grant (\$1,000), fees (\$1,310), and other funds (\$750) will provide the other half of budget and be used to pay for the salary of the director, advertising, insurance, activity fees (e.g. treats and pool fees), and trips. Last year the summer camp met most Mon – Wed mornings for 8 weeks in order to take rides and help with community service activities. This year the Bike Project will have more reliable morning hours and add an afternoon repair component for those who want to participate during that session.

Criteria

The application indicates that the Camp met many SCAN 2003 priorities by offering: a sliding scale of fees to 2/3’s of the campers who were from low-income households; affordable role-modeling for youth; a useful means of transportation; and a powerful connection with the natural environment. It also noted that the Community Bike Project offered many special opportunities for low-income persons to enjoy its services. It argues that the request is a one-time investment that will help the camp provide a better quality program, attract more campers (at a slightly higher fee), obtain free interns and other leveraging from Harmony School, and save money on other operating costs. Lastly it argues that offering this experience to the pre- and early- teen age group will have broad and long-lasting effects because it: is a worthwhile alternative to other camps; will instill a sense of accomplishment, a lifelong love of cycling, and a ethic of compassion; and put more bicycles on the street.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$6,120
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Salary – 3 bicycle aides (8.50/hr x120 hours)	3,060
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	
CIBA grant (anticipated) \$1,000	\$3,060
Bike Project \$750	
Camp Families \$1,310	
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,060

SSF Funding History --None

Cherry Hill Daycare - Revitalization**Mission**

The Cherry Hill Christian Center was the first Pentecostal Church in Bloomington with a longstanding history (starting on East 16th Street in 1918) of providing support in the form of food, clothing, housing and other assistance to IU students as well as other members of the community. The Cherry Hill Daycare Center began in 1970 and provides childcare services to a diverse population at some of the lowest pricing in the city. Most of the childcare participants are not parishioners and of the 44 enrolled children, 14 families received free meals and another 2 qualified for reduced priced meals. It provides a toy giveaway program every Christmas and subsidizes the field trips provided low income children.

Project

The Cherry Hill Daycare Center is requesting \$5,200 to acquire a floor, ceiling, new cabinets, countertops and a dishwasher in the kitchen (\$2,200), a new carpet for the day care center (\$2,000), and new partitions in the bathroom (\$1,000). The daycare center will provide all the labor except for installing the carpet. The application indicates that the low cost of their services leads to little available funds for anything other than operational expenses. Improvements to the kitchen would not only help childcare participants, but also help the Center feed needy I.U. students and others during Thanksgiving and raise money during football games.

Criteria

The SCAN 2003 Report identifies reliable, high quality, low cost childcare services as a priority along with providing food and shelter. This one-time request for kitchen fixtures and appliances as well as the improvements in the bathroom will be leveraged by the Center's own labor. Those improvements will serve more than the childcare program and may help raise revenues (via services provided during football games). The new carpet might fall under the category of a foreseeable operational expense (see guidelines). These renovations would help this facility serve an average of 44 participants with low cost childcare services and provide other social services to the community.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$5,200
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Cabinets*	600
Counter top*	300
New Floor*	200
Dishwasher*	400
New Ceiling*	700
New Carpet	2,000
New Partitions*	1,000

* Cherry Hill to provide labor

Other funds for Project

Cherry Hill and parishioners to provide labor

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$5,200
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SSF Funding History -- None

Quality Improvement: Matching Partners and Advocates

Mission

Citizen Advocacy of South Central Indiana, Inc. (CASCI) “values and facilitates sustained, supportive relationships/friendships between persons” with and without disabilities. It “matches individuals with disabilities (Partners) who need and desire someone to assist them in negotiating systems, to improve the quality of their services, and provide practical assistance and freely given companionship with citizens (Advocates) who possess personal qualities and talents that ‘fit’ with the personal quality and needs of their Partner.”

Project

CASCI requests \$1,249 to purchase a laptop computer to facilitate their mission by documenting interviews, lists of Partners and Advocates, their assessments (taken at places of their convenience), the history of matches, and other operations necessary for this agency to expand its matches. Approximately \$1,220 will be contributed in-kind by Options in the form of a phone line and office space.

Criteria

The SCAN 2003 Report recommended expanding options for independent living, public awareness and advocacy for persons with disabilities. It also recommended building better social networks for persons with disabilities, which included partnering with volunteers in the community. When successful, programs like this improve the quality of lives for many in the community.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$2,469
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Dell Inspiron 9300 laptop computer	1,249
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$1,220

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$1,249
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SSF Funding History

2004	1,180	Printing cost for 4,000 brochures & handouts & 500 informational guides to help recruit advocates
2003	3,000	Prepare & distribute a quarterly newsletter
2000	1,500	training & printed materials

Constructive Conflict Resolution for Black and Multi-Racial Youth

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 \$1,750 in JHSS funding to provide a series of 10 15-participant workshops on constructive conflict resolution skills that are intended to reach approximately 50 African-American and Multi-racial youth and adults. The goal of the program is to provide local students of color a ‘constructive conflict resolution tool box’ and to attract a more diverse pool of volunteer mediators. The JHSS funds would cover salaries for outreach, planning and instruction (\$1,050), training materials and refreshments (\$600), and brochures, flyers and handouts (\$100). CJAM would contribute approximately \$2,370 for personnel and administrative costs and other agencies would provide approximately \$1,000 in donated space.

Criteria

The Indiana Commission on the Status of Black Males recognized that many young black males lack the skills to handle conflict constructively and recommended that localities offer such training. The SCAN 2003 Report recommended programs that remove barriers to educational attainment and break the cycle of poverty. Local data indicates that the suspension and expulsion rates for young black and multi-racial youth are more than twice as high as their percentage of the school population. This one-time investment would help produce a series of workshops over a 3-month period in the 2005-2006 school year that will be more cheaply replicated in future years and, hopefully, leverage corporate sponsorships. These workshops are intended to: improve the conflict resolution skills of approximately 50 young black and multi-racial males; improve the educational attainment of this population by reducing suspensions and expulsions; and produce many other benefits to the families and the community.

Other material submitted: Brochure

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$5,320
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Personnel Expenses for Outreach, Planning & Instruction (70 hr@ \$15/hr.)	1,050
Training Expenses – Materials & Refreshments @\$4/person for 10 sessions with 15 participants	600
Recruitment Expenses (publicity materials)	100
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$3,570

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$1,750
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SSF Funding History

2004 \$5,825 To purchase copier Denied.

Site Equipment for Free Meals Service at 917 S. Rogers and 1100 W. 11th Street

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), prepare meals for agencies serving at-risk youth, deliver food to children in certain housing complexes, and help with the south side food pantry. They do not impose an eligibility requirement on those seeking food and served 118,263 meals in 2004, with 40% of the meals going to children under 18 and another 20% going to senior citizens. Between 2000 and 2004 the kitchen saw an increase of 44% in requests for their services.

Project

CK is requesting a one-time grant of \$4,100 to replace a produce cooler (including removal of the old one - \$3,800) and purchase 48 additional cafeteria meal trays (\$300). The cooler is used to store produce and hold meals for two programs that deliver them to children (Feed Our Future and Summer Breakfast Program). It recently required \$800 in repairs (for a compressor) and the maintenance company predicted significant problems in the near future. CK has one large walk-in cooler, but needs this one as well in order to continue, much less expand, its services (particularly to children). The food trays may only be ordered in batches of 48 and will augment the 85 existing ones and help serve the 85 -170 sit-down meals each day at the South Rogers Street location. Decreased in-kind contributions from the Perry Twp Trustee and an increase in expenses due to a commitment to pay employees a living wage within three years make this request all the more pressing.

Criteria

Hunger has been identified as a significant issue by both SPAN/MC and the City of Bloomington Consolidated Plan. This agency is the primary source of free meals in the community. It is requesting one-time investment of \$3,800 in order to replace an old cooler that holds produce as well as meals for delivery to children. It is also requesting \$300 to purchase 48 meal trays for the South Rogers facility where 85 – 170 sit down meals are provided each day. The CK receives all its revenues in the form of donations and grants. These investments will help the CK continue to provide meals and last many years into the future.

Other material submitted: Estimates for cooler and trays

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$4,100
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
One Produce Cooler	3,500
Removal of Old Cooler	250
Cafeteria Food Trays	300
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	0
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$4,100

SSF Funding History

2004	\$7,780	to door & dishwasher @ S. Rogers location; garbage disposal for W. 11 th ; kitchen-grade shelving for S. Walnut storage
2003	\$10,104	replace fire suppression system, loading dock & 60 chairs for Rogers site
2002	\$3,639	copy machine shared w/ Shelter, Inc. & aprons & hairnets
2001	\$10,721	equipment for second food prep & distribution site
2000	\$2,460	eight dining tables
1999	\$4,650	ice machine & freezer
1998	\$4,675	upright commercial oven, mobile pan rack & mats for kitchen floor
1997	\$1,300	transport containers to provide meals to youth in after school programs
1995	\$9,000	used vehicle to serve meals

Adoption and Foster Care Support Program

Mission

The mission of the Family Services Association (FSA) is to strengthen the healthy quality of family life in its various styles and many relationships. Past applications indicate that over the years they have grown from a family counseling agency to include child advocacy, child abuse prevention, parent education, community development and substance abuse prevention. It operates three programs: Oak Tree Counseling, Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Community Education Outreach Program.

Project

FSA is requesting \$16,758 to pay part of the salary of one full-time clinical staff person to start an Adoption and Foster Care Support Program in Monroe County. Total program costs of \$49,044 would include: salaries and benefits (\$39,812), administrative support (\$4,500), computer, desk, and supplies (\$3,000), and travel and training (\$1,225). The new position would be responsible for providing services to individuals and groups, developing the resource library, providing training and workshops for the community, and otherwise operating and expanding this new program. The goal of the program will be to: strengthen adoptive families, improve parenting skills, improve the mental health status of adopted persons, and prevent the disruption of adoptions.

Criteria

The applications acknowledges the absence of any reference to adoption support services in the SCAN 2003 Report, but cites numerous studies for the proposition that quality support services reduce the disruptions associated with adoption. Aside from one month support group operated through the Office of Family and Children, it finds no other existing services and foresees a growing need for such services due to: the 80 foster homes in the county which serve between 200 and 250 children at one time; the 40 adoptions that overseen by the courts; greater adoptions by lower-income households; and, a greater number of adoptions (both domestic and international) that occur outside court supervision. This pilot project will be a one-time investment for the city because the staff will be able to take advantage of Medicaid and private insurance, and will leverage this investment three-fold this year, not counting the hours contributed by volunteers. By stabilizing family units, decreasing the disruptions associated with adoptions, and improving the mental status of adoptees and their families, this program promises to have broad and longlasting effects.

Other material submitted: Letters of support from a Foster Family Support Coordinator (Office of Family and Children), Family Support Assistant (Head Start), and Pediatrician.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$49,017
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Payroll	32,000
Payroll taxes and benefits	7,800
Administrative support	4,500
Program Supplies (games, books, videos)	2,000
Computer and desk	1,000
Travel (50 mi/mo @ .375/mi)	225
Staff training	\$1,000
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$32,258.50
<small>(other grants \$16,258.50; service revenues \$15,000; fundraising \$1,000)</small>	

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$16,785.50
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SSF Funding History

- 2003 \$10,000 computers and salaries related to a new jail diversion program
- 2000 \$3,200 salaries for tracking services and outcomes

Partial funding for Renovation of Service Center located at 55596 East State Road 46
This is Her Time Capital Campaign

Mission

The mission of the Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council (GSTTC) is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. At this time, they serve 793 girls with 374 adult volunteers who reside in the City and many more who live elsewhere. This amounts to about 1 in 5 girls within the City and includes about 200 (or 25%) who receive free or subsidized lunches due to their families' low income.

Project

The GSTTC is requesting \$50,000 from the JHSSF to help continue the renovation of the Regional Council Service Center at 5596 East SR 46. In 2002, it purchased the John Deere property for \$440,000, which included eight acres and four buildings (e.g. show room, pole barn, cinderblock building, and a garage). It moved into the 6,350 show room that year after renovating about 35% of the space. The total cost for purchasing and renovating the property will be \$1.8 million. When finished, the renovation would house administrative offices, a shop, and meeting spaces both large and small. This space is essential for the GSTTC to meet its 2008 goal of serving 5,000 girls and supporting 1,500 volunteers. (Note: it is responsible for a multi-county area.) It also will offer meeting space to other community organizations and groups.

Criteria

GSTTC addresses the following priorities identified in the SCAN 2003 Report. It provides affordable after-school programs, offers recreational activities for teens, provides consistent role models, and serves low-income, underserved, and at-risk girls who live within the City. It provides services to a multi-county area and currently serves 793 girls who live in the City with 25% of those children coming from families with low or moderate to low income. The \$50,000 request would be a one-time investment leveraged by well over \$1 million in other funds. The applications states that the new building will be showplace and asset to the community and help meet the agency's benchmark to significantly expand services by 2008. This benchmark will allow it reach and improve the lives of more girls in the community.

Other material submitted: illustrations of the building exterior, interior, and floor plan, estimate.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$1,800,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
<i>Building renovation</i>	50,000
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$1,750,000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$50,000
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SSF Funding History

2002	\$2,148	To purchase 2 learning modules for the agency's Family Life Education Program.
2000	\$	To help purchase and develop the John Deere Property for a new head quarters - Denied

Habitat ReStore Facility – Purchase and Install Heating and Fuel**Mission**

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County (HHMC) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization (affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International) with the mission of building simple, decent homes with people in need. They charge no interest, sell for no profit, and work with other housing organizations to eliminate homelessness and poverty housing in Monroe County. They have housed 54 families so far in Monroe County and are currently building at a pace of 8 houses per year. In May of 2004, they opened ReStore, at the RBS site on Patterson Drive, which takes donations of used or surplus construction materials and sells it for pennies on the dollar to the general public, thereby raising money for Habitat, providing affordable building materials, and diverting about 100,000 pounds of materials from the landfill.

Project

HHMC is requesting approximately \$6,314 of JHSS funds in order to purchase and install two overhead heaters (\$4,100), 2550 s.f. of insulation (\$765), and 1,000 gallons of propane (\$1,449) for this warehouse space donated by RBS. The total operating budget for the ReStore facility is about \$43,000. This investment in heating is expected to increase annual revenues by at least \$5,700 because a warmer facility in winter will draw more customers, secure more volunteers, and allow the facility to be open more hours each week.

Criteria

The SCAN 2003 Report identifies the need for affordable housing in our community. Investment in heaters, insulation, and propane for Habitat's ReStore construction materials outlet, is a one-time investment that will generate revenues for their low cost housing operations, offer low cost materials, and recycle rather than landfill these materials. This investment is about 1/7 of the annual operating budget for the facility and is expected to generate at least \$5,700 of additional revenues each year, and thereby augment the HHMC's primary mission of providing low cost housing in this community.

Other material submitted:**Cost**

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$6,314
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
2 Heaters – equipment, materials and labor	4,100
Insulation – 2550 square feet @\$.30/ft	765
1000 gallons propane @\$1.449/gal	1,449

Other funds for Project

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$6,314
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SSF Funding History -- None

District 10 Pro Bono Project, Inc. -- Computer System Installation

Mission

Indiana Legal Services Organization (ILSO) uses staff attorneys to provide civil legal assistance to low-income persons and has agreed to act as fiscal agent for the District 10 Pro Bono Project, Inc (Pro Bono Project). The Pro Bono Project is one of 14 organizations created by the Indiana Supreme Court in order to encourage free legal work by Indiana attorneys and serves Monroe, Owen, Green and Lawrence counties. It's mission is to provide quality, free legal services to lower income people and does so by prioritizing cases which have the greatest impact upon the client. This encompasses cases in family law, debtor's rights, advanced directives, probate, employment, real estate, consumer and other civil law. Since its inception last June, this agency helped 112 clients in the Bloomington area.

Request/Project

The Pro Bono Project requests \$1,835 of the \$3,324 needed to purchase a server (\$560), memory (\$95), software (\$490) and installation (\$690) in order to replace one computer, upgrade the other, and connect them to each other. With a budget of \$50,000 for an attorney-director, donated office space, donated case management system, 51 law student volunteers, coordination with ILSO and the IU Law School Clinics, the Pro Bono Project is able to provide legal advice to low income in the City. It is in the process of obtaining non-profit status in order to facilitate fund-raising and its other operations.

Criteria

The SCAN 2003 Report stated that almost half of the households with income of less than \$25,000 found the affording needed legal help was a major problem. It also noted that the one agency providing free legal advice at the time (ILSO) estimated that only about 1/3 of the households needing its services were being helped. This investment in computer upgrade and server will allow the Pro Bono Project to use law students and volunteer attorneys to extend services to those other 2/3's of low income households. With a functional computer system the Pro Bono Project can connect more lawyers to clients, improving individual lives and the community at large.

Other material submitted: Cover letter from ILSO

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$3,324
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Workstation/server	560
Memory upgrade to donated system	95
Windows XP software for server	185
Windows XP software for reception	110
Microsoft Office basic software	195
Labor	695
 <i>Other funds for Project</i>	 \$1,489

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$1,835
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SSF Funding History

2002 \$20,000 To pay for the salary of an attorney as well as printing and publication expenses related to the new Housing Law Center.

Emergency Shelter – Assistant Director

Mission

Martha’s House, Inc. (MH) is an outgrowth of Shelter, Inc. and has the mission of providing safe shelter while working to end homelessness. It is the only provider of individual emergency shelter and case management services in the county that serves both men and women without regard to their gender, religious beliefs, or reasons for homelessness. Services to clients begin with a bed and blankets, access to showers and laundry facilities, and assistance with the immediate problems they face. Services to longer term clients include help finding employment, opening bank accounts, getting social services, finding a more permanent place to live, and otherwise becoming more self-sufficient. During its first year of operation (2004) it provided 5,276 nights of service to 257 unduplicated individuals. These individuals were between the age of 18-74, mostly white males (but also women) with histories of substance abuse (30%) and mental illness (30%).

Project

MH is requesting \$15,027 to help pay the first three months salary and benefits for an Assistant Director (\$14,658) as well as food (\$60), and bus tickets (\$281.25) for residents. This is a new position proposed in a recent strategic plan and will be charged with developing programs, soliciting grants, and coordinating cases (see attached job description). This \$57,970 program is funded by grants (\$22,360), in-kind donations (\$9,575), and fund raising (\$7,724). Some of the JHSS funds will offset loss of funds from the Perry Township Trustee, but the new position is geared to raise new money through applications for HUD rental assistance and Indiana Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits. The approximate \$340 for food and bus tickets will be used until another grant from Psi Iota Xi arrives in September.

Criteria

The application notes that the SCAN 2003 Report acknowledged the need for expanding the capacity for providing emergency shelter to individuals and families. Approximately 19% of the population live in poverty and have difficulty paying rent. More people earn income above the poverty limits yet need and cannot get help paying rent. This agency is filling the gap created with the demise of Shelter, Inc. and is requesting \$15,000 for operational costs in order to strengthen and expand capacity and make up for lost funding. While many people and organizations have stepped up to help make this agency successful, it still needs support in order to assure success in providing shelter for the homeless.

Other material submitted: Job Description of Assistant Director

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$57,970.21
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Salaries	14,658.75
Food for residents of HH Food Bank	60.00
Bus tickets for residents	281.25

Other funds for Project \$42,970.21
 (3,307.46 awarded; 22,362 pending grants; 9,575.96 in-kind; 7,724.29 events & community donations)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$15,000.00
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SSF Funding History

2004 \$17,823 salaries & operational costs for operation of shelter, a new self-sufficiency program & outreach program

Project Self-Reliance -- Purchase of Ramp and Accessories, and Relocate Confidential Document Destruction Program to 318 South Washington.

Mission

Middle Way House (MWH) began in 1981 with a mission of ending violence in the lives of women and children by providing or sponsoring programs and activities that encourage change on the individual and social level. MWH “works to change the environment in which women and children report violence, cope with the trauma of violence, and move on with their lives.” It gives women meaningful alternatives in the form of a place to live, the opportunity to make informed decisions, and a means of earning income and through this wholistic approach has significantly reduced the proportion of women who return to abusive relationships in this community as compared to the nation as a whole. MWH operates two microenterprises – a healthy food catering service and a confidential document destruction (CDD) service – which “are designed to provide living wage employment to formerly battered women making a transition from danger and dependency to safety and self-determination.”

Project

The MWH is requesting \$14,669.15 from the JHSS funds in order to: purchase a portable steel ramp (\$9,417.74), tow bar (\$135.27), pneumatic pump and lift (\$1,298.14); and ship (\$300) and relocate them (\$3,518) to the Coca Cola Building at 318 South Washington Street. The purchase of this equipment and its relocation to South Washington will help MWH proceed with its plans to renovate the building and move its headquarters and most of its operations within a few feet of its residential facility (The Rise). By moving the CDD service to the new location, MWH will be able to apply rent to the new space and reduce insurance costs during the period of renovation. Total costs for the purchase and renovation of the building are approximately \$2 million, which will be sought through grants from the government and private sectors.

Criteria

The application refers to the SCAN/MC and ties this project to the following priorities: achieving personal and family self-sufficiency; service planning; nurturing the next generation; and building healthy communities. It argues that this one-time investment in equipment and relocation costs will: divert over 1,500 of paper from the landfill; offer critical assistance in the relocation of much of the agency’s operations; expand employment opportunities for its clients; and help renovate a downtown eyesore. Each of the above will offer broad and long-lasting benefits for the community.

Other material submitted: Quotes for equipment

Cost

Total Project Cost \$14,669.15

Amount Requested

Items: Beacon Steel yard Ramp	9,417.74
Beacon tow Bar Loops	135.27
Beacon Pneumatic Tire & Hand Pump Lift	1,298.14
Shipping & Handling	<u>300</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	11,151.15

Relocation Set-Up Fees

Electrical/Baler	900
SBC	418
Cinergy	765
Vectren	1,117
Bloomington Utilities	18
Insight Communications/Computers	<u>300</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	3,518

Other funds for Project

None at present; working on securing in-kind donations

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$14,669.15
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SSF Funding History

2004	\$7,500	portion of salary & benefits for a Housing Specialist to develop a cooperative housing program & facility for low-income women.
2003	\$4,100	purchase thermal carriers; pots, pans, food trays & dishwasher proof dishes & flatware
2001	\$23,885	pilot childcare nutrition program/enterprise paying salaries of cook
2000	\$3,210	Buy industrial grade document shredder for CDDP
2000	\$2,426	buy & install security devices for two facilities
2000	\$10,000	contract add'n to shelter
1996	\$17,350	help pay for childcare facility
1994	\$35,000	women's & children's transitional facility

Emergency Services Program

Mission

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) “is a nurturing organization serving working families and those in distress by assisting with emergency needs and subsidized childcare. (It) provide(s) quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance for the poor and community service opportunities.” The Emergency Services Program includes: one of the largest Food Pantries in the county (and provides a 5-day food supply to each member of a needy household); a Cleaning Closet that dispenses cleaning and hygiene supplies (which cannot be bought with food stamps); rent and utility assistance program funded through FEMA; and, a caseworker to assure the effective use of these resources. Last year, in concert with its pantry and the Opportunity House, it handled 1,887 requests from families for assistance (comprising of approximately 6,800 individuals) and provided the equivalent of 47,600 meals, 1,400 pieces of clothing and household items from Opportunity House, 2,800 items of cleaning and hygiene, and rent or utility assistance to 87 families.

Project

MCUM is requesting \$31,669 from JHSS funds in order to pay the salary (\$26,523) and other personnel expenses (\$5,146) for its only Emergency Services caseworker. This request would help the \$102,543 Emergency Services Program with bridge funding due to a loss of CDBG funds (because of change in procedures which limits each agency to one application) as well as extensive funding cuts and increasing costs associated with its Childcare program. It needs short-term assistance in order to implement a plan to raise funds from churches, individuals, and foundations.

Criteria

The application ties its programs to the following priorities and recommendations in the SCAN 2003 Report: providing food (through a convenient pantry), clothing, rent and utility assistance to households experiencing hunger or homelessness due to one or more triggering event (like loss of a job, lack of insurance, or domestic violence). This \$31,669 request for bridge funding will help cover the loss of funds and rising costs for its two programs while it implements a long term plan to raise more money. The application says that this investment in Emergency Services personnel will lead to broad and long lasting benefits by mitigating household crises and keeping families fed, housed, and together until they can get back on their feet.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$102,543
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Caseworker Salary for 2005	\$26,523
Additional Personnel Expenses	5,146
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$70,874

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$31,669
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SSF Funding History

2004	\$15,000	to subsidize child care services fro low-income City residents
2003	\$20,000	to subsidize child care services fro low-income City residents
2001	\$32,884	pay rent & utilities for city residents at risk of being dislocated
1999	\$11,850	equipment for food area
1997	\$51,000	to add on to and renovate childcare facility
1998	\$9,925	renovate existing building to meet new building code

New Leaf

Mission

New Leaf (NL) is an outgrowth of the Citizens for Effective Justice (CEJ) which began in 2003 in response to the use of tazers in the death of James Borden in the Monroe County Jail. While CEJ has advocated for reforms (establishing a Crisis Intervention Team) and attempted to educate the public on related issues, New Leaf has focused on developing “a comprehensive approach to providing for the needs of inmates and their families during and after incarceration” with the goal of “reduc(ing) recidivism by fostering responsible behavior, self-determination and successful reentry into the community.” Last month, it began a new substance abuse treatment program within the Monroe County Jail known as Life Effective Treatment (LET), which is modeled after a successful 35-year program in the Marion County Jail.

Project

NL is requesting \$10,000 from the JHSSF program to fund a qualified professional (\$9,000) for about 10 hours per week and the ancillary costs for a phone (\$300), supplies (\$200), printing and postage (\$350) and transportation (\$150). This qualified professional would “provide organizational support, leadership, coordination of programs, and public relations.” In particular, this position would help the LET program take root in the jail, reintroduce the Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) back into the jail, and to expand services to inmates and their families after leaving jail through new Cross Roads and parenting programs. The total program costs would be about \$23,451 and include the volunteer time for the volunteers in jail (approximately 16 hours per week) and outside of jail (approximately 4.5 hours per week).

Criteria

The application ties its activities to three SCAN Report priorities: providing addictions treatment in jail in order to reduce recidivism; providing support groups and free counseling for anger management and other family related issues; and the finding of advocates to work with clients who are incarcerated. This \$10,000, one-time investment in salary and operational costs for this pilot project will be leveraged by another \$13,000 in volunteer and other in-kind donations and is intended to expand the program. Working with offenders in jail and with their families after release has been found to be a good strategy for reducing recidivism and fostering a stable household.

Other material submitted: Letters of support from a Shalom Links Volunteer (and Emeritus Professor), Shalom Volunteer Resource Coordinator; Director of Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL), and Sheriff Sharp.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$23,451

Amount Requested

Personnel @ \$750/month	9,000
Transportation	150
Office Supplies	200
Printing & Postage	350
Phone	300

Other funds for Project

(from: Public Welfare Foundation, Monroe Co. CARES, Sparkplug Ftdn., After-Prison Initiative) \$13,451

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$10,000
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SSF Funding History -- None

Accessible Transportation for Community Access

Mission

Option’s mission is to partner with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self-directed and fulfilled lives. Since 2001 it has received special accreditation (through CARF) for its community participation services which have helped 40 clients live, work, and participate in the larger community.

Project

Options is requesting \$9,500 in JHSS funds to purchase (\$7,500) and modify (\$2,500) a wheel chair accessible van to provide more “tailor-made regularly scheduled activities that focus on training and daily living skills away from their homes.” Options would still arrange for public transportation, which has increased its services to persons with disabilities over the years with BT Access, but then rely on this modified van when the expense or scheduling make it a barrier to participation in the community. Options currently serves 16 people who use wheel chairs and foresees at least 10 of them being transported in the newly acquired van. Services they provide would be reimbursed in the amount of \$44,000 through Medicaid or federal grants.

Criteria

The application refers to a number of cites in the SCAN 2003 Report acknowledging the need for more and better transportation for persons with disabilities. There are 15,000 people with disabilities in the area (per US Census 2000) and 4% of them (or 600) find access to transportation to be a major problem (per SCAN). The application also notes the need for overcoming transportation barriers for the sake of young persons with disabilities who may miss opportunities for developing social skills and self-esteem. This one-time investment of \$9,500 will generate \$44,000 in revenues and serve an immediate population of 10 people and more as the program becomes known, particularly to residents of nursing homes. Adding a wheel chair van to their choice of transportation will give these individuals more freedom and thereby improve the quality of their lives.

Other material submitted: Quote & 7 pictures of proposed accessible van

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$9,500
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Ford Handicap Accessible Van	7,500
Modifications	2,000

Other funds for Project

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$9,500
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SSF Funding History

2003	\$1,725	Pay for materials for its resource library & speaker fees related to the Family Partnership
2002	\$5,000	purchase materials for a program btwn Options & CBH to address persons with dual diagnosis
2001	\$4,966	purchase CPR training equipment to train staff
2000	\$5,000	buy materials, computer, furniture for resource library for persons with disabilities
1998	\$3,000	repair 1991 club wagon for client purpose
1997	\$13,500	upgrade phone & voicemail system

PALS At-Risk Youth Riding/Leadership Camp

Mission

People and Animal Learning Services (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). Last summer it started a four-week summer program for at-risk youth that used literacy to enhance the teaching of riding and horse care skills. (See enclosed H-T article) It was funded through the National Youth Sports Camp, which was discontinued this year.

Project

PALS is requesting \$3,300 to provide scholarships for 10 at-risk 12-15 year-old girls from Girls, Inc, to attend a summer youth riding and leadership program (\$30 per week x 9 weeks x 10 girls = \$2,700) and to pay for a digital copier (\$600) to copy reading and learning materials for participants. This one-time request would provide bridge funding and expand the summer camp from four to nine weeks after loss of the sports camp last year, and give 10 at-risk girls an opportunity to have fun, improve self-esteem, gain group skills they would not otherwise experience. PALS has the support of Girls, Inc, which will transport the girls to the facility on That Road (see letter from its Executive Director). It will use 200 hours of volunteer hours to support the program, seek grants through various foundations, and otherwise garner support as a member agency of the local United Way. The application notes that approximately 89% of the participants at Girls, Inc. are city residents.

Criteria

The application cites passages from the SCAN 2003 Report for the importance of recreational opportunities for at-risk youth and the need to remove barriers like transportation, working parents, and fees that prevent them from enjoying these activities. This one-time request for \$3,300 in bridge-funding to continue and expand the program in its second summer will be leveraged by contributions of volunteers, Girls, Inc., and other funds. The program promises to teach positive life choices, leadership skills, the benefits setting and achieving goals which offer an opportunity of changing the lives of these girls and others who partake of the services in the future.

Other material submitted: Letter of support from the Executive Director of Girls, Inc., H-T article, and brochure.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$8,580
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
At-risk youth riding/leadership program for 10 Girls Inc. participants for 9 weeks (\$30/participant x 9 weeks)	2,700
Canon’s ImageClass D860 Personal Digital Copier	600
<i>Other funds for Project</i> (from: Bay & Paul Foundations; transport provided by Girls, Inc.)	\$5,280

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,300
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SSF Funding History

2003 \$3,400 to purchase two hydraulic mounts for horse-riding program

Bloomington Health Center Security Camera Project

Mission

The mission of Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Inc, (PPIN) is to protect, provide, promote reproductive health. Founded in Indiana in 1932 and established in Monroe County in 1964, PPIN provides quality, affordable, reproductive health care to women and men in Monroe County and the surrounding areas. The local clinic provides comprehensive health care including: breast exams, Pap smears, mid-life services, the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, colposcopy and cryotherapy, pregnancy testing, abortion, and family planning services and supplies. Last year it served about 7,150 patients. Those patients were predominantly female (95%) and of low income (69%) or moderately low income (another 10%). Most had no or inadequate health insurance. It is staffed by about a dozen employees.

Project

PPIN is requesting \$3,000 of the \$10,360 needed to improve their security system with the purchase of cameras (\$5,172), a DVD recorder (\$3,528), 2 monitors (\$496), and accessory equipment (\$1,165). This request is due to three incidents of vandalism (one involving a small fire) in the last month and a half, which are probably related to the controversial nature of one of its services (abortion). PPIN contacted the local police, FBI and ATF as result of these recent incidents, hired a security guard, and consulted with a security firm (BankSolutions) about other measures to take in order to protect the clients, staff, and building. This proposal is the mid-priced of three alternatives recommended by that firm.

Criteria

Their applications indicates that “PPIN provides essential, long lasting health and educational services to women, men and youth in Monroe County. These services are particularly important to low to moderate income individuals. This request represents a one-time investment which is critical to enhance the security of the health center to continue to provide a safe environment for patients and staff. PPIN also feels strongly that the perpetrator(s) responsible for these serious crimes should be apprehended and a security camera system will assist with this, should there be further occurrences.”

Other material submitted: Report from security firm; alternatives and estimates

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$10,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
1 digital video recorder w/ network interface	3,528
4 Bosch cameras & assoc. lenses & equip.	2,430
4 mounting brackets	216
3 GE PIR cameras & assoc. equip.	446
1 GE Cyber Dome camera	2,295
2 Altronix power supply	122
2 monitors	496
Cable & installation	827
 <i>Other funds for Project</i>	 \$7,360
via Planned Parenthood of Indiana	
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3,000

SSF Funding History

2004	2,923	to purchase 6 sets of cervical biopsy equipment for diagnosis & treatment of abnormal cervical conditions
2003	\$3,600	purchase 4 computers for 421 south college facility
2001	\$1,394	purchase equipment to test for anemia
1999	\$5,000	exam table for disabled

New Location Renovation

Mission

Rhino’s mission is to provide entertainment and engagement for community youth in a safe, alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free environment. A division of Harmony School, Rhino’s has offered innovative youth programming for thirteen years. Youth play an active part in programming that ranges from media programs in the crucial after-school hours to weekend entertainment. After-school programs include radio, video, journalism, and art for over 200 youth. Weekend shows attract over 1,000 area youth a month. Rhino’s serves more youth than any other youth program besides the public school system.

Project

Rhino’s requests \$41,190 to renovate its new space. Its overwhelming success has caused Rhino’s to run out of space. Rhino’s 2 full-time staff and the 6 part-time Parks and Recreation staff and youth all share one cramped office. The media programs all share one room no bigger than a closet. Weekend concerts are frequently sold out, with youth lined up outside the door in the hope of getting inside once someone leaves. The new space is located at 329 S. Walnut and would triple Rhino’s capacity. The new space would: enable Rhino’s to have its own studio, provide office & storage space; and potentially raise weekend capacity to 600 – ensuring that no one would have to stand outside in the elements to get into the club. The \$41,190 requested from JHSSF would help bring the bathrooms up to ADA code (\$12,900), bring the heating and cooling system up to code based on the building’s occupancy (\$10,000) and add another set of double crash doors for safety per the occupancy code (\$3,900). The funding would also allow drywall to be hung in the program space and the bathrooms (\$4,400) and would greatly improve the lighting (\$9,900). Lighting has been a chronic complaint of youth – lighting is inadequate during shows and also in the afternoon for art and gatherings. Added lighting would not only improve the ambiance at the club, but would provide an opportunity for youth to learn stagecraft and computer skills designing and operating the new system.

Criteria

The youth served by Rhino’s are typically not served by “traditional” youth programming and are often those who are alienated from the community and most at risk for poor life choices. Bi-annual surveys indicate that 54% of these youth come from low to moderately-low income homes. SCAN makes it clear that “there is a shortage of affordable after-school activities and tutoring between the hours of 3 and 6 pm” and identifies a need to “provide more positive adult supervision and mentoring/role modeling as well as more opportunities and activities in the arts and business.” In providing after-school and weekend activities, Rhino’s directly addresses this need. The long-lasting benefits of such services are apparent: as stated by Rhino’s, “in the years that Rhinos has been in operation, juvenile crime, and teen drug and alcohol abuse have decline locally.”

Rhino’s has already leveraged support from the lighting contractor for design, installation, and instruction. This request will enable Rhino’s to leverage other community funding sources, especially a “set aside fund” request from the United Way that also seeks to leverage funds and from the Community Foundation. It would also “jump start” an encompassing community-wide fund raising campaign by the Rhino’s Advisory Board and youth. The Mayor supports the renovation and his Office of Economic Development has contributed \$25,000 as has the Urban Enterprise Zone Board (UEZB) to the possible purchase of the building. In addition, the UEZB will be granting \$50,000 to upgrade the façade upon purchase. Absent purchase of the building, Rhino’s will still need to move into the larger space and such space requires this renovation to make it functional. The CDBG Physical Improvement Committee allocated \$21,000 to the renovation project but the allocation was denied by HUD due to a technicality based on the percentage use of the space.

Other material submitted: 4 estimates

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$80,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Bathrooms	12,900
Heating & Cooling	10,000
Door Placement	3,900
Drywall	4,400
Lighting	9,990
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$39,013

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$41,190
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SSF Funding History

2004	\$5,000	To purchase 4 portable 250 GB hard drives, a multi-media PC with monitor, and other equipment
2002	\$8,264	To purchase audio and video editing equipment for after-school programming.
2000	\$2,000	To construct a radio studio at center
1998	\$10,900	Operate Graffiti Clean-Up; salaries, operating costs
1994	\$5,000	Larger facility

Shalom Center Expansion – Installation of Vertical Lift at 110 S. Washington Street

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. Shalom is Monroe County’s primary hunger-relief provider of breakfast and lunch. Between 16 and 20 social service providers visit and deliver services at the Center on a regular basis.

Project

Shalom requests \$16,670 to install a Graventa Genesis Public Building EN-144 vertical life as part of the Center’s expansion to the lower level of 110 S. Washington Street. Since the Center’s creation in 2000, it has experienced rapid growth and tandem increased demand for its services. More than 200 men, women and children visit the Center daily for meals, job counseling, and to meet with visiting social service agencies. Shalom is currently located in the lower level of the First United Methodist Church at 219 E. Fourth Street. However, this space does not allow Shalom to provide adequate office space for staff and community agencies to meet with people requesting services. Shalom’s growing employment program, Job Links, is forced to work in the dining room/day room for lack of space. During meals, many Shalom Center guests sit on the floor or stand due to the lack of seating.

110 S. Washington is located across the street from Shalom’s current location. Jim Register of RE/MAX has offered the lower level of the property to Shalom rent-free for five years. This offer provides an opportunity for Shalom to expand. However, Shalom must resolve two issues: a zoning variance and modifying access to the back entrance and lower level of the property as well as some remodeling and refurbishing of the space. Shalom has petitioned the BZA for a use variance and is confident the zoning issue can be resolved. The City’s Planning Department has recommended that the BZA approve the variance. However, Shalom will not be able to utilize the space without the installation of the lift and the modification of the entrance.

Note that in addition to expanding to 110 S. Washington Street, Shalom plans to retain its current space at First United. The church space will be devoted entirely to the Center’s feeding programs, including breakfast lunch, food pantry and job training in the food service industry. The 110 S. Washington site will be used to house all social service programs, a computer lab and staff offices.

Criteria

Shalom cites the United Way’s 2003 Community Services Needs Assessment Report that 25% of Monroe County residents live in poverty or serious economic risk. Shalom serves the community’s most vulnerable experiencing homelessness and hunger.

The estimated cost of expansion the 110 S. Washington site is \$60,000. Shalom asks for \$16,670 -- 27% of this cost. Shalom has leveraged in-kind and cash contributions to fund the balance of the project. Specifically, they have leveraged donations for general construction modifications, legal, architectural and engineering services, information technology consulting, permitting and State submittal fees, and other “soft” costs.

The project will provide broad and long-lasting benefits to the community by allowing Shalom to better meet the hunger, job training and social service needs of the community.

Other material submitted: Letter of intent from Jim Register; signed estimate from Hamilton’s Accessibility Services, Inc.; letter from City of Bloomington Planning Department recommending approval of Shalom’s use variance petition

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$60,000
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Garaventa Genesis EN-144 Public Building Vertical Lift	16,670
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	43,330
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$16,670

SSF Funding History

2004	\$5,500	part-time Food Service Coordinator to expand breakfast and lunch programs and to train clients
2003	\$1,900	pay for 6 phone sets & install 3 new phone lines at 219 E. 4th Street

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

(SCCAP Head Start) “[To provide] quality, comprehensive child development and family services for Monroe county families. The partnerships we build will celebrate the unique qualities of our staff and families while cooperatively addressing the changing needs of the community in which we live.” Head Start (HS) has operated on both national and local levels for forty years. During that time, Monroe County’s HS program has nearly tripled in the number of children it serves and has increased its center-based hours of service by 300%. Funded to serve 235 children and their families each year, the Monroe County HS actually serves about 350 children and their families. Children in HS range in age from three years old to kindergarten-age. Twenty percent of Monroe County HS children have diagnosed disabilities. HS provides additional behavioral and mental health services to another ten percent who are experiencing difficulties but have no clear diagnosis. Almost half of HS children are enrolled in full day/full year programming.

Project

HS has recently lost some “donated”/shared space in which to conduct their programming. They have secured new space at Summit Elementary, Ellettsville Early Childhood Center and Templeton Elementary, but have lost some of the furnishings and classroom cognitive material that came with the old space. HS requests \$11,115.27 to replace those furnishings and to outfit both a preschool classroom and a portable infant/toddler classroom. Once equipped with furniture and classroom material, HS will be working in these three locations in new ways, including: a six-hour/day program in Summit Elementary; adding a second session half-day program at Ellettsville Early Childhood Center that will dually serve HS and Richland-Beanblossom’s Special Education preschoolers; and by creating a unique center/home-based program to serve the ESL learning families engaged in the well-respected FLAME program at Templeton.

As part of these partnerships, HS and MCCSC have applied for the national family literacy Even Start program in Monroe County. The grant is anticipated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000. HS will use these three new equipped classrooms to also serve children in the Even Start programming. This means that children whose parents are receiving literacy training, will receive both HS and Even Start curricular instruction. This will double the use of the classrooms. In the event the Even Start program is not funded, HS will still use the equipped rooms for regular, Head-Start programming.

Currently the ESL FLAME program provides care for birth through school-aged children in one room. This is the space HS intends to use for HS programming. Therefore, part of HS’s request is for mobile infant/toddler care center that would provide infants and toddlers with a safe and developmentally-appropriate space.

Criteria

HS programming addresses three needs identified in the SCAN report: educational attainment, overcoming poverty & joblessness, and vulnerable populations, especially pre-school children. SCCAP points out that nearly a quarter of households in Monroe County face these challenges. As stated in SCAN, “[a]ddressing these needs area is critical to achieving a higher quality of life for our community and will require an intentional, respectful and coordinated effort on the part of all sectors – business, government and nonprofit...” With 90% of its clients below or near poverty level, HS aims to provide education and childcare that allows parents the opportunity to engage in literacy training and job search.

Funding for this equipment would be a one-time investment to outfit these classrooms with materials. HS has leveraged other funding by partnering with schools for classroom space and partnering with MCCSC to obtain Even Start funding. received in-kind donations from three schools.

Funding for furniture and educational materials in HS’s three new classrooms will allow HS to maintain and expand its services while providing families with an early introduction to the school system and its personnel.

Cost

Total Project Cost \$1,829,751 (HS)

Amount Requested

Furniture & cognitive materials for 1 classroom	
Furniture (cubbies, cots, tables, chairs, etc.)	\$3,292.68
Cognitive materials (easels, instruments, blocks, puppets, etc.)	\$4,503.32
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$7,796

Infant/Toddler care center (climbers, mats, cribs, dolls, books, etc.)	\$3,319
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<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$1,818,365.80
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TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$11,115.27
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SSF Funding History

2003	\$6,292	pay for the development of computer software
2002	\$5,000	to establish a revolving loan program for auto repairs of clients

Functional Family Therapy – Phase I Clinical Training

Mission

“To improve our customer’s quality of life by providing demonstrably effective, efficient, and responsive healthcare.”

Project

This agency seeks \$16,000 in seed money for Phase I Clinical Training of a three-phase Functional Family Therapy Implementation & Certification program (FFT) for at-risk and delinquent youth and their families. FFT is an empirically-ground, replicated and “highly successful” family intervention program for dysfunctional youth. FFT has been applied to a wide range of problem youth and their families in various multi-ethnic, multicultural contexts. Target populations range from at-risk pre-adolescents to youth with very serious problems such as conduct disorder, violent acting-out, and substance abuse. At \$31,900, Phase I Clinical Training is the most expensive and intensive of all the phases of FFT. During this one-year phase, a team of eight therapists will be trained with the objective of fostering strong clinical adherence and high competence to the FFT treatment model.

Criteria

SCAN documents the need for effective prevention and intervention strategies: “Law enforcement and probation officers would like to see more early intervention for troubled families...Education and intervention are needed to break the cycle of dysfunctional families.” FFT provides “proven effective and cost efficient treatment and prevention for at-risk youth and their families.”

Jack Hopkins money will allow SCCMHC to leverage funds from three other identified funding sources by showing community support of FFT. SCCMHC has recruited a professor of counseling and educational psychology to act as the site certification trainer. The trainer is local, which SCCMHC points out, saves the agency travel and accommodation expenses usually borne by an agency site going through FFT certification. The costs for Phases II & III are significantly lower (\$12,00 & \$5,000 respectively) than that of Phase I and can be offset by client revenues. The Center for Behavioral Health will cover the cost of Phase II and III.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention endorses FFT. The Department points out that while a number of communities are employing punitive approaches to juvenile crime, research indicates that such approaches are both costly and ineffective. Juvenile offenders removed from their families and communities eventually return, and unless their underlying behavioral problems have been treated effectively, these problems are likely to contribute to further delinquency. SCCMH points to data from numerous outcome studies suggesting that FFT can: prevent the onset of delinquency, reduce recidivism between 25% and 60%, and reduce treatment costs.

Other material submitted: Phase 1 FFT Site Certification Training Activities and Services ; Office of Juvenile Justice Bulletin article on Functional Family Therapy (2000).

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$31,900
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Functional Family Therapy/Phase I	29,500
FFT Clinical Assessment License Fee (one-time fee for Team of 8 Therapists @ 300 per license)	2,400
<i>Other funds for Project</i> (Community Fdtn.; Pullman Fdtn.; Webb Fdtn.)	\$15,900
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$16,000

SSF Funding History

2002	\$3,952	To purchase equipment and fund 4 programs serving children and their parents
2001	\$1,639	To purchase counseling software for children
2000	\$7,000	Floor covering for facility

St. Vincent DePaul Furniture Distribution & Resale Center

Mission

The St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVDP) is an international faith-based volunteer organization that offers person-to-person service to those in need. While the organization is religious in origin, SVDP’s service is given without regard to the recipients, race, color, creed or opinion. Religious instruction is neither a requirement nor a component of SVDP’s services.

Locally, SVDP works as a referral service linking the needy with community resources, as a place for low-income residents to obtain donated appliances and furniture, and a financial resource of last resort for the community’s most needy. SVDP attempts with meet with each client individually to assess the client’s needs. The organization strives to meet clients one-on-one in the client’s home to make an on-site assessment of the household’s most critical needs. Since its inception in 1993, SVDP has grown from a handful of volunteers serving 21 families to over 50 volunteers, including those from Bloomington’s three Catholic parishes, as well as St Thomas Lutheran and Bethel A.M.E. Church. In 2004, SVDP made over 3000 referrals, distributed approximately 1500 pieces of donated furniture to more than 500 households, and provided over \$66,000 in financial aid to more than 540 low-income households.

Project

SVDP requests \$29,000 to assist SVDP with the startup costs and operation of a Bloomington SVDP Furniture Distribution and Resale Store to be located adjacent to the Bloomington Housing Authority’s Crestmont division. This money would be used for the initial six months of lease payments, a manager’s salary, utilities and advertising.

There are 450 SVDP resale stores operating in the U.S. and 11 in Indiana. The Bloomington SVDP store would model itself on comparator stores’ successes. Namely, the Bloomington Store would accept donated furniture, sell high-value items and use the profits to meet critical or basic needs of Bloomington’s poorest residents. The store would employ a voucher system whereby low-income families could acquire furniture and appliances free. High-demand items like new beds and dressers may be purchased with store profits and distributed without charge to low-income families. After seeking the advice from other SVDP stores, the Bloomington initiative has concluded that hiring a full-time manager with retail experience and doing an advertising campaign are necessary expenditures for the success of the store.

SVDP Bloomington has located a site adjacent to the BHA Crestmont housing division. This site is a 4500 square foot open span building that is part of a larger office and warehouse complex. The location has the advantage of being convenient to those in need and being accessible to those who wish to donate or purchase furniture. Profits from the Store would be used to provide more financial to area poor.

Criteria

SCAN identifies rent, utilities, and car repair as top challenges for low-income families. Over 75% of SVDP’s assistance is dedicated to these needs, while 25% is devoted to meeting other basic needs such as prescription medicines, dental emergencies, emergency lodging, and food and gas cards. SVDP is called upon by agencies such as the Township Trustees, Middle Way House, Amethyst House, Bloomington Housing Authority and United Ministries to help people in need, frequently because the referring agency is unable to assist the needy person because of agency guidelines, government mandate or lack of funds. Such referrals frequently involve assistance with rent deposits, utility deposits and reconnection fees.

Funding the start-up of the store will be a one-time investment that will be leveraged by \$17,300 in donated matching funds, volunteer time and labor, donated furniture, and free advertisement that has been promised by local radio stations. SVDP’s overhead is under 3% and over 80% of the aid stays within the City of Bloomington. Another 6% is dedicated to helping the City’s homeless primarily through contact made with SVDP volunteers at the Shalom Center.

Based on the success of other SVDP stores, such as those in Jasper and Logansport, SVDP anticipates that the store will return over \$50,000 in the form of direct aid to the community in the first year of operation, and much more in the years to follow. Such return would augment – not replace – the financial assistance SVDP currently provides. Funding for the start-up will dramatically increase SVDP’s ability to help the community help some of its most vulnerable residents, raising the quality of life for all.

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$49,300
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Manager’s Salary @ 6 mos.	12,500
Building Lease @ 6 mos.	6,000
Utilities @ 6 mos.	4,500
Insurance	3,000
Advertising	2,000
Office Equipment	1,000
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	\$20,300

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$29,000
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SSF Funding History -- None

Career Advancement Services

Mission

Stone Belt provides education and support for people with disabilities. It also works with families of young children with and without disabilities to foster maximum growth and development. Stone Belt provides residential, employment, manufacturing, life skills training, parent and child development and psychological services to help people actively participate in the community. As stated in its application, Stone Belt “believe[s] in the uniqueness, worth and right to self-determination of every individual. Therefore it is our mission, in partnership with the community, to prepare, empower and support people with developmental disabilities.” The oldest and largest agency of its kind, Stone Belt serves more than 1,000 people annually.

Project

Stone Belt is developing a new program called Career Advancement Services (CAS) which will help participants with disabilities explore work concepts and learn job-specific skills, including training in food service, housekeeping, grocery, retail, clerical and laundry services. CAS is modeled as an Ivy-Tech type of curriculum and will include classroom and hands-on learning. Participants will be assessed to determine their vocational strengths, needs and preferences. The program will provide opportunities for advanced training in an effort to increase the value of participants to potential employers and to shorten the time needed for on-the-job training. 56 City residents would benefit from this program. Stone Belt seeks \$8,300 to: help pay for a licensed special education teacher to develop the CAS curriculum; purchase two computers used for job training; and purchase non-consumable supplies, such as software and low reading level education materials.

Criteria

SCAN identifies employment and workforce development as challenges to the community. One of the barriers documented by SCAN is that “some employers are not willing to devote significant time and money to cultivating potential employees who present challenges prior to or upon entry into the workforce. There are enough other potential employees who do not present these challenges and individual employers have little incentive to invest resources in building a workforce.”

Stone Belt is developing CAS as a core service and has funding available for its on-going service through sources such as Title XX, Medicaid and contracts with residential providers. What is seeks through JHSSF is one-time funding to help launch the program by hiring a specialist to develop the program and to train para-professional instructors.

Currently, a service similar to CAS is not available in the community. CAS will provide intensive service for up to 40 hours/week and will be geared to the cognitive and physical needs of the participants. Stone Belt will coordinate the program with other workforce development activities in Monroe County and will convene an advisory group composed o representatives from Workforce Development, Ivy Tech and a local employment agency. By such coordination, Stone Belt intends to provide a comprehensive approach to workforce development that avoids duplication of services. The program will shorten the training time for employers while providing them with trained, competent and dependable employees. The program is also expected to reduce the need for on-on-one Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Other material submitted:

Cost

Total Project Cost \$29,900

Amount Requested

CAS Curriculum specialist, 360 hours @\$14.40/hour 5184

Fringe 1296

2 computers for vocational training @ 660/ea. 1320

Durable supplies for vocational instruction 500

Other funds for Project – Matching Funds

CAS instructors (3 full-timex12 wks x\$12 av/hr; fringe @25%) \$21,600

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$8,300
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SSF Funding History

2000	\$11,500	equipment & software for "compu-play" facility
1999	\$4,000	industrial sewing machines
1997	\$15,000	primary network server for computer system

Safety Fencing for Pre-Schoolers at The Children’s Village

Mission

The Villages is a multi-State provider of child and family services offering a full continuum of care, including Healthy Families, Kinship Care, Early Childhood Education, Childcare, Adoption, Therapeutic Foster Care, independent and Transitional Living, and Behavioral Health Services. The mission of The Children’s Village is to provide high quality child care, education and early childhood development programs. As offered in its application, the Villages, “champions every child’s righ[t] to a safe permanent, nurturing home [and] is committed to strengthening all families and embraces the dignity and diversity of every child, youth and family.” The Children’s Village is located at 2431 N. Smith Pike and provides child care Monday-Friday, 6:00am-6:00 pm for children ages 6 weeks old to six years old. All childcare providers are required to hold a Child Development Associate degree. While licensed for 171 students, the Children’s Village currently limits enrollment to 150 students in the interest of providing quality care.

Project

When the weather is good, a good bit of care and instruction is conducted outside. However, State regulations limit the number of children who can be on the playground at once. Therefore, the staff at the Children’s Village turn to a space under a mature apple tree near Smith Pike. Over time, the tree has become a key instructional focus: teachers frequently conduct lessons under the tree and use the tree to illustrate seasonal change and to help children understand the behavior of local wildlife, like the birds and squirrels that nest there. However, the tree is located close to the busy corridor of Smith Pike, and is separated by the road by only a bit of grass and a sidewalk. As the children are curious about cars and passersby, the staff suggests that it would be prudent to build a U-shaped fence around the tree so children are provided more protection while exploring the tree and its environs. This would allow the staff to continue to use the tree as a teaching tool without turning the space into an “official playground.”

Criteria

This request maps on to the SCAN-documented need of finding reliable, quality, affordable child care. The proposed project is a request for one-time funding of \$2,333.76 for the materials to build the fence. The Villages would leverage \$2,500 in other donors’ funds to pay for the installation. The broad and long-lasting benefits of this initiative include providing families with quality, affordable childcare that offers a safe and engaging play/learning environment.

Other material submitted: diagram of proposed fence and surround area, estimate for materials

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$4,833.76
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
Fence & materials	\$2,333.76
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	
Installation fee	\$2,500
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2,333.76

SSF Funding History -- None

Friday Zone Challenge Outreach

Mission

WTIU is a local public television station whose mission is “to bring the world to the communities we serve, to examine what those communities have in common, and to inspire, enlighten and entertain all individuals.” *The Friday Zone* is a weekly series aimed at children 6-11 years old. The series encourages viewers to investigate the world around them, thereby expanding their view of the world. It does this by introducing viewers to guests whose passions include: art, culture, sports, health, social studies and science.

Project

The Friday Zone Challenge gives children the opportunity to expand their views by matching a child in the community with an invited guest known as the “Friday Zone Pro.” The Pro offers advice, guidance and assistance as children carry out a new challenge. Past challenges have included: the challenge to create a community newspaper where an expert from the Herald Times was the invited guest/pro; 2 children challenged to learn water coloring painting where a professional water color artist was the Pro; a child was challenged to learn about finances by opening her own savings account where an expert from Monroe Bank was the Pro. Viewers at home are “challenged” by given instructions on how they can also experience these new activities. Additional information is provided on WTIU’s website. Challenges are intended to be accessible and affordable. *The Friday Zone Challenge Outreach* expands the Challenge program by offering free workshops for children once a month for nine months of the year. Each workshop will focus on a challenge presented in the television series and will introduce children to a professional in the area of challenge, who will provide hands-on instruction. Outreach events will take place at locations throughout the City, such as libraries, parks, community centers, etc. Most venues are designed for an intimate setting of 50-80 children. Workshops will begin September 2005. Funding will be used to buy materials and to provide instructors.

Criteria

Both the SCAN report and the CAPE project identify the need for affordable programs for children in the Monroe County area. The workshops offered by the Outreach program are free to all area children, irregardless of social class. And the “challenges” highlighted in the workshops – such as repairing a bike, planting a garden or building a clubhouse – are affordable and accessible to all children. WTIU seeks \$12,375 in seed money to launch the *Outreach* initiative and \$512 in one-time funding for a survey for parents and a camera package for a videotape of one workshop. It will leverage \$3,240 of in-kind contributions from the station to air promotionals of the workshops for one week prior to each workshop. The broad and long-lasting benefits of this project include providing affordable activities for local children that expand their minds and exposure to art, culture, social studies and science.

Other material submitted: *Friday Zone* brochure

Cost

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$16,123
<i>Amount Requested</i>	
9 workshops @\$1,375/ea.	12,375
(instructor, assistant, materials, room, t-shirts; survey; operational expenses)	
Research (survey for parents)	100
Videotape of 1 workshop	412
<i>Other funds for Project</i>	
On-air promotion (one week of spots prior to ea. wkshp.)	\$3,240
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$12,833

SSF Funding History – *None*