

**RESOLUTION 2024-13**

**AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND RELATED MATTERS**

- WHEREAS, the Common Council established the Social Services Funding Committee (Committee) in 1993 to make recommendations to the entire Common Council and Mayor regarding the allocation of discretionary social services funds and, in 2002, named the program in the honor of Jack Hopkins, who was instrumental as a Council member in the establishment of this funding program; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 02-16, as amended by Resolution 13-07, Resolution 16-06, Resolution 20-09, and Resolution 21-01, the Committee serves as a standing committee of the Council with four members from the Council assigned by the President of the Council and with three City residents (appointed by the Committee Chair) with experience in social services; and
- WHEREAS, this year the Committee includes Council members Isak Nti Asare (Chair), Courtney Daily, Hopi Stosberg, and Andy Ruff, along with City residents Nordia McNish, Camryn Greer, and Eddy Riou; and
- WHEREAS, this year, the Committee had \$350,000.00 in budgeted funds to distribute; and
- WHEREAS, an additional \$9,996.38 is available through past unused monies in the Jack Hopkins non-reverting fund and the Administration has indicated that it will propose an appropriation ordinance for the same, if necessary; and
- WHEREAS, the Committee held an Organizational Meeting on February 29, 2024 to establish the program procedures for the year; and
- WHEREAS, at that time, the Committee affirmed its policies that set forth and elaborated upon the following criteria for making recommendations:
1. The program should address an identified priority for social services funds (as indicated in the *Service Community Assessment of Needs (SCAN)*, the City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's *Consolidated Plan*, or any other community-wide survey of social service needs); and
  2. The funds should provide an investment that, through matching funds or other fiscal leveraging, makes a significant contribution to the program; and
  3. This investment in the program should lead to broad and long lasting benefits to the community; and
- WHEREAS, this affirmation included a 2012 change that allowed agencies to submit a second application as part of a collaborative project with one or more other agencies and also included an opportunity made available since 2016 for agencies to submit requests for operational funding; and
- WHEREAS, by the application deadline at 4:00 p.m. on April 01, 2024, the Committee received 39 applications seeking approximately \$649,067.36 in funding; and
- WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024 the Committee met to discuss the applications, decided to hear from 37 applicants, and raised questions to be addressed by the applicants at the presentation hearing, which was held on April 23, 2024; and
- WHEREAS, after receiving agency responses to the Committee's questions and hearing the presentations, the members of the Committee evaluated proposals and assigned each proposal a recommended allocation; and
- WHEREAS, on May 09, 2024, the Committee met for a Pre-Allocation Meeting and adopted a preliminary recommendation to fund 30 applications, and these recommendations were adopted by the Committee at its Allocation Hearing on May 14, 2024; and
- WHEREAS, all the foregoing meetings were open to the public to attend, observe and record what transpired, and a period of public comment was offered before a vote on the recommendations was taken; and
- WHEREAS, funding agreements have or will be executed by the 30 agencies recommended to receive funds, and those agencies understand and agree to abide by the terms of those agreements; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the HAND department will arrange for the disbursement of the grant funds pursuant to the funding agreements, which will be interpreted by the Chair of the Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Common Council now allocates Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$359,996.38) set aside for the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding program to the following agencies for the following amounts and in accordance with the funding agreements approved in Section 2.

SECTION 2. The Council approves the funding agreements for these allocations, copies of which are kept in the Council Office and HAND department files, and directs the Office of the Controller to issue checks in the ordinary course of business to the agency once the staff of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department submit a copy of the signed agreement and the appropriate purchase orders.

	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1.	Alexandra's Army	\$2,000.00	2024 Technology Training & Upgrades - website editing/maintenance training and professional development, mobile app development, and purchase of chromebooks
2.	All-Options	\$5,000.00	Diaper Program - purchase of diapers, potty training supplies, menstrual hygiene support and supplies
3.	Amethyst House, Inc.	\$19,165.00	Residential upgrades - refurbishment or replacement of historic windows at Women's House
4.	Beacon	\$31,617.81	Program Essentials for People in Poverty - locker sets and locks, oven, refrigerator, mattresses, and chairs
5.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana	\$11,000.00	Increase staffing - Elevating part-time staff member to full-time - 20 additional hours per week from May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 (35 weeks); health benefits; professional development training
6.	Bloomington Cooperative Living	\$2,295.50	Middle Earth Repairs - New electrical panel
7.	Bloomington Meals on Wheels	\$5,500.00	Medically-tailored meal kits - Costs for dietician to develop meal plans, recipes, and ingredient list; food; and delivery of food
8.	Bloomington St. Vincent De Paul serving Monroe CO	\$30,000.00	Housing Stability Program - Rental assistance (up to \$250/household)
9.	Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington	\$15,755.00	Safe Entrances and Exits - Replacement of exterior and interior doors and Ferguson Crestmont and Lincoln Street clubs
10.	Cancer Support Community	\$4,500.00	Financial Assistance for Cancer Patients - grocery cards, gas cards, cancer supplies (e.g., wig kits, chemo kits, hats, skin care items, etc.), and application processing expenses
11.	Catholic Charities Bloomington	\$20,000.00	Affordable therapy for low-income children and youth - Staffing costs, office rental
12.	Community Justice & Mediation Center	\$21,890.00	Eviction Prevention Project - staffing costs, equipment/technology costs (cell phones, software, etc.), indirect costs, and training and volunteer recruitment expenses
13.	Community Kitchen	\$18,184.64	Express Rebuild Equipment Replacement - a reach-in cooler, reach-in refrigerator, mobile hot food cabinet, and portable buffet

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14.	Courage to Change Sober Living	\$5,000.00	Wrap-Around Rental Program - rental scholarships and graduate scholarships (rental assistance for program participants)
15.	Cry of the Children, Inc.	\$1,000.00	Community Enrichment - Books, games, backpacks and supplies for youth; food and meal supplies for Annual Thanksgiving Meal
16.	Dental Care Action Inc.	\$13,000.00	Technology Improvements - computers, monitors, servers and related technology; installation costs; and air quality equipment
17.	Hoosier Hills Food Bank	\$25,500.00	Supplemental food purchasing
18.	Indiana Recovery Alliance	\$20,000.00	Linkage to Care Coordinator - salary for new position to provide case management to IRA participants - 20 hours/week at \$20/hr
19.	Middle Way House	\$7,939.20	New Wings Emergency Shelter Keypad Entry Locks - purchase and installation of 12 keypad entry locks
20.	Monroe County Humane Association	\$4,308.75	Accessible Veterinary Care for Low Income Families - flea/tick/heartworm prevention; medications; vaccinations; lab/diagnostic services; radiology/x-rays; medical exams; spay/neuter surgery; euthanasia
21.	Monroe County United Ministries	\$21,000.00	Facility Renovations - renovations at agency's administration/self-sufficiency center building (827 W. 14th Ct.)
22.	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	\$7,150.00	Education and Youth Programming Support - workshop supplies and stipends; garden education supplies; tool share equipment and maintenance; kids' snacks; gravel for parking lot; summer interns via ILP program
23.	New Hope for Families	\$17,500.00	Early Learning Center Food Program - salary for Chef position for food program
24.	New Leaf, New Life	\$4,423.48	Reducing Recidivism: Reentry Case Management - salary expenses for case managers
25.	Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky	\$7,500.00	Safety-Net Sexual and Reproductive Health Services - contraception costs, HIV/STI services, cancer screenings, gender-affirming hormones, pregnancy tests
26.	Refugee Support Network	\$4,000.00	Newly-arriving Asylum Seeker/Refugee Family Transition Support - rent assistance, utility assistance, medical payment assistance, transportation, food assistance
27.	South Central Community Action Program	\$12,500.00	Youth Mental Health for Thriving Connections Families - mental health individual counseling; staffing and supply costs; grants for families; and youth coaching/enhancing partnerships/professional development
28.	Special Olympics Indiana Monroe County	\$1,267.00	Update and replace outdated sports equipment (e.g., bowling ramp, practice pinnies, basketballs, batons, bags, etc.)
29.	Stone Belt Arc	\$6,000.00	Job-A-Palooza - career fair for people of all ages and disabilities - venue, materials, marketing, decorations, food/drink for volunteers, participation incentives
30.	Tandem	\$15,000.00	Operational Scaling - salaries (director and office manager), rent, and utilities

SECTION 3. The Council authorizes the Chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to resolve any questions regarding the implementation of the 2024 funding agreements.

SECTION 4. The Council also approves the *2024 Report* of this Standing Committee of the Common Council.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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KERRY THOMSON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution brings forward the recommendations of the 2024 Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee. The principal task of the Committee is to recommend funding for local social services agency proposals that best meet Program criteria and best meet the needs of the community. This resolution allocates a total of \$359,996.38 to 30 different agency programs. The resolution also: approves the funding agreements with these agencies; accepts the report of the Committee; and authorizes the Chair of the Committee to resolve any questions regarding the interpretation of the agreements.