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Council approves Jack Hopkins funding

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Bloomington City Council members on Wednesday night unanimously approved a recommendation for doling out \$280,000 in Jack Hopkins Social Services funding to 24 agencies.

A total of 29 agencies requested \$539,970, and the grants approved Wednesday went through a long process during which Jack Hopkins committee members reviewed applications and decided how the funds should be split.

“We always have demand that’s greater than what we have available,” council member Tim Mayer, who chairs the committee, said during a recent meeting.

The council unanimously approved the committee’s recommendation despite protest from around 20 people who didn’t want funding to go to Planned Parenthood.

Here is how the money is being doled out:

- **All-Options Pregnancy Resource Center** — \$8,400 — To purchase disposal diapers and wipes for the All-Options Diaper Bank
- **Amethyst House** — \$13,500 — To pay for tree removal at both the Men’s 3/4 Way House located at 416 W. 4th and at the Women’s House at 322 W. 2nd and to pay for the replacement of the retaining wall at the Women’s House at 322 W. 2nd.
- **Area 10 Agency on Aging** — \$1,400 — To purchase gardening beds, fencing, soil, garden mix, plants, and seeds for the Area 10 Vegetable Garden, providing produce to Mobile Food Pantry clients.
- **Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington** — \$19,000 — To cover renovation costs of a two-story section of a Boys and Girls Club building located at 803 North Morton Street

- **CASA** — \$6,878 — To purchase and install a Toshiba C1X40 Digital Hybrid telephone system
- **Community Kitchen** — \$19,824 — To purchase a tilt skillet and to pay for parking lot repair.
- **El Centro (MCPL)** — \$1,000 — To pay for trained interpreters for medical and community appointments in cases where funding is not available.
- **First Christian Church** — \$1,100 — To purchase tables for the Gathering Place.
- **First Presbyterian Church** — \$5,500 — To pay for the purchase of a dishwasher for the Saturday Morning Breakfast Program.
- **Girls Inc.** — \$4,496 — To pay for gutter and downspout replacement, said replacement having occurred in January-February 2016
- **Habitat for Humanity** — \$14,500 — To pay for tools, construction volunteer expenses, materials for classes and education outreach supplies.
- **Hoosier Hills Food Bank** — \$12,000 — To purchase and install a lift gate for the Food Bank's primary food collection and delivery truck.
- **Indiana Recovery Alliance** — \$17,600 — To pay for the purchase of an unmarked vehicle used in the provision of Indiana Recovery Alliance services.
- **Life Designs** — \$14,000 — To pay for the purchase of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.
- **Middle Way House** — \$11,800 — To purchase beds, mattresses, vinyl sofas, rocking chairs and related furnishings for 338 S. Washington Street.
- **Monroe County United Ministries** — \$20,000 — To pay for construction costs associated with MCUM's Food Pantry Expansion Project located at 827 W. 14th Ct.
- **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard** — \$15,000 — To pay for staff salaries to expand Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's Education and Tool share programs.
- **My Sister's Closet** — \$10,000 — To pay for the salary of the Success Institute Coordinator.
- **New Hope Family Shelter** — \$13,382 — To purchase and install a corded telephone system linking New Hope offices; to purchase and install desktop and laptop computers; to purchase and install a security system monitor; to purchase and install a wireless network; to pay for hardwiring and set up of aforementioned technology; to purchase cribs, tables, child-sized chairs, tip-resistant shelving, a coat locker, outdoor sheds, and related equipment for New Hope's Early Childhood Program.
- **Planned Parenthood** — \$3,000 — To pay for subsidized removal/insertion of longacting removal contraceptives (LARCs) and to pay for subsidized STD testing through the Women's Health Fund at the Bloomington Health Clinic, located at 421 S. College Avenue.
- **Shalom Center** — \$25,000 — To pay for two months of operational funding for emergency, overnight sheltering at A Friend's Place, located at 917/919 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington, Indiana
- **Stepping Stone** — \$10,120 — To pay for staff salaries for Stepping Stones' Street and Community Outreach Pilot Program
- **Susie's Place** — \$11,000 — To pay for the following components of the Pediatric Sexual Assault Medical Exam Program: cabinet, counter and sink construction and installation; Medgyn-AL 106 Digital Video Colposcope with Swing Arm, and foot pedal.
- **Volunteers in Medicine** — \$21,500 — To pay for salaries of dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists in interest of the expansion of Volunteers in Medicine's dental services.