



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

12:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room
500 SW Madison

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| Discussion/ Possible Action | I. Boards and Commissions Sunset Review: Housing and Community Development Commission
(Attachment) |
| Discussion/ Possible Action | II. Boards and Commissions Sunset Review: Public Art Selection Commission
(Attachment) |
| Discussion/ Possible Action | III. Social Services Allocations – Fiscal Year 2012-2013
(Attachment) |
| Information | IV. Other Business |

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 12:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 500 SW Madison Ave

Agenda

None at this time.

MEMORANDUM

May 21, 2012

TO: Human Services Committee
FROM: Ken Gibb, Community Development Director 
RE: Housing and Community Development Commission Sunset Review

I. Issue

The City's Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) is scheduled to sunset at the end of the fiscal year; review by the Human Services Committee and City Council is needed to authorize the HCDC's continuation.

II. Discussion

The HCDC was created in 1981 to advise the City Council and Planning Commission about affordable housing and other community development issues. The Commission consists of nine voting members and one City Council liaison. One member possesses knowledge, qualifications, or experience in the housing construction industry; one member possesses knowledge, qualifications, or experience in the real estate marketing or development industry; one member possesses knowledge, qualifications, or experience in financial institutions; one member is a citizen who is or has been a recipient of housing assistance; one member is a past or current recipient, or a guardian of a past or current recipient, of social services targeted to low income or special needs clients; three members are from the general public; and one member is a member of the Planning Commission. In making appointments to the Commission the Mayor endeavors to ensure that low and moderate income persons and minorities have substantial representation on the Commission.

As specified in Municipal Code Chapter 1.16.205, the charge of the Housing and Community Development Commission is:

- a) In cooperation with other City boards and commissions, formulate and recommend policy to the Planning Commission and City Council on housing affordability and community revitalization issues.
- b) Recommend policies to the Planning Commission and City Council to provide for and conserve very low, low and moderate income housing in the City.
- c) Review and make recommendations regarding City applications requesting Federal and State Housing and Community Development funds and other funds relating to community development which may become available.
- d) Monitor and evaluate planning, programming, and implementation of housing and community development activities.
- e) Act as a review and appeals board for the Housing loan program policies.
- f) Represent the affordable housing interests of very low, low and moderate income citizens and citizens with special housing needs.

Accomplishments and activities since last review

Since its last sunset review in 2008, the HCDC has continued to refine its role in and approach to carrying out its charge as the overseer of the Housing Division's annual allocations of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. This role includes facilitating the community outreach efforts that establish CDBG and HOME program funding priorities; reviewing funding proposals from housing developers and social service agencies each year, and then identifying a set of funding allocation recommendations for consideration by the City Council; and taking a lead role in the development of the City's five-year CDBG/HOME Program Consolidated Plans and one-year Action Plans prior to their consideration by the City Council.

In addition, the HCDC reviews housing purchase assistance and rehabilitation loan activity each month, and makes recommendations to the City Manager related to loans for which an administrative policy exception is required. Finally, the HCDC also conducts periodic research and outreach efforts around one or more affordable housing or community development issues to evaluate possible initiatives. Examples of their efforts in this area include participating in the development of Land Development Code (LDC) language that allows for Accessory Dwelling Units, creation of the City's First Time Home Buyer program, and providing recommendations for LDC provisions that allow for small, cottage-style unit development.

Future activities and actions

If reauthorized, the HCDC will continue for the next four years to provide oversight to the City's Housing Division related to the all of the activity sets described above. Further, in light of recent and likely continuing declines in federal funding and the growing financial challenges they represent for the City's Housing Programs, the Commission will also be asked to work with Housing Division staff to review program structures, allocation processes, and investment strategies, all with the intention of adapting the City's approaches to the ways CDBG and HOME activities and programs are funded and administered. And finally, because FY 12-13 represents the final year of the City's current five-year Consolidated Plan period, the process of developing the next five-year Plan will get underway soon with the HCDC again playing an important lead role.

Analysis of responsibilities shared with other City boards or commissions

The role of the HCDC is a unique one, and does not appear to overlap with other City boards or commissions. There was at one time some overlap, and would be more today, with the Corvallis Block Grant Advisory Board. That body provided direction for the City's consideration and submission of grant proposals to the State's Community Development Block Grant program prior to Corvallis becoming an entitlement jurisdiction in 2000. The BGAB was allowed to sunset in 1998, and its responsibilities were absorbed into those that are carried out by the HCDC.

Analysis of responsibilities that may be added to the charge of the HCDC

The current charge of the HCDC seems appropriate for both the City's needs and for the capacity of the Commission itself, and it does not appear additional elements are called for. The work Commissioners carry out related to program planning and policy development, funding allocations, and research on housing and community development issues seems well balanced both with their interests and with the goals and interests of the City.

Summary of HCDC discussion relating to sunset review

The HCDC discussed the issue of sunset review during its meeting of May 16. Commissioners were unanimous in their agreement that the HCDC's role in facilitating affordable housing and community development program initiation and oversight remains important to the City. They concluded that the need for the Commission remains strong and unchanged, and recommend reauthorization under the charge as currently written.

III. Recommendation

In that there is an ongoing public need for the role and services of the Housing and Community Development Commission, staff recommend that continuation of the existence and functions of this body be authorized for another four-year period.

IV. Action Requested

Staff requests a Human Services Committee recommendation for Council approval to amend Municipal Code Chapter 1.16 to authorize the continued existence of the Corvallis Housing and Community Development Commission for another four-year period.

Review and Concur:


Jim Patterson, City Manager



MEMORANDUM

To: Human Services Committee
From: Karen Emery, Director *KE*
Stephen DeGhetto, Assistant Director *SD*
Date: May 1, 2012
Subject: Sunset Review – Public Art Selection Commission

Issue:

The Public Art Selection Commission (PASC) is scheduled to sunset in June 2012.

Background:

PASC was established in 1998. The Commission is charged with the selection and placement of public art consistent with Council Policy 98-4.12 Public Art Selection Guidelines.

Since the last review, the Commission's activities have included the following accomplishments:

1. Reviewed public art proposals including:
 - "Siuslaw Sun Showers", the hanging glass mobile located the Library
 - "Dragon", the mosaic on the Arts Center Wall
 - Water color Mandala in Fire Station 1
 - Leaf impression pavers for inclusion in The Arts Center Plaza
 - Bicycle Sculpture proposal
 - Graffiti Wall location and portability options
2. Currently working on inventory of public art and location criteria.

Discussion:

Municipal Code Section 1.16.315 Public Art Selection Commission, which is attached, outlines the membership, term and specific charge of the Commission.

The Commission met in April and discussed its future role and possible work plan activities of the Commission. The Commission sees its role as assisting the City Council and ultimately the community by overseeing the selection and placement of public art. Its approach is to advise City Council as proposals are presented to the City. In addition, they see the Commission as the only recognized group whose members have the specific expertise to advise the City Council regarding public art selection and placement. They anticipate that the Council's need for the Commission's expertise to fulfill this service will continue into the future.

The Commission also discussed its role and relationship with other Boards and Commissions.

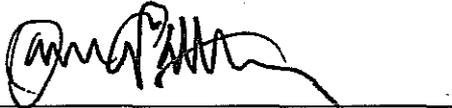
The members feel there is significant difference between their role and that of newly formed Arts and Cultural Commission. Members felt they brought unique expertise to the community through PASC. PASC's role of coordinating the review, selection and placement of public art is very different from promoting arts and culture in the community. The permanence of public art requires a commission with diverse backgrounds and skills for public art selection. The PASC sees that it will continue to fulfill a function that no other Board or Commission has expertise to provide to the Council.

The members would also like to continue to be engaged in all matters related to permanent public art selection and placement, located either in or around the exterior or interior of public buildings and city-owned land as well as public art financed through public and /or private funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends continuance of the Public Art Selection Commission to meet the objectives of the Municipal Code Section 1.16.315.

Review and Concur:



James A. Patterson, City Manager

Attachment:

Section 1.16.315 PASC charter

Corvallis Municipal Code

Section 1.16.315 Public Art Selection Commission.

1) A Public Art Selection Commission is hereby created for the City.

2) The Commission shall consist of seven voting members all appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. At least one member shall be an Arts Center Board member, one member an OSU Art faculty member, one member shall be an Arts and Culture Commission board member, two members shall be professional artists, and two members shall serve “at-large” from the community. The Commission may ask for specialist positions (architect, landscape architect, professional historian, etc.) to sit with the Commission in an advisory capacity.

3) The Commission is established for the purpose of art selection for the city of Corvallis consistent with Council Policy 98-4.12, “Public Art Selection Guidelines”.

4) Initial appointments to the Commission shall be staggered to ensure continuity of membership; two for one year, two for two years, and three for three years.

(Ord. 2010-14 § 1, 07/06/2010; Ord. 98-39 § 1, 10/10/1998)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2012
TO: Human Services Committee
FROM: Ken Gibb, Community Development Director 
SUBJECT: Social Service Allocation Recommendations for FY 12-13

Issue

The City of Corvallis has an agreement with United Way of Benton & Lincoln Counties to administer the allocation process for the City's FY 12-13 social service funding. This work includes review of agency proposals for funding by an allocation Granting Committee, with a recommendation forwarded for HSC review.

Discussion

United Way has recently completed the granting process to provide funding recommendations for the City of Corvallis social service funding for FY 12-13. Twenty-one organizations submitted requests for twenty-five programs. An allocation Granting Committee made up of sixteen community volunteers participated in the process by reviewing proposals, conducting site visits/interviews with applicant programs, and making final funding recommendations.

It is noted that this report precedes final action on the FY 12-13 annual operating budget. Attached is a document from United Way that includes a spreadsheet of agency requests and the Granting Committee's recommended allocations. The Committee chose to consider two levels of funding in their allocation recommendations, due to the range in funding amounts that originally identified by the HSC/CC in January, prior to the City Manager's budget recommendation. Included in the recommendations are program descriptions from the agencies' applications along with comments from the Granting Committee. United Way will receive 5% of the total funding for administering the program, from allocation of funding through monitoring agency programs for compliance throughout fiscal year 2012-13.

Recommendation

A motion to recommend to City Council approval of the allocations as presented by United Way (Attachment 1) or as amended by this committee.

REVIEW AND CONCUR:



Nancy Brewer, Finance Director

REVIEW AND CONCUR:



James A. Patterson, City Manager



City of Corvallis

Social Service Grants

12-13 Funding Recommendations

As per our administrative contract, United Way has recently completed the granting process to provide funding recommendations for City of Corvallis Social Service funding for the 12-13 fiscal year. Twenty-one agencies applied for funding for twenty-five programs. Sixteen community volunteers participated in the process by reviewing proposals, conducting site visits/interviews with applicant programs, and making final funding recommendations.

This document contains the following components:

Agency Requests and Committee Recommendations

- List of applicant agency/programs
- Finalized Granting Committee funding recommendation(s) at two levels
 - Floor of \$107,000
 - Ceiling of \$344,590
 - Note: in the narrative section of the document, the floor and ceiling recommendations are reiterated for each program (as per the table on page 2).

Program Descriptions

The program descriptions and needs statements for each program were taken directly from the application for funding. Applicants were asked to answer the following question: "Describe the project for which you are seeking funding (250 words or less)."

Additional Information and Granting Committee remarks

Remarks in this section are compiled from several tools used throughout the evaluation process. Volunteers were asked to assess the issue or need being met by the program, success indicators, and match with identified funding priorities.

Agency Requests/Recommendations

Agency	Program	Request	Floor Rec	Ceiling Rec
ABC House	Child Abuse Assessment	\$40,000	\$12,500	\$26,391
Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis	Clubhouse Scholarships Safety Net Funding	\$16,470	0	\$16,470
Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV)	Shelter Service Program	\$25,000	0	\$15,000
CASA-Voices for Children	Child Advocacy Academy	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Corvallis Comm. Children's Ctr	Tuition Scholarship	\$45,000	0	\$20,000
Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Ctr	Counseling Services	\$10,000	0	\$5,000
Corvallis Environmental Center	SAGE Food for Families	\$10,000	0	\$5,000
Community Outreach, Inc	Integrated Shelter Services	\$52,000	\$22,500	\$52,000
	Day Services	\$32,000	0	\$32,000
	Health Services	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$40,000
CSC-Emergency Housing	Emergency Housing	\$15,016	0	0
CSC-RSVP	SHIBA	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
CSC-Linn-Benton Food Share	Linn Benton Food Share	\$36,000	\$21,650	\$36,000
Dial-A-Bus	Dial A Bus	\$7,125	0	0
Furniture Share	Sustaining Client Services	\$17,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
Girls on the Run	GOTR--Willamette Valley	\$3,000	0	0
Heartland Humane Society	Emergency & Safe Hsg Prog.	\$3,000	0	\$3,000
Jackson Street Youth Shelter	Emergency Shelter	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
	Transitional Housing	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$8,000
Old Mill Center	Child Safe	\$27,241	0	0
Parent Enhancement Program	Health Families, Safe Kids	\$25,000	0	0
Presbyterian Preschool & Child Care Center	PSCC Tuition Assistance	\$7,000	0	\$4,000
Vina Moses Center	Clothing & Household	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
	FISH	\$4,000	0	\$4,000
We Care	Short-term financial assist.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Subtotal		\$475,852	\$101,650	\$327,361

United Way (contract fee)Total **\$5,350** **\$17,229**

Total distribution \$107,000 \$344,590

Program Descriptions

The following section contains program descriptions and summary of Granting Committee comments.

ABC House

Child Abuse Assessment (requested \$40,000):

Child Abuse Assessment Program includes:

Medical Services

ABC House provides forensic medical exams by a medical provider who has specific training in child abuse issues. The program offers a complete assessment of the child's state of health including a full social and medical history. When necessary children are referred for follow up testing and care with their primary care provider or other specialty providers in the community.

Forensic Interviews

All interviews conducted at the center are digitally recorded for documentation purposes. The ABC House has a forensic interviewer on staff that has been trained to conduct age appropriate interviews according to best practice. In addition, the forensic interviewer has significant experience and training in child development. All Law Enforcement and Dept. of Human Service, Child Protective Workers who conduct interviews at the ABC House receive training in forensic interviewing and meet a standard set according to the local Multi-Disciplinary Team.

Advocacy

Advocacy at ABC House provides families with services to help them understand the assessment process children will go through at the center. In addition, the Advocate will work with families to identify any needs they may have to help deal with the current family situation. When appropriate, counseling will be scheduled for children and family members. Families also receive information concerning resources available (such as housing, food, shelter from Domestic Violence) when appropriate. The Advocate assists all eligible families in submitting a Crime Victim's Compensation application to enable children access for after care services.

	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
	<u>@ floor</u>	<u>@ ceiling</u>
<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	\$12,500	\$26,391
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Good management systems in place; well respected and well connected with law enforcement, DA's, and other agencies and service providers in Benton and Linn Counties.</i><i>All medical and psychological professionals are on-site. New director brings fresh ideas, broad depth of experience (including experience as a court-appointed children's lawyer)</i><i>Children's safety, health and freedom from fear/violence are direct benefits of the program; is an "emergency" service for children (and non-offending family members) referred for immediate assessment or assessment within the legally mandated 72 hours.</i><i>Program has experienced 10% increase in fundraising but 30% increase in referrals; awarded funds serve City of Corvallis residents.</i>		

Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis

Clubhouse Scholarships – Safety Net Funding (requested \$16,470):

The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis provides a necessary safe place for children to go after school while their parents are at work. For only \$25 a year, members in our Open Clubhouse receive the following services: a free daily dinner, dental health care services, homework and tutoring support, and a wide array of enrichment activities. Our community relies on the after-school care our Club provides for the families of the 350-400 youth we serve daily.

In order to make our programs accessible to all families, we have kept membership and activity fees low. Unfortunately, these low fees have resulted in deficits in our Open Clubhouse operations of nearly \$400,000 each year. Although it costs our Club \$1,500 a year to provide services to each Club member, we only charge an annual membership fee of \$25.

In September 2012, we plan to implement an annual \$90 Clubhouse participation fee for after-school care in an effort to offset some of our Clubhouse expenses. This fee is in line with other Club activity fees. Youth who wish to participate in athletics pay additional fees of \$90-\$190 per activity. Even though \$90 is only a fraction of the \$1,500 it takes to serve one child, we know that many financially unstable families cannot afford even this nominal fee for necessary after-school care. In the interim, we need to provide \$90 scholarship support to these families who will be negatively impacted by this mandatory fee.

<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ floor</u>	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ ceiling</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The afterschool Clubhouse program enables parents to work OR continue their education by providing a safe, supervised place for their child during those hours after school from 2:30-7:00 p.m., 256 days per year.</i> <i>Of the 350-400 kids who are daily club participants, 50% of come from families who earn \$25,000 a year or less; 66% of the families are in the low- and very- low income bracket, and 40% of the members come from single parent families. Free meals are provided daily, and there is a free dental clinic on site.</i> <i>For many youth, Club membership provides stability to an otherwise unstable home environment, allowing them to transition from high-risk situations. If families do not have access to affordable afterschool care for their children, then BGCC will potentially remove the ability of 330 low income families to work, or attend school, which ultimately results in families going back into the public assistance system.</i> <i>We believe the Club is spending wisely for volume served (cost vs. return); service not duplicated other places.</i> 	\$---	\$16,470

Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence – CARDV

Shelter Services (requested \$25,000):

CARDV's shelter services program provides immediate safety for individuals in crisis. With 14 beds in emergency shelter and motel vouchers, there is a safe place to go. Advocates (both paid and volunteer) are well trained to do safety planning with survivors, addressing the multiple barriers to remaining free of violence. Through the 24 hour hotline and individual peer counseling sessions, advocates provide information and referrals on community resources and provide support to survivors as they face the overwhelming challenges brought on by a crisis.

Shelter services are accessed through the 24 hour staffed hotline. Survivors learn of the hotline through a referral from law enforcement, the hospital, a Department of Human Services caseworker, or a friend. CARDV conducts public awareness campaigns and hosts public events to promote awareness of the hotline and services. In calling the hotline, they will speak with an advocate who will help determine the immediate need and assist the survivor with information on resources available to meet the need. If emergency shelter is what is required, the survivor meets with an advocate in a safe location and is often provided transportation to the confidential shelter location. During their stay at the shelter, the survivor will meet with an advocate to do further safety planning and determine next steps to remaining safe. A shelter stay is typically 30 to 45 days. Safety planning includes a wide variety of supportive services such as learning how to access the court system to obtain a restraining order.

<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ floor</u>	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ ceiling</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>24 hour crisis hotline and well established relationships with law enforcement, GSH, OSU and other referral sources connect victims to advocates who can provide emergency shelter in times of crisis</i> <i>The track record of CARDV indicates that program delivery is met. A well-established program with employees, volunteers, and interns. Agency is financially sound. Ample national-level data was provided for review; however, we would appreciate reviewing localized data as well.</i> <i>Commendable program. Recommendation at floor based on availability of funds.</i> 	\$---	\$15,000

CASA-Voices for Children

CASA Child Advocacy Academy (requested \$15,000):

CASA – Child Advocacy Academy recruits, trains, technically supports and assign court advocates for each child served who is a victim of criminal acts both of abuse and/or neglect by their parents or legal guardians. Abuse negatively impacts the ability to learn. Trained advocates sworn in by the courts provide the following:

Investigate – all court documents, charges and court orders for parents and thus submit a report with recommendations to the circuit court judge.

Facilitate – CASAs facilitate the process by which each child receives advocacy in the area of education (Independent Educational Plan), emotional well-being and health. Each child is visited in school on a regular basis.

Monitor – CASAs monitor the child welfare case plan to ensure each child's specific educational & legal requirements are met.

Advocate – continually (typically for two year period) advocates for each child by visiting with them once a month in the foster care home placement to ensure nothing falls through systemic gaps that exists as the child and their parents navigate several very complex state, judicial, and child welfare systems.

Funding allows CASAs to continue to provide the evidence-base, unduplicated and unique services to each child in Benton County.

<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	<u>Recommendation @ floor</u>	<u>Recommendation @ ceiling</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>State study estimated Benton County CASA saved local taxpayers \$3 million last year. CASAs throughout the state saved Oregonians \$23 million.</i> • <i>US Dept of Justice studies consistently confirm that a child with a CASA is 50% less likely to re-enter the child welfare system and is less likely to spend time in long-term foster care. There are fewer high school dropouts, teen pregnancies, mental health issues and cases of homelessness when a CASA advocate is involved.</i> • <i>Newly obtained professional office and training space with direct access to Benton County Courthouse across the street and child welfare attorneys across the hall.</i> • <i>Well established relationships with county child welfare lawyers, school administrators, medical and mental health care providers and other agencies that support children of abuse and neglect.</i> • <i>Progress is measured by COMET data program, crimes committed toward a child, time in foster care, foster care placement, permanency plan, school/family/health/ emotional/psychological evaluations, medical and dental records, culturally responsive considerations</i> 	\$5,000	\$15,000

Corvallis Community Children's Center

Tuition Scholarship (requested \$45,000):

Corvallis Community Children's Centers (CCCC) would provide tuition scholarships for child care in one of our three centers for families who are financially eligible and are seeking further education or job training skills. Specifically, financial eligibility will be determined by using the USDA guidelines and the OSU's Parent Child Care Advocacy Guidelines. Parents will also be asked to submit a letter indicating why they are in need of assistance, and document that they are enrolled in a trade school, community college, university, or other community based training program. The goal of the project is to provide monetary assistance so that families can enroll or maintain their child in a safe, nurturing environment while they advance their education or job training skills. We would provide scholarship funds to serve at least 24 families for six months (12 infant slots, 12 Pre-School/Pre-K slots).

<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	<u>Recommendation @ floor</u>	<u>Recommendation @ ceiling</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Center's goal is to help student parents reduce their monthly childcare expense while enrolled in college courses.</i> 	\$----	\$20,000

- Tuition assistance allows families to better manage student loan debt while in transition. The Center provides a safe nurturing place for the child while parents obtain a degree and become employed in a career that will sustain them rather than using the system to survive.
- The Center has granted tuition scholarships to 25 families during fiscal 11-12, and the effectiveness is measured by student parents being able to sustain enrollment.

Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center

Counseling Services (requested \$10,000):

The CDDC Counseling Services project provides limited professional counseling services to individuals who are homeless or low/no income. A licensed clinical social worker who is also a certified alcohol and drug counselor (DADC III) is present at the drop-in center from 9AM until noon four days a week. The counseling model begins with professional, therapeutic presence, inviting people to interact informally and to develop trust over time. Most of the people using the drop-in services have previously worked with other social services agencies, including the judicial and legal systems. Not all of these previous interactions have been deemed by the individuals as positive. Building a safe and trusting relationship is then the first step in addressing daily life challenges. Upon request, more formal/traditional appointments can be scheduled.

Additional information and Granting Committee comments:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current counselor is well qualified to provide these services, with a background in both drug/alcohol treatment and mental health (credentialed as LCSW and CADCI). He has built a rapport and trust (constant daily presence) with the clientele making services effective. • The benefit/cost analysis of this program is very good; that is, the cost for service is extraordinarily low compared with the number of clients served. The counselor is able to speak with clients in both group and individual settings, further expanding how many individuals he can reach. The CDDC can survive without these specific services, however, they improve client progress significantly. • The program is built on a single individual, if he were to become ill or leave the position, the program could not continue. • Partial funding will result in less service time. Other grants have not been sought. | \$---- | \$5,000 |

Corvallis Environmental Center

SAFE Food for Families (requested \$10,000):

SAGE Food for Families program provides food for low-income individuals and families, teaches families to grow and prepare fresh vegetables, and educates our community about hunger. The program centers around the Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE), our 1-acre production garden. The 8,000 pounds of vegetables we produce at SAGE supply fresh produce to local food pantries, feeding sites, and agencies that serve low-income populations. Three or more times per week during most of the year, and weekly in the winter, we deliver SAGE produce to agencies throughout Corvallis.

We also work directly with low-income individuals and families. At SAGE we offer a 6-week class for families, teaching them to grow and cook garden vegetables and providing them with the resources to start a small kitchen garden. Each week participants share a meal prepared from the garden and take home a week's worth of fresh produce and recipes. New this spring, we will begin tasting tables at the South Corvallis Food Bank. Food-box recipients will sample dishes made with fresh vegetables from SAGE and ingredients available on Food Bank shelves, and take home easy-to-prepare recipes with their food box.

The Food for Families program educates a broad cross-section of community members about hunger and provides an opportunity to positively address inequities in our community's food security. Each year over 1,000 individuals tour SAGE and learn about our food system, and more than 400 volunteer 2,000+ hours of time to work with us to bring fresh food to those in need.

Additional information and Granting Committee comments:

- The SAGE garden provides food for low-income individuals and families, teaches families to grow and prepare fresh vegetables, and educates community about hunger.
- Benton County's childhood poverty rate was 15% in 2011, 1% above 2010's rate. 30% of food box recipients report having had to cut their children's meals during the year, and 37% of these families say they do this almost every month. South Corvallis Food Bank, one of the main recipients of food from SAGE, estimates that SAGE produce accounts for 50-80% of fresh produce they have available for their clientele, half are families with children. Lincoln School serves the same families that come to South Corvallis Food Bank families. 70% of Lincoln's students are eligible for free & reduced lunches.

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
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\$-----	\$5,000

Community Outreach, Inc.

Integrated Shelter Services (requested \$52,000):

Our integrated shelter services for homeless community members provide emergency and transitional shelter, including food and other basic needs for men, women, and families with children. Our emergency program provides shelter for men, women, and families for up to seven days every 90 days. While staying in emergency shelter, clients have access to food and hygiene supplies and may receive additional services depending on the individual circumstance. Approximately 60% of clients who enter our Emergency Shelter move into our Transitional Shelter program. Transitional Shelter clients are assigned to a case manager, who they meet with one-on-one each week to create goals and action plans based on their individual needs. Clients in Transitional Shelter may also receive behavioral health treatment services, including domestic abuse intervention, drug and alcohol treatment, and/or mental health counseling. They are also able to enroll their children in our therapeutic childcare center, Mari's Place, which is located adjacent to our main shelter building. Our case managers encourage shelter clients to participate in one or more of our many life skills classes, which cover topics on nutrition, job skills, first aid, and effective parenting communication and actions. These classes are instructed by our case managers and provide modeling, mentoring, and support as our clients work towards the primary goal of Transitional Shelter: assisting them in learning and achieving self-sufficiency in order to obtain and maintain permanent housing and become productive community members.

Additional information and Granting Committee comments:

- Program provides emergency and transitional shelter, including food and other basic needs. Program seeks to reduce homelessness and help individuals and families find permanent housing.
- Executive Director identified this program as their most critical – the one all other programs support.

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
<u>@ floor</u>	<u>@ ceiling</u>
\$22,500	\$52,000

Day Services (requested \$32,000):

Community Outreach provides Day Services to homeless and low-income community members in need through the following integrated services:

Homeless Emergency Services (HES)—Food and kitchen access; shower and hygiene supplies; emergency food boxes that provide a three-day supply of meals for one individual; mail, message, and phone services; document storage; access to emergency medical & behavioral health services; bus tickets providing transportation to and within areas other than the city of Corvallis; and information on services and resources offered at Community Outreach and/or elsewhere in the community to assist homeless individuals (many of whom are experiencing “chronic homelessness”).

Crisis Intervention, Information, and Referral Services—This is currently the only 24-hour local general crisis line serving the Corvallis community, with services available on a walk-in basis as well. Our Behavioral Health Treatment Services staff responds with emergency crisis counseling services when an

identified need is determined. All of our staff providing crisis intervention and information are familiar with the full range of social services available to local residents. This service is available over the telephone 24 hours per day, 365 days per year; walk-in clients receive support between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., 365 days per year.

<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ floor</u> \$-----	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ ceiling</u> \$32,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Program eliminates a gap in service to clients with immediate need where the Integrated Shelter program addresses longer term transitional needs</i> 		

Health Services (requested \$40,000):

Our Health Care Services include: professional counseling to homeless and low-income community members through our Mental Health Services and Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services and basic medical and dental care through our medical and dental clinics.

Mental Health services are provided to clients who are able to manage their mental illness with outpatient care and, if they are in need of psychiatric medication, have historically been medication compliant. We also provide abuse intervention to clients seeking refuge from domestic violence situations.

Our onsite Alcohol and Drug (A&D) Treatment Program offers outpatient and intensive outpatient services to adult men and women who are suffering from alcohol and drug addiction.

We provide comprehensive medical care through four medical clinics per week - three clinics at our facility in Corvallis, and one in Lebanon - to low and very-low income community members who do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or who cannot afford private health insurance. We provide physical exams and treatment, physical therapy, psychiatric services, referrals to specialists, and diabetic counseling to low-income, uninsured community members. Additionally, through the Linn-Benton Community College Dental Assistant program and Dental Vans of America, we provide basic dental care services once to twice per month based on availability. These clinics are vital to community members who otherwise might not receive medical care due to lack of insurance.

<u>Additional information and Granting Committee comments:</u>	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ floor</u> \$15,000	<u>Recommendation</u> <u>@ ceiling</u> \$40,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Program provides medical, dental, mental health and drug addiction services.</i> • <i>Samaritan Health Services and the Corvallis Clinic provide significant volunteer staff for this program. It has an extremely high benefit to cost ratio serving nearly 3,300 people last year.</i> • <i>Providing intervention and prevention health services is integral to reducing future demand to our health care system</i> 		

Community Services Consortium

Emergency Housing Program (requested \$15,016):

The CSC Emergency Housing Program targets Corvallis low-income families with minor children who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or who are ready to move from a transitional housing facility to permanent housing. It provides immediate, short-term financial assistance that will allow families to access and maintain safe, stable, and affordable housing. CSC is requesting \$15,016 for the program. \$6,466 will provide a .10 FTE Case Manager position. The remaining \$8,550 requested will be used as match money and allow us to leverage an additional \$8,550 from the Department of Human Services. These combined funds will provide \$17,100 in needed emergency housing assistance dedicated to low-income Corvallis families.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This program utilizes the referral, intake and screening services already in place for other CSC program; program provides financial assistance in average increments of ~\$800 until funds are depleted, usually in about 4 months.</i> 		

- *There is no waiting list, so people seeking this assistance are referred elsewhere or encouraged to apply after more money is available.*
- *The only sources of funding appear to be TANF and EHA funds, and the City Social Service Fund. They indicated attempts at additional grant source funding to meet shortfalls, but that seemed to be a recent development.*
- *A number of partners were identified; additional clarification on how the referral process functions between internal CSC programs and with other service providers would be helpful.*

RSVP—SHIBA (requested \$5,000):

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program provides free counseling and problem-solving services to Medicare-eligible persons throughout Benton County. The volunteers help clients understand the options available in the Medicare prescription drug plans; make sure all possible benefits are received; compare insurance policies; review bills; and/or file appeals or complaints. Keeping vulnerable seniors covered with appropriate insurance during the annual changes is essential to maintain consistent access to healthcare systems. The program works closely with the Social Security Administration and Senior Services to help people turning 65 or becoming eligible for Medicare due to disability, transition into a new complex system of insurance coverage. The program also identifies and signs low-income persons into the Medicare Extra Help plan. The volunteers help seniors that are not familiar with computers in making their Medicare Part D selections during open enrollment period every year. Monthly public Medicare workshops assist the boomers turning 65 in the coming years. A program expansion is planned this year to address two new programs: Stop Medicare Fraud and Rx Assistance. The Stop Medicare Fraud will shine a light on one of the greatest problems in Medicare, with trained volunteers directly assisting the persons afflicted by this problem. Rx Assistance will create and maintain a list of all the options for accessing medications at greatly reduced prices, including Oregon Prescription Drug Program, FamilyWlze and pharmaceutical company programs. Volunteers have the option of working with one, two or all three of the Medicare-related programs.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As most citizens transition to an elderly stage of life, they find decision making regarding complex issues far more challenging - to the point of not taking action on many cases.</i> • <i>As people turn age 65, changing insurance plans or starting with Medicare is a major life transition, where the wrong decision in choosing the initial insurance plan can affect the future health care options for the rest of the client's life.</i> • <i>Volunteers advocate for the clients, using whatever tools and assistance programs available to keep them healthy.</i> 	\$5,000	\$5,000-

Linn Benton Food Share (requested \$36,000):

City funds will pay a portion of the salaries needed to distribute 905,000 pounds of food to 18 non-profit agencies in Corvallis. The funds will allow Food Share to solicit, transport, store, allocate, distribute and deliver this food to our member agencies in order to ensure that food is available for any Corvallis resident seeking help. These agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, congregate meal sites and gleaning groups.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Food Share measures a unit of service as a Food Box – feeding a family of 3.3 for 3-5 days; or a meal served at a soup kitchen or shelter; or a pound of food distributed. Food Share tracks metrics on the number of food boxes distributed (8800), number of people served with boxes (29,500); number of meals served in soup kitchens/shelters (98,200); and number of pounds distributed (905,000).</i> • <i>The Food Share program meets the basic need for food by providing nutritious food for families and individuals who have exhausted all other avenues and are feeling the desperation of running out of food.</i> 	\$21,650	\$36,000

- *Food Share collaborates with the Food Shares in Salem and Eugene, as well as the Oregon Food Bank Network. They also have a Fresh Alliance, which is a partnership with all the local major grocery stores and suppliers, to distribute fresh meat and produce in a cost-effective way. They partner with 14 Gleaner groups, who provide volunteer work.*
- *Amazingly well-run (FTE compared to other food banks); volunteer network is a well-oiled machine.*

Dial-A-Bus

Dial-A-Bus (requested \$7,125):

- Volunteer based organization founded in 1974.
- Addresses the mobility needs of seniors and people with disabilities in Corvallis and Benton County.
- Offers low cost curb to curb transportation.

Our program is dedicated to providing for the transportation needs of all elderly, disabled adults and disabled children that have limited mobility. We are able to link them to life-sustaining and life-enriching services. Over the years we have established a reputation of dependability and our clients trust us to address their transportation needs with professionalism, compassion and respect.

We are seeking funding for our general operations to benefit the program and allow for expansion continuing our proactive strategy.

In July we will be relocating to the new Sunset Building along with the Benton County and OSU departments that will also be moved to that facility. It is an exciting opportunity for the program. We will have more operational space for our staff and our fleet will be close to our office, visible and secured.

In addition to the costs involved in the move we will also need to purchase new office equipment to meet our clients growing demands.

Dial A Bus is the key to individuals and their families that unlocks the barrier to mobility and allows them to maintain their independence.

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| • <i>They are currently under a new Administrator that has already begun to change their services to "booking" pick-ups a week in advance and hope to move that to 2 weeks soon and keep going until they are able to book monthly pick-ups. They are in need of updating systems to continue to grow/</i> | \$---- | \$---- |
| • <i>The program has done very little fund raising in the past; people just come and give them money without even asking. The new Administrator would like to put something together so they can start this. He is fairly new so funding is going to be his priority and new ways to raise money.</i> | | |
| • <i>There is some collaboration with other transportation service providers to reduce duplication.</i> | | |

Furniture Share

Sustaining Client Services (requested \$17,000):

Sustaining Client Services to target populations project will administer the redistribution of quality used furniture to individuals and families in need to ensure the safety, health, comfort and quality of life to those within our community. Our BEDS for KIDS, Furniture for Households in Crises and Feeding Our Future programs will help provide beds, pillows, sheets and blanket sets to 1,100 children, basic furniture and household items to 1,400 individuals and provide 425 families with a dinner table and chairs and a flier containing five simple recipes with 5 items or less, benefits to family meals and conversational starter tips to encourage healthy meals, and easy mealtime steps to improve family conversations and greater family stability within our community. This project will also preserve our environment by diverting 125.63 tons of REUSEABLE home furnishings from the landfill. Furniture Share serves families and individuals through referrals from more than 65 social service agencies such as Human Services, Parent Enhancement

Programs, and Domestic Violence and Homeless shelters. Furniture Share clients are screened for needs assessments and income qualifications and are then referred to us through their case managers. Furniture Share partners with many social service agencies to help them reach their goals of helping their clients become self sufficient. Without our program other service agencies would not meet there goals and achieve successful outcomes.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Impressed by collaborative effort with other agencies (implemented database to follow up on items).</i> • <i>This support will decrease family stress, increase rest and health, and meets basic human needs within our communities.</i> • <i>Value to the community is high. Without adequate shelter and comfort, humans suffer stress and make poor choices.</i> • <i>Partial funding can be accepted at any level.</i> 	\$2,500	\$10,000

Girls on the Run Willamette Valley

Girls on the Run Willamette Valley (requested \$3,000):

Girls on the Run® (GOTR) is an international after school prevention program using the power of running to help girls become aware of the “girl box”: a place where girls are valued more for their outward appearance than their inner character. This often results in low self-esteem and a distorted body image which can lead to eating disorders, teen pregnancy and substance abuse.

Locally, we offer both Girls on the Run, 3rd – 5th graders and Girls on Track, 6th – 8th graders. Through highly interactive activities such as running, playing games, and focused discussions; participants learn how to build self-esteem and improve both their emotional and physical health. During the 11-week program, the girls are empowered with a greater self-awareness, a sense of achievement and a foundation in team building to help them become strong, contented and self-confident young women.

The 21 lessons presented (two/week) are carefully written with the girls' physical, mental and emotional health in mind. They include important material for the coaches to educate the girls about, warm-up activities and a team work-out incorporating the theme of the lesson.

We hope to secure funds for a part-time volunteer coordinator to increase our outreach to the community to support additional GOTR participants and improve our program efficiency and scope. GOTR relies heavily on volunteers taking the forms of head/assistant coaches, 5K buddies, practice partners, SoleMates, team liaisons and evaluators, race volunteers, and advisory board members. A volunteer coordinator is critical to managing our growing program.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Currently, the program is run with only one full-time paid employee. The remainder of the work force is volunteers; concerned the Executive Director may be spread too thin.</i> • <i>Program physically housed on the OSU campus, however the program is actually implemented throughout the community;</i> • <i>In future cycles, would benefit from clarifying fit with identified priority area; however, targeting the right demographic for services.</i> • <i>Large gaps in funding partially due to the large growth in participation. They have had to borrow money from other OSU programs in order to cover the cost for last year. They are working on receiving team sponsorships to close the gap.</i> • <i>Approval has been granted to expand program-- concerned about how scope and scale can be maintained as logistics and are already hectic.</i> 	\$----	\$----

Heartland Humane Society

Emergency and Safe Housing Program (requested \$3,000):

It is an unfortunate fact that domestic violence and animal abuse often coincide. Sometimes, these occur simultaneously and in some instances the animal abuse is the method of spousal control and violence. As difficult as it is for a woman to leave a violent relationship and enter a shelter, the decision can be made more painful when a beloved pet is left behind. Some women will choose to stay with the abuser and the pet rather than seek necessary shelter.

Similarly, people who have lost their homes may choose to stay in a car or on the streets because they are unable to keep their pets. At the Mario Pastega House, some people have declined their services and delayed medical treatment because they did not have care for their pets. Others drove hours each day to continue caring for their pets.

The Safe Housing Program initially served clients of the Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV) entering a shelter, but with funding from United Way in 2010 we were able to expand the Safe Housing Program to serve clients of Mario Pastega House, Community Outreach, Inc. (COI), inclement weather shelters, and the American Red Cross.

Owners sign a contract with Heartland so their pets can be cared for and receive necessary vaccinations and veterinary care while they receive services from partner programs. Owners can visit their pets daily and when they are back on their feet the pet is returned to them.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>There are individuals who have delayed their personal needs and/or safety rather than leave their pets behind. Heartland houses these pets either in the shelter property or in foster homes until the owner is able to return to their home. While at the shelter, Heartland attends to any medical need of the animal from vaccinations to spay and neutering.</i><i>Good fit with identified priority area for example, people who leave their homes for a natural disaster as evidenced this spring with flooding.</i>	\$0	\$3,000

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc.

Emergency Shelter (requested \$25,000):

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc (JSYSI) provides emergency shelter stays – up to 21 days – for youth ages 10 to 18. Some are truly homeless, but the majority are dealing with a family crisis. In fact, one of the primary goals of our emergency shelter program is to reduce the risk of runaway behavior through early intervention.

For emergency shelter, we strive to provide an environment based on federal guidelines for a Basic Center Program. Youth who stay at Jackson Street have a safe, secure place with a warm bed and family-style meals. They receive supervision and practical assistance from trained staff members 24 hours a day.

Our decade of experience in working with troubled youth has taught us that all the programs and services we offer must be centered around a philosophy of addressing each youth's specific needs, calling upon an array of in-house and community resources. Each youth receives individual case-management from trained JSYSI staff, and is expected to take an active role in problem-solving and goal-setting to resolve the issues he or she faces.

Wherever possible, we seek to reunite youth with their families and we offer services such as family mediation sessions to support successful outcomes.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>To provide emergency shelter for up to 21 days for youth ages 10 - 18. They are trying to ultimately reduce the risk of runaway behavior through early</i>	\$10,000	\$25,000

intervention. They do have case managers who follow the kids after they leave their service to measure success.

- Proven to be effective by getting youth off of the street or by keeping in contact with homeless youth and getting them connected with services they did not know they had access to.
- Significant success with the youth involved, especially considering their alternative situations.
- Appears highly effective and streamlined with much collaboration; utilizes volunteer network well. JSYS is one of very few overnight youth shelters in the valley.

Transitional Housing for At-Risk Youth (requested \$8,000):

Most residents stay at Jackson Street for a limited time, and youths who stay for fewer than 21 days are served by our "Emergency Shelter" program. We always start with the goal of reuniting clients with their families, and we are able to do this 80 to 90 percent of the time.

However, because of issues such as parental drug use, abuse, and neglect, some Jackson Street residents do not have the option of returning home. For these youth, our goal is to continue to provide shelter while helping them make a successful transition to living independently and productively. When residents stay with us longer than 3 weeks, they become part of our "Transitional Housing" program.

We work with each youth on a plan to achieve a High School diploma or GED, and help them choose and prepare for what comes next: higher education, vocational training, or job-seeking. We offer classes and coaching in "Independent Living Skills," to help them become self-supporting, self-reliant young adults.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This focus began 3 years ago when they saw a gap in services for this age group. It is part of the Benton County plan to end homelessness.• The shelter license allows JSYS to offer very limited shelter to 18 year olds that are still in high school. They are using outreach case management to help these youth.• Intervention is needed at an early age. They have successfully expanded their outreach and case management for youth between 18 - 20 years. | <u>@ floor</u>
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Old Mill Center for Children and Families

Child Safe (requested \$27,241):

The Child Safe Sex Abuse Treatment Program provides treatment services through three venues: 1) child group; 2) parent group; and 3) individual treatment.

Child Group provides the necessary opportunity for child abuse victims to process feelings and issues with others who share similar traumatic experiences. Masters-level therapists facilitate separate groups utilizing a DHS approved and research-based child abuse treatment curriculum and provide activities focusing on activities and topics that support the child and utilizes art, drama, puppetry, storytelling, writing and book reading in treatment. Children create scrapbooks throughout their healing process that they can review as they get older and develop different fears and questions about their abuse.

Parent group runs simultaneously, led by a licensed therapist, addressing guilt and anger surrounding their child's abuse. Processing these feelings helps parents establish a healthy balance allowing them to provide nurture and have clear roles, routines, expectations and consequences as their children transition through different levels of fear and anxiety surrounding their abuse. Parents receive support to help address the aggressive and unpredictable behaviors often exhibited by children following abuse. They learn ways to help their children feel safe, special, respected and cared about during the times they are feeling fragile and vulnerable.

Groups run for 10 weeks, 3 times a year for 1 ½ hours a session. Child groups are divided by age and sex.

In addition, some children need individual therapy prior to participating in a group experience to deal with their intense fear, anxiety, anger and aggression.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meets the criteria for basic human needs of safety and freedom from fear and transitional as treatment breaks the cycle of abuse; service also contains a long-term component in that families can participate for as long as there is a need. This long-term component is necessary, but stretches a strict reading of the City's funding criteria.</i> • <i>Loss of psychiatric staff, potentially affects program service--to-date these positions remain unfilled. A possible ACO/CCO future relationship, with Samaritan Medical Services but is yet to be determined.</i> 	\$----	\$----

Parent Enhancement Program

Healthy Families, Safe Kids (requested \$25,000):

Parent Enhancement Program is a not-for profit agency committed to the prevention of child abuse and maltreatment, serving Benton County, Oregon. For over 22 years, we have provided services proven effective in improving outcomes for low-income, at-risk young parents, and their children through advocacy, collaboration and direct service. The majority of our families are low-income, being at poverty or below. Teenage and young parents are targeted because, without intervention, the children of this population are at higher risk for abuse, neglect, maltreatment, medical problems, developmental disabilities, behavioral disorders, and special needs schooling. Approved funding allows us to offer services by educating, inspiring, and empowering young, low-income, at-risk parents, and their children. Through our 'Healthy Families, Safe Kids' project activities address life/parenting skills, health care issues, poverty reduction, mental health issues, substance abuse, basic resources, education issues, child development, effective informal support systems, as well as many others – all of which are effective in reducing child abuse and maltreatment. This project is aimed at helping young parents become stable, skilled adults, which has proven effective in building their capacity to provide for, teach, and protect their children—and will assist participating families become flourishing positive community members. Our staff and volunteers work directly with families to ensure that their needs are addressed. We find that a variety of activities provide the frequent, diverse, engaging, challenging, character-building, supportive format that helps low-income parents accelerate their progress towards school completion, secure employment, healthy lifestyles, self-sufficiency, and commitment to their children's learning.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organization partners well with others.</i> • <i>Staff is educated and experienced; volunteers are recruited as mentors to the young families</i> • <i>Need for service clearly demonstrated; however there was some uncertainty about fit with City's priority areas. A case could be made that the service is long-term as well as emergency and transitional.</i> • <i>Recommendation based on availability of funds.</i> 	\$----	\$----

Presbyterian Preschool & Child Care Center

Tuition Assistance Program (requested \$7,000):

Through the Tuition Assistance Program, the Center provides subsidized childcare service hours for at-risk infants and children ages 6 weeks through 6 years of age, residing in Benton County. The parents or guardians receiving the funds are eligible if they participate in job training, in seeking employment or are entering the workforce with limited resources (i.e., housing or transportation). The subsidized tuition is paid in sliding-scale percentage increments using the most current federal poverty guidelines. The grant will provide tuition assistance funding for new, unduplicated children entering the program during the 2012-2013 funding cycle.

The experienced staff concentrates on integrating struggling families into a supportive yet structured environment that can first meet a child's basic needs of nutritious food, shelter and safety from fear and violence. The nationally recognized developmentally appropriate curriculum provides a strong foundation for children to gain competence in their emotional, social, and physical selves which then leads to an increase in the child literacy rates. The children enjoy a diverse community of languages and cultures with a philosophy of inclusion for every child's ability to learn.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization partners well with others. • The center's goal is to help families find stability by using the childcare services so they can meet their basic needs first. • The children being served have parents or guardians with either a short-term or long-term issue of providing for the family due to job loss, death, divorce, or alcohol and drug abuse. These families may not qualify for an extended period of time (2012—2013 biennium Oregon State budget) for the state Employment Related Day Care funding due to a projected limitation of funds and a long wait list for the chance in the lottery (currently just under 3,000). The Tuition Assistance Program helps bridge the gap in affordable tuition fees each month. clients will sometimes falter and need supportive encouragement to continue on a difficult path to self-sufficiency 	\$----	\$4,000

Vina Moses Center

Clothing and Household (requested \$5,000):

The Vina Moses Center provides clothing and household items to low income families and individuals in Benton County. Clothing and household items are donated by members of our community and distributed by volunteers and staff at the Center. Once a year we purchase new shoes, socks, underwear and school supplies for children returning to school from summer break. In December we provide food and gifts to help with the Holidays and extra food when the children are home from school. Our clients include infants, school age children, people with disabilities, seniors, single parents, homeless and the working poor. We serve more than 3,500 families each year. There is no cost to our clients.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program's goals are to provide basic household needs to underserved families who could not afford to go out and purchase these items on their own. • Strong system in place to track # of clients and types of needs. Program is no frill as has a reputation serving homeless and low income in a compassionate manner. 	\$2,500	\$2,500

FISH (requested \$4,000):

FISH Emergency Services mission is to improve the quality of life of families and individuals by providing financial assistance when all other resources have been depleted. The program assists with rent, utilities, medical needs and transportation to low-income families and individuals in Benton County. Our clients include families with children, individuals, people with disabilities, seniors, single parents, homeless and working poor.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low income families with children, individuals, people with disabilities, seniors, single parents, homeless and working poor are able to apply for financial assistance when all other resources have been depleted. • Works with similar programs in the area, such as We Care, CSC, Community Outreach, St. Mary's, Benton County Health Department and local and state agencies. Program will also reach out to health care providers, landlords and utility companies to seek agreements or payment plans. 	\$----	\$4,000

We Care

Providing short-term financial assistance (requested \$3,000):

We Care's only project is to provide funding for persons in Benton County who have a short-term financial emergency and cannot find help from other programs. We ask for funds to allow us to help more qualified applicants.

We Care receives applications from a staff member of the Community Services Consortium (CSC), who screens applicants, documents their situation, and checks their information. She presents cases to us anonymously at our weekly board meeting. We allocate available funds among applicants on a priority basis. Priority for funding increases with presence of children, an eviction notice or utility shut-off notice, a loss of income that is not self-caused, a first-time recipient, and those who can be financially sustainable after our help. Checks are written to the vendor (landlord, utility company, etc.).

Our funding comes from our members (20 faith communities); an annual fund-raising letter; other donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and other community organizations; and our endowment with the Benton County Foundation (about 5% of our income in 2011). We allocate large donations over periods up to a year; small donations are used immediately.

During the last 3 years we have received several large one-time gifts that now have been spent, and we have lost some large, regular donors. Our 2011 income allowed funding for 246 of our 359 applicants. We hope that United Way and the city can help us increase that proportion by providing funds for 39 grants of average size (\$255), about \$10,000.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Program grants low amounts (under \$100) to individuals in need of immediate, financial emergency services. Services include utilities, rent and deposits. Payments are made directly to the debt-holder.</i><i>Effectiveness is measured almost immediately, when the individual's need is relieved.</i><i>Provides stabilization for low income families, the majority of which have children and many of whom are single parents, by providing rent and utility assistance. Basic human needs are sustained by helping in the transition to self-sufficiency.</i><i>Collaborates with local churches, FISH, CSC, Love Inc., Furniture Share, Veterans Affairs, homeless shelters, CARDV and Federal/government agencies such as unemployment, social security, TANF, and food stamps—is conscious of not duplicating efforts.</i>	\$3,000	\$3,000