



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

2:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room

500 SW Madison

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| Discussion/ Possible Action | I. Social Services Allocations – Fiscal Year 2013-2014
(Attachment) |
| Information | II. Other Business |

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 500 SW Madison Ave

Agenda

Council Policy Reviews and Recommendations:

- 98-4.12, "Guidelines for Public Art Selection"
- 07-4.15, "Use of Computer Lab Equipment and Public Internet Access at Senior Center"

Corvallis Farmers' Market Annual Report

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 2013
TO: Human Services Committee
FROM: Ken Gibb, Community Development Director 
SUBJECT: Social Service Allocation Recommendations for FY 13-14

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 13-14 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 13-14. Twenty organizations submitted requests for twenty-eight 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.

This review by the Human Services Committee occurs following the City Council's adoption of the budget for FY 13-14 which includes a total of \$328,300 in social service funding comprised of \$237,750 from the General Fund and \$90,550 from the Levy (reduced due to the decrease in HP property tax in FY 13-14). United Way's Granting Committee's recommended allocations are included as Attachment A. 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 2013-14.

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

13-14 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 13-14 fiscal year. Nineteen agencies applied for funding for twenty-eight 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)

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)."

Agency Requests/Recommendations

Agency	Program	Request	Recommend
ABC House	Child Abuse Assessment	\$40,000	\$12,334
Benton Furniture Share	Sustaining Client Services	\$15,000	\$4,824
Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis	Lincoln STARS Scholarships	\$22,300	\$14,471
	Johnson Dental Clinic	\$30,000	\$19,295
	Clubhouse Subsidized Support	\$50,000	\$14,471
CARDV	Shelter Services	\$20,000	\$7,718
CASA	Child Advocacy	\$20,000	\$9,647
Community Outreach, Inc	Health	\$40,000	\$38,589
	Integrated Housing	\$52,000	\$50,166
	Day Services	\$32,000	\$0
Community Services Consortium	Linn Benton Food Share	\$37,000	\$35,695
Corvallis Community Children's Centers	Childcare Tuition Scholarship	\$54,675	\$19,295
Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center	Counselor	\$10,000	\$7,718
Corvallis Environmental Center	SAGE Food for Families	\$15,000	\$0
Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition	Men's Cold Weather Shelter	\$21,000	\$10,612
	Women & Children's Housing	\$10,000	\$7,718
	Outreach Worker	\$10,000	\$0
Heartland Humane Society	Emergency and Safe Housing	\$3,000	\$2,894
Jackson Street Youth Shelter	Emergency Shelter Ages 10-17	\$25,000	\$19,295
	Transitional Housing for At-Risk Youth	\$10,000	\$4,824
Old Mill	Relief Nursery	\$12,000	\$2,894
Parent Enhancement Program	Healthy Families, Safe Kids	\$20,000	\$4,824
Presbyterian Preschool & Child Care Center	Tuition Assistance	\$4,000	\$3,859
RSVP/Linn-Benton Volunteers	SHIBA	\$5,000	\$1,929
South Corvallis Food Bank	Emergency Food Boxes	\$12,000	\$11,577
Vina Moses	FISH	\$4,000	\$0
	Clothing & Household	\$5,000	\$2,412
We Care	We Care Financial Assistance	\$5,000	\$4,824
Subtotal		\$583,975	\$311,885

United Way (contract fee)Total **\$16,415**

Total distribution \$328,300

Program Descriptions

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

ABC House

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

As the only child abuse intervention center for Benton County, ABC House provides child abuse assessments when there are concerns that children have been abused or neglected and reports have been made to law enforcement or child protective services.

The assessment program includes three core services provided at no out-of-pocket cost to families: complete medical exams by physicians specializing in the recognition and treatment of child abuse; forensic interviewing by professionals trained in talking to children in a neutral and sensitive manner; and advocacy services that provide clear information about the investigation process and connect non-offending family members with much-needed support services, such as individual and family counseling, and domestic violence intervention.

Assessment services are provided to children from newborns to age 18 who are referred by law enforcement agencies, child welfare and the medical community when there are concerns that they may have been hurt by sexual abuse, physical abuse or neglect. The child abuse assessment is a critical part of the child abuse investigation. Findings from the medical exam and forensic interview are used by child protective services in safety planning to keep children safe and prevent future harm, and are often key pieces of evidence in criminal and juvenile dependency legal cases. ABC House services providers also routinely testify as expert witnesses in court

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Recommendation
\$12,334

Benton Furniture Share

Sustaining Client Services (requested \$15,000):

Sustaining Client Services to Target Populations through Furniture Delivery and Landfill Diversion 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 the City of Corvallis and Benton County. Our BEDS for KIDS, Furniture for Individuals in Crises and Feeding Our Future projects will help provide 1,050 beds, pillows, sheets and a blanket sets to 1,050 children, basic furniture and household items to 1,000 individuals and provide 500 families with a dinner table and chairs which will be an average of 1,500 individuals within those families. This project will also preserve our environment by diverting 242.5 tons of REUSEABLE home furnishings from the landfill.

Recommendation
\$4,824

Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis

Lincoln STARS Scholarships (requested \$22,300):

The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis (BGCC) recognizes the vital need for afterschool services in the South Corvallis community. For the last 4 years, BGCC has provided a successful afterschool enrichment program, Lincoln Lion's Den (LLD), for at risk youth at Lincoln Elementary School. The challenging economy has brought reduced grant awards and subsidy funds, requiring us to transition to a fee based program. In September 2013, BGCC will implement our STARS licensed childcare and enrichment program at Lincoln School.

South Corvallis families need a safe and supportive environment for children while they are at work or school. The unfortunate choice facing many LLD families is for their children to either participate in the main clubhouse afterschool programs with no transportation home, or return after school to homeless

shelters or empty and/or unsafe homes. The Lincoln STARS program offers South Corvallis families a safe environment that is close to home with enrichment and academic support. In addition, program hours will extend to 6pm and include a full dinner service each day.

"Transportation and cost are barriers to afterschool participation in all community types" (America After 3pm: From Big Cities to Small Towns).

We know that transportation difficulties and the dramatic increase in fees will eliminate access for at least 50 low income youth in Corvallis. We are asking for \$22,300 to provide STARS scholarship support for 28 youth on the free/reduced lunch program whose families face transportation difficulties. Supported families will pay \$24.50/month, approximating their current costs.

Recommendation
\$14,471

Johnson Dental Clinic (requested \$30,000):

The United Way 2010 Community Conversations About Need lists "Poor tooth care in impoverished families" as a major concern for Benton County. At the Johnson Dental Clinic we provide free emergency, maintenance and preventive dental care to families in need. Since 2008, we have provided more than \$3,000,000 worth of free dental services and completed over 8000 dental screenings. Located in the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis, we are the only free children's dental clinic in Benton County. Our volunteer dentists and staff provide over 1200 hours of dental service annually.

You can't be a good parent when you're in pain.-Dr. Ken Johnson

We want to expand dental services to include BGCC club member parents and uninsured young adults. Our Parent Dental Day last year was an overwhelming success, but was only able to serve 28 adults. Increasing to 4 Parent Dental Days this year will allow us to serve 120 low income adults in Benton County. Furthermore, we have identified a significant gap in dental services for 18-24 year olds in our community. By partnering with Oregon State University (OSU) and Linn Benton Community College (LBCC), we plan to offer free dental care to 216 uninsured college students. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be critical for dental staff recruitment and organization/ facilitation of these projects.

Program cost per club member parent/student- \$99 (versus market rate of \$363). Fee for low income club member parents-\$25 (discourages appointment no-shows). Fee for uninsured college students-\$0.

Recommendation
\$19,295

Clubhouse Subsidized Support (requested \$50,000):

"Parents in all communities are struggling to provide afterschool care for their children in the weakened economy" (Afterschool Alliance, From Big Cities to Small Towns).

The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis (BGCC) provides the only affordable afterschool care in Corvallis for families who cannot afford licensed or in-home childcare. For nearly 300 days of the year, BGCC provides a safe and supervised place for 400 youth from 2:30pm-6:30pm, statistically the most troublesome hours for young people. We provide over 350 meals daily, and offer academic assistance, athletics, art, and music to Corvallis youth.

We serve low income families with 71% of club parents making less than \$45K/ year. Without this affordable service, they would be unable to maintain their jobs, advance their education, and transition to financial stability and self sufficiency. The alternative, sending children home to an empty house, is not only worrisome but illegal for children under 10 years old.

Though we charge only \$25 for membership, the actual cost to serve a child is \$1500/ year. The Club must raise \$582,000 annually to keep the doors open, and the current economic climate makes this a constant struggle.

A 2012 election eve poll found that 76% of Americans believe that federal, state and local leaders

should increase funding for afterschool programs (Afterschool Alliance). It is a moral imperative that our community work together to secure the financial resources to protect our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

Recommendation
\$14,471

Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence – CARDV

Shelter Services (requested \$20,000):

More than 1 in 3 women (35.6 %) and more than 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner. In Oregon, these numbers are even higher with 37.3% for women and 33.6% for men.

Shelter programs have been found to be one of the most supportive, effective resources for women with abusive partners, according to the residents themselves (FVPSA Outcomes Evaluation: A Practical Guide, November 2007). For women who were actively attempting other strategies at the same time, a stay at a shelter dramatically reduced the likelihood they would be abused again. There is evidence that if programs improve survivors' social support and access to resources, these serve as protective factors that enhance their safety over time.

CARDV serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence of all ages, gender, race, and socio-economic status in Benton and Linn counties. Shelter services are accessed through the 24- hour staffed hotline. CARDV has 14 beds for emergency shelter. A typical shelter stay is about 60 days. While finding a safe place to sleep is the immediate need, it is through safety planning that survivors remain safe and begin to address the barriers to living free of violence. An advocate will do safety planning with shelter residents to develop strategies on how they will stay safe once they leave shelter. Knowing about and accessing community resources is a key component of safety planning.

Recommendation
\$7,718

CASA-Voices for Children

CASA Child Advocacy (requested \$20,000):

CASA-Voices for Children recruits, trains, assigns and technically supports community volunteers to be Advocates for abused and neglected children. Children who are victims of abuse and neglect suffer long-term effects in emotional, behavioral and social development; impacting their ability to learn and form attachments. They are significantly more likely to drop out of school, depend on public assistance, become homeless and engage in criminal activity.

Volunteers go through extensive trainings to ensure that a child has a voice within the legal system and their needs are being met. Judges consider Advocates the “eyes and ears of the Court” and value their thorough and un-bias status reports and recommendations.

***Investigating:**

Talking to everyone involved with the child
Reviewing court, DHS, police, medical, educational and assessment documents

***Facilitating:**

Working with parties to identify, recommend and ensure services for the child for emotional well-being and appropriate development

***Monitoring:**

Tracking progress to ensure a child receives services and makes progress
Tracking parents' progress to ensure lifestyle changes are made to ensure the safety and well-being of their child

***Advocating:**

Advocates are often the only constant in the child's life while they are in care; typically two years

Visiting the child at least monthly
Focusing on the best interest of the child, ensuring they do not get lost in the system

Funding allows CASA to continue to provide evidence-based, unduplicated and unique services to abused and neglected children. 120 children suffered abuse and neglect in our community this year—each had an Advocate.

Recommendation
\$9,647

Community Outreach, Inc.

Health (requested \$40,000):

We provide behavioral, medical and dental health care services to homeless and low-income community members who do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or who cannot afford private health insurance.

Our Behavioral Health services include onsite Alcohol and Drug (A&D) Treatment Programs offering outpatient and intensive outpatient services to adult men and women who are suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. Our treatment is based on the belief that alcohol and drug addiction is a bio-psycho-social disease that is progressive, chronic, and potentially fatal. We also offer Domestic Abuse Intervention and Mental Health counseling. Mental Health services are provided to clients who are able to manage their mental illness with outpatient care if they are in need of psychiatric medication and have historically been medication compliant. These valuable services help people obtain or maintain employment and reduce the incidence of law enforcement intervention and trips to the emergency room.

Medical services include physical exams and treatment; clinics for diabetes education, physical therapy, gynecological and psychiatric services and referrals to specialists. Through the Linn-Benton Community College Dental Assistant program and Advantage Dental, we also provide basic dental care services one or two times per month, based on need and availability of services. These clinics are vital to community members who otherwise might not receive dental or medical care due to lack of insurance.

Recommendation
\$38,589

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

Integrated Housing Services includes both Emergency and Transitional Shelter and each program includes housing for single men, women or families; food; kitchen privileges and hygiene supplies. Clients can remain in Emergency Shelter for up to 7 days while their needs and resources are determined. Approximately 60% of clients who enter our Emergency Shelter move to our Transitional Housing Program. In Transitional Shelter a client is assigned a case manager, who will serve as a mentor, and help the client establish goals and create action plans based on the individual's needs. While in Transitional Shelter, clients may receive behavioral health treatment (drug and alcohol treatment and/or mental health treatment services); medical and/or dental care; and classes in communication skills, job skills, and life skills (including stress management, nutrition and meal preparation, and managing finances). If the client has children he/she may receive preschool childcare and parenting classes. The goal of the Transitional Housing Program is to assist homeless clients to become self-sufficient and productive community members.

In the first seven months of this fiscal year we have nearly matched the total number of individuals served last fiscal year. Our Transitional Housing Program, with its integrated services and collaboration with other agencies and organizations, is increasingly utilizing a Housing First approach aimed toward facilitating long-term housing stability for homeless individuals and families.

Recommendation
\$50,166

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”). During the winter months we provide cold weather shelter to homeless families.

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 is 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., 6 days a week.

Recommendation
\$0

Community Services Consortium

Linn Benton Food Share (requested \$37,000):

Linn Benton Food Share is the Regional Food Bank serving 74 non-profit agencies in Linn and Benton counties. City of Corvallis funds will pay a portion of the salaries need to distribute 905,000 pounds of food to 20 non-profit agencies in Corvallis. The funds will make it possible for 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 emergency food pantries, soup kitchen, shelters, congregate meal sites and gleaning groups.

Recommendation
\$35,695

Corvallis Community Children’s Center

Childcare Tuition Scholarship (requested \$54,675):

Corvallis Community Children's Centers, Inc. was established as a secular, non-profit organization in 1968. We have been serving our community for forty-five years as a state and federally licensed program.

CCCC serves children aged six weeks to five years and has two centers located in west (Growing Oaks Center) and northeast (Lancaster Center) Corvallis. Each center provides developmentally appropriate activities in a safe and nurturing environment that enhances the growth and learning of each child. Our programs foster the development of the whole child, with an emphasis on social skills, independence, problem-solving, and creativity, so that children can grow to their fullest potential. CCCC promotes family involvement as an integral component of each child's care and education. Our request is to assist student families who are struggling to pay for quality childcare while obtaining a degree to better themselves and become financially free from any and all government subsidy. Our centers receive 5-8 calls weekly requesting some type of financial assistance. These families DO NOT qualify for DHS childcare assistance unless they QUIT school and obtain a job. Our goal is to provide \$100-\$250/month tuition scholarships for 23 families as well as offer 2 Full tuition scholarships for 9 months to two deserving families.

Our mission is: "Build a solid foundation for children and their families." We strive to prepare children and their families for their future and helping them build a solid foundation with the help of tuition scholarships helps both the parent and child.

Recommendation
\$19,295

Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center

Counselor (requested \$10,000):

The Counseling Program of the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center provides immediate and/or short-term assistance for individuals who are low/no income and experiencing daily life challenges for which interaction with a professional counselor would be beneficial. The counseling service model begins with professional, therapeutic presence, inviting people to interact informally and to develop trust over time. The current counselor is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and certified alcohol and drug counselor (CADC III). The counselor is at the Center from 9AM until noon, Monday through Thursday. The CDDC counseling program provides immediate short-term skilled responses to issues that can impact a person's safety and freedom from fear and violence. This program is an open door or "first-door" model providing access to mental health services, an opportunity that is difficult to obtain for individuals with low/no income and no health insurance.

Recommendation
\$7,718

Corvallis Environmental Center

SAFE Food for Families (requested \$15,000):

The SAGE Food for Families program partners with hunger relief organizations in Corvallis to provide fresh nutritious fruits and vegetables to low-income individuals and families. The Food for Families program centers around the SAGE garden, our 1-acre production garden located in Starker Arts Park. The SAGE garden produces 4 tons of fruits and vegetables a year that supply local food pantries, feeding sites, and other agencies serving vulnerable populations in Corvallis. Produce from SAGE is donated year round to these agencies; three or more times per week during most of the year and weekly in the winter, fresh produce from SAGE helps agencies throughout Corvallis provide food assistance to their clientele.

For the agencies and families served by the SAGE Food for Families program, these deliveries of fresh produce are critical. Fresh nutrient-rich fruits and vegetables are relatively expensive and underutilized by those facing food insecurity. When individuals and families turn to local food pantries and feeding sites, fresh fruits and vegetables are in limited supply as they are perishable and harder to transport and store. The SAGE Food for Families program fills this gap in the food safety net.

The SAGE Food for Families program also educates community members about local food security issues and engages citizens in meaningful service that helps alleviate hunger in Corvallis. In the coming year 2,000 individuals will visit SAGE and learn about the program, and 600 community members will volunteer to help grow the garden and bring fresh food to those in need.

Recommendation
\$0

Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition

Men's Cold Weather Shelter (requested \$21,000):

Need The City of Corvallis and the Oversight Committee of the Ten -Year Plan to End Homelessness have identified the need for a permanent Men's Shelter as a goal for the coming year. This urgency is due to the community awareness of the pressing need for services to the homeless. The Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition completed its third homeless shelter count in December 2010. The first in 2008 was to set the baseline for the Ten-Year Plan. The second in 2009 was to check the reliability of the process and reporting information. The third count in 2010 was done at request of the County Commissioners and was to measure changes since 2008. The total numbers have remained similar (around 150),

The Program and Population The Cold Weather Men's Shelter benefits chronically homeless men. Guests must be over 18 years old. Some characteristics of the men served may include the following:

unaccompanied individuals, homeless for a year or more or multiple times over a several year period, disabled by addiction, mental illness, chronic physical or disability or developmental disability, frequent histories of hospitalization, unstable employment, and incarceration.

The program, the Men's Cold Weather Shelter is a five-month service to 40 chronically homeless men starting on November 1st and ending on March 31st. The shelter is open every night at 7PM. The men leave the shelter at 7AM. 40 homeless men have access to basic human needs as emergency services.

Recommendation

\$10,612

Women and Children's Housing Program(requested \$10,000):

The Women's and Children's Housing Program provides permanent housing to homeless and near homeless women and children. The program provides support, advocacy and case management services to homeless women and families, with a special emphasis on helping chronically homeless individuals' access and stay in affordable housing.

The need is large and unaddressed. Carolyn Hinds the Corvallis 509J Homeless Student Coordinator reports that her program has identified 180 individual students who have inadequate housing, defined as homeless or doubled-up families. The number of families in Corvallis who are on TANF at the present time is 238. These families include 600 children. The Oregon KIDS COUNT reports that 15.2% of the children in Benton County live in Poverty.

The need is exacerbated by the lack of low-income housing. Jim Moorefield Executive Director of Willamette Neighborhood Housing in a talk to the City Club of Corvallis and the Oversight Committee for the Benton County Ten -Year Plan to End Homelessness said that the affordable rental vacancy rate in Corvallis is 1%.

The concurrence of a shortage of affordable housing and 15.2% of children in poverty is families that cannot pay the increased rents demanded in our community.

We have begun a program supported by donor funds to offer a small rent stipend, \$200, and a program which includes case management, and advocacy for a short period of time – up to a year. Our goal is to prevent families with children from falling into homelessness and to assist them toward self-sufficiency.

Recommendation

\$7,718

Outreach Worker (requested \$10,000):

The Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition Outreach Worker interacts directly with people who are chronically homeless or near homelessness in the Corvallis community. The Outreach Worker has formed strong partnerships with this population and works intensively to solve high priority issues. The outreach worker has connected individuals to medical and/or mental health services, substance abuse help, available vocational programs, housing resources, counseling and/or other appropriate resources. The outreach worker assists homeless in applying for SSI/SSDI disability benefits. Last year over one thousand unduplicated homeless or near homeless utilized the Men's Cold Weather Shelter Daytime Drop-In Center and Stone Soup Meal Sites. These sites along with Partners Place a Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition Housing 'First Facility' and homeless camps in Corvallis and Benton County are the places our Outreach Worker begins to engage our clients. Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition's mission is to create a sustainable solution for homeless in Corvallis and Benton County. Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition is the 'first responder' to the homeless in our community. Our goal is to do outreach as a way to save lives and resources by reducing the burden and cost of homelessness on our jails, hospital, and community spaces.

Recommendation

\$0

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 person to leave a violent relationship and enter a shelter, the decision can be made more painful when a beloved pet is left behind. Some people 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 Emergency and Safe Housing Program serves clients of the Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV), Mario Pastega House/Samaritan Regional Health Center, Community Outreach, Inc. (COI), and 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 the owner receives services from partner programs. Owners can visit their pets daily and when they are back on their feet the pet is returned to them.

Recommendation

\$2,894

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc.

Emergency Shelter Ages 10-17 (requested \$25,000):

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc (JSYSI) provides emergency shelter stays – up to 21 days – for youth ages 10 to 17. Some are truly homeless, but the majority are dealing with a personal or 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.

Recommendation

\$19,295

Transitional Housing for At-Risk Youth (requested \$10,000):

Most residents stay at Jackson Street Youth Shelter for a limited time, and those 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 abuse, neglect, and parental drug use, some youths do not have the option of returning home. In that case, 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.

Currently our shelter serves youth ages 10 to 17, and in some limited cases we can offer up to 60 days of additional housing when a youth turns 18 while living at Jackson Street. However, beginning in July, 2013, we will significantly expand our Transitional Living Program and will be able to house up to four youths (ages 18 to 20) in a separate, leased house in Corvallis. JSYSI will offer these young people intensive case management and skills-coaching to prepare them for independent living.

Recommendation
\$4,824

Old Mill Center for Children and Families

Relief Nursery (requested \$12,000):

Relief Nursery is a child abuse prevention and intervention program whose mission is to help build strong and resilient families while keeping children safe. This program works with some of the most at-risk families in Benton County with children birth through age six. Core services include therapeutic classrooms focusing on social-emotional well-being and development of children; home visiting, designed to meet parents where they are; parenting education, helping break generational patterns of abuse and neglect; resource closet for emergency food, clothing and such items as diapers and wipes; transportation assistance, increasing accessibility of services; and resource and referral, recognizing that families may need services outside the scope of what Relief Nursery can provide. Families not served through the therapeutic classrooms are served through outreach. Outreach provides the intervention services necessary to assure that children are meeting developmental milestones, especially important in keeping with the Governor's goal of kindergarten readiness and helps parents manage their stress and needs so that they are able to focus on the parent-child bond. Research shows that prolonged stress and/or trauma in young children can create learning difficulties. Relief Nursery also provides Parent Support Group—an intricate blend of mental health and parent education offered weekly for three hours with child care provided. Running three days a week in 10-week quarterly sessions, parents report that this is a critical life-line for them in connecting with other parents to reduce isolation and help reduce their stress while learning new age-appropriate parenting techniques.

Recommendation
\$2,894

Parent Enhancement Program

Healthy Families, Safe Kids (requested \$20,000):

Our staff and volunteers offer a wide array of direct service activities to families headed by parents or parents-to-be age 13 through 25, and their children - a demographic at heightened risk for abuse. Nearly all of our families are low-income, with 93 percent living at or below the poverty line. Many have unstable living situations, with 10 percent being homeless at some time during the year. Our program activities address life/parenting skills, health care issues, poverty reduction, mental health issues, substance abuse, basic human needs, education issues, child development, effective informal support systems, as well as many others - all of which are effective in reducing child abuse and maltreatment. Our program 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 to 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 young parents accelerate their progress towards school completion, secure employment, healthy lifestyles, self-sufficiency, and commitment to their children's learning. Project services may include BUDDY's (mentors), parent education and adult life skills classes, social

activities, home visits, transportation, distribution of child safety equipment, educational assistance, family assistance, parent volunteerism, case support, a supervised playroom, Dads/Male outreach, Latino family outreach and parent newsletters.

Recommendation
\$4,824

Presbyterian Preschool & Child Care Center

Tuition Assistance Program (requested \$4,000):

Through the Tuition Assistance Program, the Presbyterian Preschool and Child Care Center (Center) provides subsidized childcare service hours for at-risk infants and low-income children ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten, residing in Benton County. The Center is a 72-space licensed facility open Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. year round. 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). At-risk infants of teenage parents without family support are accepted when referred by a collaborating agency for assistance if enrolled in high school. The families are typically referred to the center by multiple services including, Parent Enhancement Program, 509J Corvallis School District Homeless Coordinator, CARDV or OSU Family Services.

The subsidized tuition is paid in sliding-scale percentage increments using the most current federal poverty guidelines. The grant will provide funding for new, unduplicated children entering the program during the 2013-2014 funding cycle. The funding support would help subsidize tuition fees for the first six months.

The experienced teaching staff concentrates on integrating struggling families into a supportive yet structured educational environment. When attending, a child's basic needs of nutritious food, shelter and safety from insecurity and violence can be met. The children enjoy a diverse community of cultures with a philosophy of inclusion for every child's ability to learn.

Recommendation
\$3,859

RSVP/Linn-Benton Volunteers

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, FamilyWize and pharmaceutical company programs. Volunteers have the option of working with one, two or all three of the Medicare-related programs.

Recommendation
\$1,929

South Corvallis Food Bank

Emergency Food Boxes (requested \$12,000):

The South Corvallis Food Bank provides emergency food boxes to low-income households in south Corvallis. As a member agency of Linn Benton Food Share (LBFS), we acquire food through them and distribute it from our site in south Corvallis. We provide at least a five-day supply of food once each month to anyone who meets the low-income requirements as designated by the USDA. We supplement the USDA and LBFS provisions with food donated by individuals, organizations, businesses and with produce from the SAGE Garden Project. We provide recipes and advice on how to prepare the food to help clients move towards better nutrition and better food stability.

We expect to provide 3585 emergency food boxes in FY2013-14, with the average box feeding a household of 3.7 individuals and the average client visiting 3.6 times during the year. We expect to serve 3689 nonduplicated individuals.

Recommendation
\$11,577

Vina Moses Center

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.

Recommendation
\$0

Clothing & 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.

Recommendation
\$2,412

We Care

We Care financial assistance (requested \$5,000):

We Care's only project provides funding for persons in Benton County with a short-term financial emergency who cannot find other help. Applications for We Care funding are screened by a staff member of the Community Services Consortium (CSC); she documents their situation, checks their information, and provides a summary, without client names, to the We Care board before each weekly meeting. 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 become financially sustainable. Checks are written to the vendor (for example, landlord).

We receive funding 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 (3.2% of 2012 income, 5% in 2011). During the last

four years we have received several large one-time gifts that now have been spent, we have lost some regular donors, and an anonymous 3-year gift of \$1000/month will end during 2013.

During 2012, our CSC screener took 744 calls inquiring about We Care; of those, 111 were referred elsewhere. We provided grants for 269 of the 312 applications brought to the Board. Our grants support primarily housing (75%) and utilities (17%). We occasionally pay for storage unit rent, medical bills, and, when necessary to find or keep employment, car repairs and insurance, telephone bills, and identity cards.

Recommendation

\$4,824

Corvallis Arts and Culture Commission
April 10, 2013

A part of the Arts and Culture Commission municipal code states:

“Develop a comprehensive Arts and Culture vision and strategic plan for the City.”

To meet that charge, an Arts and Culture Commission sub-committee developed and refined the following questions that are critical as we begin to frame the strategic planning process:

- What do we need to do in the next seven years to become a national destination Arts & Culture Community?
- What are the existing cultural assets in Corvallis?
- What is the current economic impact of Arts and Culture in Corvallis and its link to tourism?
- How do we leverage the existing arts and culture assets and other local attractions to become a destination?

Scope: Develop a comprehensive Arts and Culture vision and action plan for the City of Corvallis.

- Complete an inventory of cultural assets
- Establish the current economic and social impact of arts and culture in Corvallis
 - Develop a tool to be used by arts and culture providers that collects consistent data regarding tourism
- Establish the amount of arts and culture money being spent in in other communities by Corvallis residents (leakage)
- Establish the competitive and comparative advantages of Corvallis; including environmental assets, wine and beer industry, local food / agriculture
- Using the information from the above four bullet points, the Commission and community stakeholders will develop a vision and action plan for arts and culture for Corvallis. This plan will define what the steps would be to achieve this vision.



Position Announcement: Director of Performing Arts
Oregon State University
School of Arts & Communication

POSITION: Director of Performing Arts; appointment 1 September 2013.

SALARY: Competitive, commensurate with experience; possibility of extended fixed term contract after three years.

DESCRIPTION: The School of Arts and Communication, College of Liberal Arts, and Oregon State University invite applications for a full-time (12 month, 1.0 FTE) administrator to serve as the newly created Director of Performing Arts.

Oregon State University has created a new position for a Director of Performing Arts to provide visionary leadership in building a regionally distinctive culture of arts excellence, including the integration of science, engineering, and technology—traditional strengths of OSU—into contemporary approaches to the performing arts. This position will also coordinate arts events, develop new arts initiatives, and serve as a performing arts administrator for the OSU community including the School of Arts and Communication and the greater Corvallis area.

Primary areas of responsibility include: 1) the creation and development of a 21st century regionally significant performing arts culture and brand in the OSU-Corvallis community; 2) creation of new programs and series that highlight nationally and internationally recognized artists who will perform in Corvallis and collaborate with OSU and community performing artists, students, and faculty; 3) development of a community of engaged arts subscribers; 4) innovative use of the science, engineering, and technology in the development of university arts programs and performances; 5) coordination and collaboration of existing campus programs and organizations, as well as area arts organizations to maximize and extend their potential impacts and educational value, including a focus on student access to quality performing arts opportunities .

Secondary areas: 1) work with and assist the Director of the School of Arts and Communication in the development of student focused programs and curricula; 2) outreach to statewide and regional arts organizations, educational institutions and venues. For complete position details go to <http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=62209>.

RESPONSIBILITIES: 40% Creation and Development--- Provide visionary leadership to develop an arts culture on the OSU campus and in the Corvallis community that involves coordinating arts organizations, as well as creating innovative initiatives that develop regionally distinctive programs, including student/community collaborations and professional arts series. This will include interdisciplinary efforts bridging traditional boundaries between the arts and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

30% Outreach, Marketing, Publicity and Engagement--- Develop, maintain, and expand the OSU-Arts brand in the local region and across the state. Partner with the OSU Foundation, the OSU Alumni Association, and community organizations to develop a donor base to support arts initiatives. Develop relationships with other local, state, and regional arts communities and educational institutions.

20% Coordination and Administration---Coordination of OSU performing arts public offerings and programs; collaboration with School of Arts & Communication director and faculty as well as other campus and community stakeholders, and the potential creation and administration of a centralized OSU/community box office.

10% Supervision--- Oversee a staff that includes a full-time events coordinator and part-time design/web and office assistants. This position will have a direct reporting line to the Director of the School of Arts

and Communication, with input, oversight and close collaboration from the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, as well as financial oversight from the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

QUALIFICATIONS: *Required:* A masters-level degree in Arts Management, Marketing, Media, Journalism, Communication or related field; documented record of excellence in the development of educational arts programs at the collegiate level; proven expertise in marketing the arts and arts education; demonstrated understanding of contemporary media communications strategies. *Preferred:* Proven ability in developing new and exciting programs that bridge traditional academic boundaries; previous experience overseeing staff and budgets; a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity; and experience in working in arts education and outreach.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS: Successful job performance will include increasing the number, quality, and visibility of arts offerings in Corvallis; creating a sustainable community of arts subscribers/supporters; developing strategies for audience development; successfully integrating technological innovation into the performing arts; and implementing strategies to develop a regional arts brand for the university/community.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Apply to posting #0010720 online at <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/>. Quicklink: <http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=62209>. When applying you will be required to attach the following electronic documents:

1. Letter of application indicating how your qualifications and experience have prepared you for this position.
2. A resume/curriculum vita that includes the names of at least three professional references, their e-mail addresses and telephone contact numbers (Upload as 'Other Document' if not included with your resume/vitae).
3. Graduate transcripts must be submitted for all required and/or related courses. All courses must be from accredited colleges, universities, or private vocational schools. The online application system will allow you to attach your transcripts if the PDF file is 5MB or less. If over 5MB in size, submit to the contact person listed. Transcripts must be received by the closing date.

For additional information please contact Professor Steven Zielke at 541-737-5584 or szielke@oregonstate.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Position will remain open until filled. Review of files begins on June 5, 2013

University & Community: Oregon State University has always been a place with a purpose — making a positive difference in quality of life, natural resources and economic *prosperity* in Oregon and beyond. Through discovery, innovation and application, we are meeting challenges, solving problems and turning ideas into reality.

Founded in 1868, Oregon State is the state's Land Grant university and is one of only two universities in the U.S. to have Sea Grant, Space Grant and Sun Grant designations. Oregon State is also the only university in Oregon to hold both the Carnegie Foundation's top designation for research institutions and its prestigious Community Engagement classification. As Oregon's leading public research university, with \$261.7 million in external funding in the 2011 fiscal year, Oregon State's impact reaches across the state and beyond. Oregon State has a presence in every one of Oregon's 36 counties, with a statewide economic footprint of \$2.06 billion.

Oregon State welcomes a diverse student body of over 26,000 students from across Oregon, all 50 states and more than 100 countries. They can choose from more than 200 undergraduate and more than 80 graduate degree programs, including over 30 degrees online offered through Oregon State Ecampus. Oregon State increasingly attracts high-achieving students, with nationally recognized programs in areas such as conservation biology, agricultural sciences, nuclear engineering, forestry, fisheries and wildlife management, community health, pharmacy and zoology.

Building on the tremendous momentum of recent years, OSU's College of Liberal Arts is leading a new initiative focused on increasing support for students, faculty, and programs in its School of Arts and Communication. This exciting venture has begun with the largest private investment in the arts in university history: a \$5 million commitment including a \$1 million challenge component. The gift is part of the \$927 million raised to date toward the \$1 billion goal of Campaign for OSU. Almost 100,000 individuals and organizations have supported the campaign, more than doubling the number of endowed faculty positions, providing scholarships and fellowships for one in six students, and transforming campus with 24 new or renovated facilities.

Oregon State is located in Corvallis, a vibrant college town of 55,000 in the heart of Western Oregon's Willamette Valley. Corvallis consistently ranks among the best and safest cities to live in the U.S., as well as among the most environmentally responsible.