



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015
2:00 pm**

Madison Avenue Meeting Room
500 SW Madison Avenue

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| Discussion/ Possible Action | I. Social Service Allocations – Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(Attachment) |
| Discussion/ Possible Action | II. Community Police Review Advisory Board Sunset
Review and Annual Report
(Attachment) |
| Discussion/ Possible Action | III. Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory
Board Sunset Review and Annual Report
(Attachment) |
| Information | IV. Other Business |

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 2:00 pm
Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 500 SW Madison Avenue

Agenda

Corvallis Farmers' Market Annual Report

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2015

TO: Human Services Committee – June 2, 2015 meeting

FROM: Ken Gibb, Community Development Director 

SUBJECT: Social Service Allocation Recommendations for FY 15-16

Issue

The City of Corvallis has an agreement with United Way of Benton & Lincoln Counties to administer the allocation process for the City's FY15-16 social service funding, consistent with the City of Corvallis' priorities for the Social Service Fund (Council Policy CP 00-6.05 section 6.05.050), i.e. priority for funding emergency and transitional services. In 2015, this work included review of agency proposals for funding by United Way's Community Impact Committee, comprised of 13 volunteers. United Way has forwarded a recommendation 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 15-16 (Attachment A). In the 2015 Basic Needs Cycle, 24 agencies applied for funding for 35 programs. United Way's Community Impact Committee participated in five roundtable discussions, reviewed proposals, and conducted site visits/interviews with applicant programs.

While this review by the Human Services Committee follows the adoption of the City's FY 15-16 Budget, preparation of this report precedes the adoption. The proposed FY 15-16 Budget includes a total of \$360,000 in social service funding comprised of \$237,750 from the General Fund and \$122,250 from the Levy. United Way's Committee's recommended allocations total \$382,950. United Way is contributing the additional \$22,950 (from non-city funds) to the Basic Needs Cycle for those agencies that also serve areas outside of the City of Corvallis.

Included in the recommendations are program descriptions from the agencies' applications along with the recommended amount from the Community Impact Committee. United Way will receive \$8,000 for administering the program, from allocation of funding through monitoring agency programs for compliance throughout fiscal year 2015-16.

Recommendation

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

REVIEW AND CONCUR:


 Nancy Brewer, Finance Director

REVIEW AND CONCUR:


 Mark W. Shepard, City Manager



City of Corvallis Social Service Fund United Way 2015 Basic Needs *Grants Program Funding Recommendation*

United Way recently completed the granting process to provide recommendations for funding direct services for the 15-16 fiscal year. As per our administrative contract with the City of Corvallis, United Way provides funding recommendations to the City of Corvallis for its Social Service Fund for the same period.

United Way has administered its own funding cycle and the Social Service Fund cycle as one process since 2012, providing greater efficiencies for agencies applying for funding and in the review and evaluation of requests. In late 2014, United Way's Board of Directors approved it implementing a two-track funding model: Track One to address Basic Needs (intervention/crisis-based services), and Track Two to address prevention-based services. For the Basic Needs cycle, the Board approved adopting the City of Corvallis' priorities for the Social Service Fund (Council Policy CP 00-6.05 section 6.05.050)—funding only emergency and transitional services.

In the 2015 Basic Needs Cycle, 24 agencies applied for funding for 35 programs. United Way's Community Impact Committee, comprised of 13 volunteers, participated in five roundtable discussions, reviewed proposals, conducted site visits/interviews with applicant programs, and made final funding recommendations.

This document contains the following components:

Community Impact Committee—Process overview

A narrative summary of the Committee's approach, comments, and findings.

Agency Requests and Committee Recommendations

- List of applicant agency/programs
- Finalized funding recommendation(s)

As in all prior years, per contract, Social Service Fund awards are restricted to service provided to residents within Corvallis City limits. United Way awards are restricted to service provided to residents within Benton County.

Program Descriptions

The program descriptions and needs statements for each program were taken directly from the application for funding.

Community Impact Committee

Process Overview

Applicant agencies participated in a series of five roundtable conversations:

Food & Nutrition	Programs dealing primarily with hunger relief, nutrition, and food insecurity issues for any population.
Homelessness	Programs providing shelter, temporary housing, and/or other services for chronically or temporarily homeless persons.**
Health & Safety	Programs addressing physical, mental, social, and/or emotional health, and programs offering services for victims of violence or abuse.**
Children & Youth	Programs offering child care, after-school care, parenting support, youth skill building, youth advocacy, and other services specifically for youth and children under 18 years of age.**
Basic Services to Low Income	Programs offering basic emergency support to low-income families, including clothing, supplies, materials, monetary assistance, and other services.**

** Not food

All roundtables were conducted prior to the allocation conversations. This was intentional and in response to feedback from process participants in prior cycles (agency and volunteers, alike). Several organizations applied for funding for programs spanning different categories, and so participated in more than one roundtable discussion. The roundtables focused on the scope and scale of each issue, and often included specific data points.

The immediate results of these discussions are stronger, more streamlined process, enhanced volunteer education, and a deeper knowledge base about issues and service programs.

With respect to evaluation, the Committee carefully attended to its fiduciary responsibility to make wise investment decisions—to do the most good with the funding available. To that end, it considered the following in allocation deliberations:

- Whether the application meets/addressed stated priorities
- Whether the application addresses identified emergent issues
- The number of programs serving particular populations, for example seniors or the Latino community
- Actual or perceived duplication of services to specific demographics
- For agencies with multiple programs—whether the application addresses core mission work, and/or how the agency prioritizes among those program(s)

A total of eight programs were not recommended for funding due to any of the following reasons:

- Not meeting the priority criteria for the Basic Needs cycle
- Lack of administrative soundness
- Historical or ongoing issues with the program
- No clear plan or measures of success in place

Agency Requests/Recommendations

Agency	Program	Request	Recommend
ABC House	Project Heal	\$ 35,000	\$17,500
Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis	Clubhouse subsidized support	\$ 90,000	\$20,000
CASA Voices for Children	Advocacy	\$20,000	\$10,000
Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center	Counseling	\$10,000	\$5,000
	Prescription Pool	\$2,000	\$500
CARDV	Shelter Program	\$20,000	\$12,940
Corvallis Housing First	Homeless Women/Children's Housing	\$25,000	\$0
	Case Mgr – Homeless Women/Shelter	\$35,000	\$0
	Men's Cold Weather Shelter	\$25,000	\$5,000
	Outreach—Men's CWS	\$35,000	\$0
Casa Latinos Unidos	Basic Services	\$30,260	\$30,260
Coastal Range Food Bank	Food Purchase	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
Community Outreach Inc.	Basic Needs	\$45,000	\$ 0
	Food Services	\$20,000	\$10,000
	Health Services	\$60,000	\$46,940
	Integrated Shelter	\$70,000	\$60,000
	Mari's Place	\$35,000	\$25,000
Corvallis Albany Farmer's Market	SNAP Incentives	\$ 3,640	\$2,000
Corvallis Environmental Center	SAGE Food for Families	\$10,000	\$ 0
Furniture Share	Sustaining client services	\$30,000	\$ 0
Heartland Humane	Emergency/Safe Housing	\$ 3,000	\$1,500
Jackson Street Youth Shelter	Emergency / Transitional Shelter	\$30,000	\$25,000
Linn-Benton Food Share	Food Share	\$40,000	\$30,000
Old Mill	Relief Nursery – Outreach Services	\$14,000	\$10,000
	Relief Nursery – Parent Support Group	\$10,000	\$10,000
COG Senior Meals	Meals on Wheels	\$15,000	\$7,860
PYAC – Philo Youth Act Center	Girls Circle	\$ 450	\$450
	Scholarship Program	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
Room @ the Inn	Shelter Program	\$7,500	\$5,000
Subtotal			\$342,950

Agency	Program	Request	Recommend
South Corvallis Food Bank	Emergency Food Boxes	\$22,000	\$15,000
Stone Soup	Stone Soup	\$10,000	\$0
Strengthening Rural Families	Alsea Preschool	\$15,000	\$10,000
	Support for Rural Families	\$10,000	\$0
Vina Moses	FISH	\$ 6,000	\$3,000
We Care	Financial Assistance	\$ 8,000	\$4,000
Subtotal			\$ 374,950

United Way (contract fee) Total **\$ 8,000**

Total distribution \$ 382,950

Program Descriptions

The following section contains program descriptions from the applications.

ABC House

Project Heal: Ending the trauma and suffering of child abuse \$35,000 request

Statement of Need:

(It cost ABC House \$138,900 to provide services for Benton County Children in 2014, which includes \$111,150 for Corvallis children and families.) Sadly, the need to treat suspected victims of child abuse is growing. In 2014, we served 136 new cases in Corvallis and 34 in Benton County (outside of Corvallis). These numbers were a 20% increase over 2013. In 2015, we project this number will grow to 150 in Corvallis and 40 in Benton County.

Abuse creates a living nightmare for a child. Frightened and ashamed, they wonder what they did wrong to cause this terrible nightmare to happen. Disclosure of the abuse also leaves the family in a state of shock, experiencing a wide range of emotions, from denial to anger, from disbelief to fear. Studies document the relationships between "Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)" (verbal, physical or sexual abuse; physical or emotional neglect; domestic violence) and the likelihood of suffering from problems as adults. The 2014 report – "Hidden Crisis: Findings on Adverse Childhood Experiences in California" reveals the costly effects of those early adversities: a startlingly large increased risk of adult onset chronic disease (heart disease, cancer), mental illness and violence or being a victim of violence. Research also shows high ACE scores are associated with school failure, chronic unemployment and suicide.

From these studies, we know that kids in pain become adults in pain. It is critically important to identify abuse quickly so that children: (a) are immediately made safe from further abuse; (b) receive necessary medical treatment; and (c) connect to services within the critical window providing the best opportunity to heal.

Services also address the long-term and costly impacts of abuse. The long-term financial costs from child abuse and neglect were estimated at a staggering \$80 billion in the U.S. in 2012. (Gelles, RJ & Perlman, S, 2012.) In 2011, almost 11,600 Oregon children were victims of child abuse and neglect. A recent Children's Trust Fund report estimated the cost to Oregon over the course of these child abuse victims' lives to be \$2.5 billion. ABC House services are designed to help children and families heal, and help address these long-term costly impacts.

Program Description:

ABC House will provide child abuse assessment services for children referred by law enforcement agencies, child welfare and the medical community for concerns of child sexual and/or physical abuse and neglect perpetrated on Corvallis children. ABC House emergency services will help meet basic human needs for a child's safety and freedom from fear and violence, as well as provide acute physical health care in emergency situations.

Three core services will be provided at no cost to families: 1) Medical exams by physicians specially trained to recognize and treat the signs of child abuse and neglect. 2) Forensic Interviews by trained professionals. 3) Support and Advocacy Services to help families cope with the discovery of abuse, understand steps involved in the investigation processes, identify other family needs and issues (counseling, domestic violence, housing), and connect them with local community service partners.

Key staff: Carol Chervenak, M.D.—Medical Director and supervisor of medical services, has 18 years of experience working in the field of child abuse medicine at ABC House. She serves on the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment for Oregon and Oregon State Governor's Sexual Assault Task Force. She conducts 200 physical exams for children annually, is the designated medical provider for Karly's Law photos, and provides expert court testimony. She is assisted in these duties by Carissa Cousins, M. D. who works on a part-time basis performing medical exams.

Esther Friedman, MS in Education—Special Education and Bi-lingual, Faculty for Oregon Forensic Interviewer Training statewide. Professional Forensic Interviewer is responsible for interviewing children in an age-appropriate manner to gather non-biased information. Christine Rhea, Coordinator of Advocacy Services, has 17 years of experience working with families at ABC House. We also serve as a medical residency site and medical school internship rotation for family medicine residencies and students. 2014 Target Population: 136 in Corvallis and 34 elsewhere in Benton County. (unduplicated)

2015 Projected Target Population: 150 in Corvallis, 40 elsewhere in Benton County (unduplicated). Experts agree that the number of reported cases represents only a fraction of all child abuse cases.

Age of clients are newborns to 18, 50% are female, 50% male. Approximately 86% are from low-income families.

Hours/days/times of service: ABC House provides services each weekday from 8:30 am to 5pm. ABC House physicians also respond quickly to child abuse allegations through after-hours consultations, and provide immediate medical opinions and triage children to the ER.

<p>Recommended: \$ 17,500</p>

Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis

Clubhouse Subsidized Support \$90,000 request

Statement of Need:

It is imperative that BGCC continues to provide a safe, supervised afterschool place for kids as a vital service to low-income and homeless children.

- 64% of Oregon parents agree; afterschool programs help them keep their jobs (“America After 3PM,” 2014)
- 83% of Oregon parents support public funding for afterschool programs (“America After 3PM,” 2014)
- Businesses lose \$300 billion/year in worker productivity when parents don’t have stable afterschool care (Catalyst & Brandeis University, 2006)

Our members do not have the same opportunities as their peers for many reasons:

- 78% of Club households earn less than \$45K per year with an average household size of 4
 - 34% are single-parent households
- 65% are minority
- 62% of our members are eligible for federal SNAP
- 22% percent of Benton County children suffer food insecurity. Half do not qualify for federal assistance (“The Health of Benton County,” 2012)
- 12 COI children served each year

Without supervision, youth turn to crime and risky behavior.

- Youth 12 and under make up 16% of juvenile criminal offenses in Benton County, but only 9.4% of juvenile criminal offences in Oregon (citation)
- Oregon spends \$95,995 per youth per year for juvenile incarceration
- Unintentional accidents cost the United States \$17 billion annually (CDC, “Childhood Injury Report,” 2008).
- Injuries are the number one cause of permanent disability in Benton County (“The Health of Benton County,” 2012).
- Benton County’s teen pregnancy rate is increasing (“The Health of Benton County,” 2012)

Program Description:

For more than 300 days of the year, BGCC provides a safe and supervised place for 400 unduplicated Corvallis's low income youth daily ages 5-11 in 2014 and project to serve the same number in 2015 from 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., statistically the hours when youth must face negative influences such as criminal activity and risky behavior (Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, 2002). BGCC provides daily meals, access to dental care, and transportation for transitional/homeless youth, and youth facing poverty. BGCC addresses food insecurity by providing over 350 meals daily to all our members at our main Clubhouse, and 600 meals total including our satellite sites. The alternative to BGCC's services, sending children home to an empty house, is dangerous, irresponsible, and illegal for children under 10 years old. We offer academic assistance, athletics, art, music and personal development clubs that give youth alternatives to negative choices such as drugs, alcohol, and early sexual experimentation. BGCC's continuity of services provides consistency for youth who experience disruptive transitions. Real success comes when every Corvallis family is financially stable and self sufficient, and able to afford other necessities.

For those who can afford it, local childcare costs at least \$10 per hour. Though we charge only \$25 annually for membership, the cost to keep a child safe and supervised afterschool on average is roughly \$1500 per child per year or \$5 per hour. The Club must raise \$700,000 annually to keep our doors open. Throughout the economic crisis, BGCC has struggled to keep access to our service affordable for all, a key value of the Club. Now with the increasing costs of labor and benefits, BGCC faces an even greater challenge. It requires on-going community support to sustain our level of services for needy families. Key staff includes:

Clay Higgins, our Chief Operations Officer, works in partnership with the CEO and Program Managers to ensure that a myriad of youth development opportunities are available to all Club members.

Ryan McCauley oversees the Clubhouse and over 20 Club staff at our main Club site. Ryan oversees the implementation of all programs. He is instrumental in securing community partnerships to deliver programs and activities with the help of local volunteers and experts.

<p>Recommended: \$ 20,000</p>

CASA-Voices for Children

Advocacy \$20,000

Statement of Need:

Children who are victims of abuse and neglect suffer long-term effects in emotional, behavioral and social development that impacts their ability to learn, form attachments and be productive members of their community. They are more likely to drop out of school, depend on public assistance, become homeless, use drugs, engage in criminal behavior and become the abuser.

Child welfare caseworkers focus on the family as a whole, carry large caseloads and are unable to spend the amount of time needed on each case to ensure a child's needs are being met and monitor the progress of the child and parents. CASA volunteers are first and foremost advocating for the best interests of the child. This also often includes advocating for parent and family services. DHS is implementing a new model for responding to reports of child abuse and neglect called Differential Response. CASA must spend time training new and current advocates on this new model.

According to State Statute, each child in the Child Welfare system should be appointed a CASA, however this is an unfunded mandate. CASA-Voices for Children receives the majority of its funding through grants and foundations. Staff is needed to provide training, support and oversight of each advocate as well as each case to ensure compliance with national, state and local policies, guidelines and laws.

Program Description:

CASA-Voices for Children recruits, trains, assigns, and technically supports community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children. Volunteers attend extensive 30 hour trainings to ensure each 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-biased reports and recommendations.

- Investigate
- Talk to everyone involved with the child.
- Review court, DHS, police, medical, educational and assessment documents.
- Facilitate
- Work with parties to identify, recommend and ensure services for the physical and emotional wellbeing of the child.
- Monitor
- Attend all meetings related to the child.
- Track progress to ensure a child receives needed services.
- Track parents' progress to ensure lifestyle changes are made to ensure the safety and well-being of their child.
- Advocate
- Visit the child at least monthly.
- Attend all court hearings related to the child; Advocates are legal parties to all dependency cases.
- Focus on the best interest of the child, ensuring they do not get lost in the system. Advocates are often one of the only constants in the child's life while they are in care.

Our target population is all children who are Wards of the State in Benton County and their families. CASA served a population of 291 in 2014 and expects to increase by 5% to serve 306 in 2015. These numbers are of unduplicated individuals. Of the 300 served in 2014, 75% live in Corvallis, 12% in Philomath, 5% in the Monroe/Alpine area, 6% in Adair Village, and 2% in the Alsea area.

Three full-time staff are directly involved in this process: Executive Director Kari Rieck, Program Coordinator Todd Mulrooney, and Program Assistant Caitlin DeBoer. Our hours of service are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday, however Advocates work independently of this and frequently work their cases on weekends and evenings.

Funding allows CASA to continue to provide evidence-based, unduplicated and unique services to abuse and neglected children. Families of children pay nothing for our services. The only out-of-pocket cost to our Advocates is the \$15 they pay to get fingerprinted. In 2014 advocates in Benton County spent over 4,200 hours working on their cases.

<p>Recommended: \$ 10,000</p>

Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center

Counseling \$10,000 request

Statement of Need:

Access to quality professional counseling is expensive and out of reach for most of the guests of the CDDC. These individuals, many of whom are mentally ill, alcohol dependent, users of drugs and folks experiencing co-occurring disorders, are certainly a group of people for whom counseling would benefit. The need for quality professional counseling can be evidenced by the observable drama in many of their lives.

The Benton County Ten-Year Plan to Address Issues Surrounding Housing and Homelessness identifies the need to expand community based outpatient mental health resources. (p.22) The fine points of what that would entail were not fleshed out but the conversations focused on outcomes of harm reduction.

For many drop-in center guests, encounters with formal counseling models have been unsuccessful. In our experience over the last four years we have found that the kind of counseling that reaches this population most successfully is a model of compassionate presence.

A very compelling book that speaks to the value and success of this approach was written about ten years ago by a psychiatrist, Howard C Cutler, M.D. who worked closely with the Dalai Lama. Cutler observed the powerful potential that even very short compassionate exchanges had on transforming negative states of mind.

The Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center has the opportunity to connect with 75-100 individuals daily. As individuals experience the center as a safe place they begin to trust and openly pursue more than casual conversations with our counselor. This takes time, but it works.

Program Description:

Drop-in Center guests include individuals who are homeless or near homeless, also individuals that have mental health issues and/or addictions and in general people who are poor and without resources to access professional counseling help.

Our counseling program provides skilled responses to issues that can impact a person's safety and freedom from fear and violence. Our focus might be identified as "harm reduction". Most of our guests experience high levels of drama each day in their lives. This drama often plays out in behaviors that lead to police interventions and sometimes to resulting arrests. Most often, however, we observe the day-to-day relationship conflicts that arise from living a life filled with significant daily stressors

At the drop-in center, we use a model of compassionate presence. This population does not fit well into the make an appointment, show up on time and sit in a room with a counselor for 45 minutes to an hour model. The therapeutic relationship begins with the presence of our counselor. The first step is his knowing/using the visitor's name. Knowing a person's name expands relationship. This beginning leads to trust, vital for the therapeutic process of change. Learning bits and pieces of people's lives through stories is the next step. Listening and asking questions about what led them to the center today is vital. Listening for both their needs and skills is part of the process.

Our counseling model invites people to interact informally and to develop trust over time. We intentionally have not documented the interactions of our guests on spreadsheets or formal reporting documents. In our setting these strategies would be barriers to trust for most of our guests. The current counselor is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and certified alcohol and drug counselor (CADC III). Currently he is present three mornings a week.

The professional experiences of our present counselor have opened up counseling options beyond what can be provided at the center. When it seems appropriate, he makes referrals to other counseling programs in the community. Allyships have been developed with Drug Court, New Beginnings, Pastoral Counseling Center, Benton County Mental Health and other community resources. The CDDC counseling program is available to all of our CDDC guests. We served 850 unduplicated individuals at the center last fiscal year and anticipate the same for 2015-16. 90% of our guests live in Corvallis. 10% live elsewhere in Benton County.

<p>Recommended: \$ 5,000</p>

Prescription Pool \$2,000 request

Statement of Need:

Despite major efforts to provide access to health care for all Oregonians, there remain significant gaps. The reality that many Oregonians are still without adequate health insurance is documented in Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center's 2014 Community Benefit Plan. "With the growing number of uninsured patients seeking care, we recognize the strain of paying medical bills without insurance coverage." To help, discount programs have been developed. GSRMC's help is definitely needed. The

Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center is well positioned to observe these gaps and have been pro-active in trying to help bridge gaps when individuals face barriers to adequate health care. At the drop-in center we see primarily individuals that have not reached the hospital level of care but do need to access primary care providers and obtain prescribed medications. For at least four years the CDDC has worked closely with many allies to help remove barriers for the poor.

Since last summer, the CDDC has been able to help uninsured or underinsured people obtain medications thanks to a Prescription Pool. There are currently four partners contributing to the CDDC prescription pool. They include Samaritan Health Services, Benton County Health Department, First Presbyterian and United Way.

Contributions from each partner varied. The Benton County Health Department contributed \$500 in vouchers to their new pharmacy. The other partner's contributions totaled \$3850. Available resources added up to be \$4350. To date \$210 from the vouchers and \$3218.54 from the other partners have been spent on obtaining medication requests from 89 unduplicated individuals..

Program Description: The Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC) provides services Monday through Friday (9AM- 2 PM) to people who have extremely low or no income. Many are characterized as homeless and/or near homeless individuals with mental health, alcohol abuse, drug dependency, or co-occurring disorders. Guests range in age from teenager to seniors. Children occasionally accompany adults. We see 75-100 individuals daily. Last year we recorded 840 unduplicated guests.

A large number of those described above are not insured or are under-insured. To assist these individuals in accessing adequate access to health care, the CDDC administers a Prescription Pool. This source of funding is designed to help bridge the access to health care gap that obtaining medications presents for these individuals.

The CDDC Prescription Pool currently has four contributors:

- Good Samaritan
- Corvallis Presbyterian Church
- United Way carryover grant
- Benton County Health Department vouchers at their new Pharmacy

When an individual's prescription request is received by the CDDC, a volunteer supports the individual in several ways. If assistance is needed to get the prescription to the pharmacy, a volunteer can facilitate this. If the individual has already submitted the prescription, the volunteer goes to the pharmacy, pays for the medication and gets it to the individual. The CDDC keeps records on each transaction, recording the name of the individual, the medication purchased, its cost (both the original cost and the adjusted cost when they are different). By noting the cost, we can get a clue if the person has no insurance or no co-pay type of insurance. From this, we can encourage and even link them up to the Health Navigators at Benton County who will assist them to start appropriate paperwork for better access to health care.

The CDDC works closely with the Benton County Health Dept. As we are entering the second year of the efforts to insure all Oregonians, we are still finding folks who have not started the process or who are receiving confusing correspondence about renewing or whose paperwork is tied up in the system. We are fortunate to have a Health Navigator from BCHD come to the center twice a month to support individuals who may have fallen through the cracks totally (as in never applied) or folks having trouble discerning their status within the system (there have been a few glitches).

90% of the CDDC clients live within the city limits. We estimate 10% live elsewhere in Benton county.

<p>Recommended: \$ 500</p>

Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence – CARDV

Shelter Program \$20,000 request

Statement of Need:

Intimate partner violence, sexual violence and stalking are widespread issues that disproportionately affect women. Nationally, one in four women have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner, while in comparison one in seven men have experienced the equivalent according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey conducted by the CDC. According to the same survey, in Oregon it is estimated that 37% of women will experience rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their life time. The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) provides confidential emergency shelter to survivors and children of intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or stalking. Research conducted by Cris M. Sullivan and Deborah I. Bybee concluded that shelter programs for survivors of intimate partner violence have been found to be one of the most supportive, effective resources for women with abusive partners.

Sullivan and Bybee's research also concluded that over time, survivors who worked with advocates experienced less violence, reported higher quality of life and social support and had less difficulty obtaining community resources. Last fiscal year, CARDV sheltered 115 adults and 104 children for 3,510 bed nights in emergency shelters in Corvallis. 29 of the 115 adults and 18 of the 104 children in emergency shelter were from the city of Corvallis. Shelters provide not only immediate safety and support for abused adults and their children, but in most cases are life-saving.

Program Description:

CARDV provides emergency confidential shelter to survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence and stalking in Corvallis. Many of the survivors who are accessing CARDV's shelters are at immediate risk of further violence by their partner if they stay in the relationship and are often unable to leave their home unless they have access to a safe and confidential place to stay.

Last fiscal year, CARDV provided shelter to 115 unduplicated adults and 104 unduplicated children for 3,510 bed nights. Of those residents, 38 adults and 23 children were from Benton County, 29 adults and 18 children were from Corvallis and the remainder of shelter residents, 77 adults and 81 children were from Linn or other counties. For fiscal year 2015, CARDV aims to shelter the same number of adults and children totaling over 200 individuals each year. Over the last two years, CARDV's total number of bed nights has increased, showing that shelter residents are staying in shelter longer. This can be attributed to the challenge that many people face when looking for available affordable housing in Benton County.

CARDV's shelter is accessible to survivors 24-hours a day, every day of the year. Transportation to shelter is provided 24-hours a day, ensuring that survivors are able to leave their home any hour of the day or night. There are 16 beds and two cribs available in CARDV's two shelters located in Corvallis. When CARDV's shelters are full, local motels are used to provide shelter to survivors on a short term basis until space in the shelter opens up or the survivor is able to relocate to another safe place. In order to provide 24-hour shelter access and support, CARDV has six Shelter Advocates to share the 24-hour duties and a Residential Services Manager to supervise the shelter program.

While in shelter, survivors work on meeting goals to become self-sufficient. CARDV helps survivors reach their goals by providing referrals to community organizations. These referrals allow the survivor to access resources and support in the community. Survivors are provided with information about the dynamics of intimate partner violence, sexual assault and stalking while in shelter to increase education in order to better understand the violence they experienced and reduce their likelihood of continuing to or experiencing one of the aforementioned forms of violence.

<p>Recommended: \$ 12,940</p>

Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition (CHF)

Homeless Women's and Children's Housing Program \$25,000 request

Statement of Need:

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. Chris Hawkins 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.

Our solution to the problem is 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.

Program Description:

Our goal is to offer homeless children the same access to education as others. Every school district must designate a homeless liaison for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Our goal is to help the schools keep students in housing and in their home school by working with school liaisons to ensure that "50 (unduplicated) homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel and through coordination with other entities and agencies are served." Last year we placed 35 unduplicated children into permanent housing. The majority reside in the city and attend 509J. We do have families that live in Philomath in our program. A .50 FTE case manager works with the families and each family is assigned a volunteer mentor. 15 FTE of the executive director's time is dedicated to the program. We meet and serve families five days a week. We provide emergency outreach in the evenings and weekends. Other Agencies who have families as clients like COI are welcome to enter into an MOU with Corvallis Homeless Coalition for their clients.

- Corvallis Homeless Shelter Personal will hold 20 coordination meetings with school district liaisons and agency case managers for the purposes of identifying women and children in need of housing. .
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Recommended: \$ 0

Case Manager—Homeless Women & Children's \$10,000 request

Statement of Need:

The case manager for the Women's and Children's Housing Program helps provide 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. Chris Hawkins the Corvallis 509J Homeless Student Coordinator reports that her program has identified 200 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 in families that cannot pay the increased rents demanded in our community.

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Recommended: \$ 0

Men's Cold Weather Shelter \$25,000 request

Statement of Need:

We are asking for support for \$25,000 operational costs for the Men's Cold Weather Shelter. Homelessness is a critical issue in Corvallis. The City of Corvallis City Council defined as a goal the establishment of a permanent site for the Men's Cold Weather Shelter. With the support and help of the Mayor, City Councilors and staff Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition purchased the property at 530 SW 4th. The goal of the Council reflected the great concern of the Council about the need in the community for the emergency shelter. They concurred that a lack of the shelter would have detrimental financial and social implications for the City, City services, emergency rooms and criminal justice providers.

The Oversight committee for the Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Homelessness, supports the continuation of the Shelter. Corvallis Comprehensive plan states the following in 9.4.d: According to the 1996 Benton County Needs Assessment, and in light of recent reductions in State and Federal assistance and resources, housing requirements of special needs populations (the homeless, physically disabled, mentally disabled, and individuals in work release programs, etc.) are a concern for the community. Last year we housed 170 homeless men during the 5 months of cold weather. This year as of Dec 31 we housed 114 vulnerable homeless men.

Program Description:

The program is the Men's Cold Weather Shelter is a five-month service to chronically homeless men opening on November 1 and closing on March 31st. The shelter is open every night at 7: 00 PM. The men leave the shelter at 7AM. This year we have a new software program for registration. This makes all the data collection easy and accessible. Upon check-in, each person signs-in and records their bed number, the sign-in process is a recommitment to following the shelter guidelines. The TV room stays open until 10PM, lights are out at this time and guests are expected to settle into their beds. Many guests go to bed earlier than 10PM. Guests are allowed to keep personal items at the shelter during the day.

The Men's Cold Weather Shelter benefits 170 (unduplicated count) chronically homeless men a year. 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 disability or developmental disability, frequent histories of hospitalization, unstable employment and incarceration. We house several men who have been recently discharged from Good Samaritan Hospital with severe physical and mental health issues. The population lives in Corvallis while in the shelter. Some of them are Benton County natives. Staffing for the shelter is provided by one paid staff on duty at all times. This requires 1.8 FTE an evening. The paid staff is always accompanied by volunteers. We have 6 volunteers a night. We use 3,450 volunteer hours during the 5 month period. The early evening is staffed by a trained case manager.

Recommended: \$ 5,000

Outreach Men’s Cold Weather Shelter \$10,000 request

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The need is to reduce the friction between the community and the homeless population. We have been in discussion with the Downtown Association and the Chamber of Commerce and our partners in our joint mission to provide a community in which our citizens all are served. Corvallis and Benton County has a visible culture of homelessness. This statement is based on the findings in the Benton County's Ten-Year Plan to End Homeless and on Corvallis Homeless Shelters past eight years of experiences. Our goal is to have the contact information for the outreach worker widely distributed among the community and its business members. Without direct interventions this phenomenon will not disappear.

Sometimes offenses warrant calling the police. But, calling the police for concerns that are not illegal is a waste of the criminal justice resources. An example would be homeless loitering in a restaurant. The proprietor does not want the police in the establishment it disturbs other customers. He simply would like the homeless who is not ordering to leave. The Outreach Worker addresses basic human needs for the most destitute in Corvallis and Benton County. She is the first responder to the homeless. We were able to provide over 180 contacts with the homeless and near homeless. These contacts are defined as an interaction with a person who is homeless which leads to an opportunity to reduce community/business friction and pursue a helpful resource for the homeless.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Outreach Worker is the critical link between the estimated 700 homeless in Corvallis/ Benton County and services. Last year on a .25 FTE we made 188 unduplicated contacts with the homeless in the community. Our goal is 340 unduplicated contacts for 2016. Trust has been built with the homeless population. Homeless are willing to talk to the outreach worker to access resources. We are often unaware how difficult it is to gain the confidence of the homeless and therefore difficult to help them access resources. 188 unduplicated people have been helped by the Outreach Worker this year. The Outreach Worker works afternoon and evening hours on call services are available at all times. Service providers may offer food boxes but they do not transport homeless to the food sites or home with the food box. The Outreach Worker does. In fact much of what the Outreach Worker does is provide the critical linkage so that the homeless can access services. She routinely sets up and transports homeless to medical/mental health appointments, helps access prescriptions, food boxes, clothes including shoes, socks, hygiene items and showers (in some cases actually showering disabled homeless).

The outreach worker will make her services know to local business and the police. The case manager will defuse possible conflicts between community members and the homeless. For this to happen:

This population needs a knowledgeable trusted Outreach Worker who will assess their needs and provide information to them

This population needs an outreach Worker aware of referral and case management protocols to array of services to meet their needs

his population needs an Outreach Worker who will work cooperatively with providers to determine how to pay for food, housing and medical needs (Such as SSI, SSDI, and DHS etc.)

This population needs an advocate aware of sources of medical treatment, someone who is prepared to assist them in accessing medical care.

Recommended: \$ 0

Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County

Basic Services for Low-income Latino Families \$30,260 request

Statement of Need:

Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County (CLUBC) meets the needs of low-income Latino families in our community, particularly first-generation immigrants counted among the working poor for whom the challenges of low-wage jobs are compounded with linguistic and cultural obstacles that slow down social integration. Because our clients find it difficult to access mainstream services and supports, CLUBC provides linguistically appropriate and culturally specific basic-need services for this population. Daily interactions with landlords, healthcare, schools, social service agencies, courts, and financial institutions often leave them confused and disempowered. CLUBC mediates in these circumstances, providing interpretation, improving communication, providing case management and client advocacy that are essential to avoid social and cultural marginalization of these families. We also organize workshops in Spanish on financial literacy, healthcare forums parenting and parental involvement in schools.

Our clients trust CLUBC bilingual staff with their stories, personal experiences, and issues of concern. Our services are so useful that our clientele is growing. For example, in January and February 2015 (under new leadership) we served 47 (37 unduplicated clients). Thus, extrapolating these numbers to the fiscal year 2015-2016, we estimate that CLUBC staff could serve upwards of 170 families/individuals. Our intervention facilitates equal access to community resources (e.g. human and social service agencies, and faith-based organizations). By facilitating Latinos' access to basic services, our organization contributes to promote self-sufficiency and equity among these members of our community.

Program Description:

Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County is an organization committed to facilitating the integration of Latinos into the broader community by (a) promoting the well-being of families, (b) providing opportunities for leadership and capacity building, (c) supporting and advancing their equal rights and equal access, and (d) creating a climate of tolerance and cross-cultural understanding. We provide the following basic services to our clients: assistance filling out forms (i.e., W2 Forms; job applications, rental forms etc.); translation and interpretation; information and referrals to human and social service agencies; document and facilitate the investigation of discrimination cases, and invite individuals to drop by our office for informal meetings in order to discuss their concerns.

Our target population encompasses low-income underserved Latino families in Corvallis and across Benton County. From January to December, 2014, we served 79 unduplicated clients (65 residing in Corvallis and 14 residing elsewhere in Benton County). We project that in FY 2015-16, we will serve at least 175 unduplicated clients, and have over 225 service interactions with them. CLUBC provides services Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 2:00pm.

This population in Corvallis grew from 4.7% in 2000 to 6.4% in 2010. The 2013 ACS estimates that 3,835 (70% of the entire Latino population) Latinos live in poverty in Corvallis. The income of about 12.8% (490) of these Latinos is less than 50% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); 28.6% of Latinos in Corvallis earn less than 100% FPL; 40.2% earn less than 125% FPL. Of the clients served in FY 2013-2014, xxx had an education level of 6th grade or less.

Staff: Executive Director Dr. Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, retired from OSU in 2007 after a 33-year academic career. Her Ph.D. is in Latin American Literature, and she has published extensively on Latino culture and literature. She has served on local, state and national boards including the Benton County Library Board of Directors, the leadership team of the Benton/Linn Coalition for Health Equity, and the Oregon Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs. In 2009, with the support of community members, Dr. Gonzales-Berry founded CLUBC.

Case Worker Ana Ríos was born in Morelos, Mexico. A first-generation college student, Ana Benton/Linn Leadership received an Associate of Arts Degree from Linn-Benton Community College in 2012. She is now working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Corban University. Before coming to CLUBC,

<p>Recommended: \$ 30,260</p>

Ana worked as Legal Secretary for the office of Affordable Immigration Services, and was a victim advocate assistant in the Linn County District Attorney's Office.

Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc.

Food Purchase \$3,000 request

Statement of Need:

The Coastal Range Food Bank is needed because we fill the gap in services that are not available for a 25 mile radius in central western Benton Co. Many of our rural residents lack access to grocery stores or adequate affordable transportation, also no Senior meals site, and at Blodgett Elementary 53.9% of the 39 students qualify for free lunches also there is no Backpack program. Most of our client's monthly income is between \$500 and \$700 a month and usually they also have SNAP and the Oregon Health Plan, Our clients are 65% Caucasian, 25% American Indian, and 10% Asian.

Program Description:

•Coastal Range Food Bank's (CRFB) Mission is: Feeding the hungry today and solving hunger tomorrow through community partnership. CRFB has had a partnership with the community for over 23 years. Once a month 283 needy rural Benton County clients shop in our grocery store set up for 3 to 5 days of food. Our customers call our store the "MINI WALMART" because of our Trading Post where they can shop or trade for donated items.

The funds from the Basic Needs grant will go to our Food Program because we own our site and have our Trading Post enterprise that generates funds for all our operation costs and capital expenses. The addition of the Trading Post has completed the CRFB as a totally functional business. Because of the success of the Trading Post we are able to provide for all our future capital needs and have the funds for growth.

The primary strength of CRFB is in our dedicated Volunteers that range in age from 10 to 83 years old. Also we serve a community that really appreciates the fact there we give our time to bring help and hope to their lives. The funds from the Basic Needs grant will go to our Food Program because of our Trading Post that covers all our operation costs and capital expenses.

<p>Recommended: \$ 3,000</p>

Community Outreach, Inc.

Basic Needs \$45,000 request

Statement of Need:

Currently, 21.6% of the population of Benton County lives below the poverty level, and in a recent study of 27 U.S. cities found that 13% of homeless individuals are employed. For those living in poverty or close to the poverty line, unexpected financial events such as a broken down vehicle can be debilitating. By offering emergency support to meet basic needs such as limited monetary support, case management and crisis intervention, information and referral, COI can often provide resources needed to resolve the immediate crisis.

The Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Issues Surrounding Housing and Homelessness identifies a need for financial assistance programs to cover the financial shortfall and meet basic needs. Additionally, the City of Corvallis Housing Division's Five Year Consolidated Plan identifies a need to meet the basic needs of low income and homeless individuals and families in order to improve the living conditions and self-sufficiency. Basic needs are identified as food, water, shelter, warmth, clothing, safety, access to information, basic healthcare, and freedom from fear and violence. Both of these plans identify Community Outreach as a provider of these services.

Program Description:

COI provides for the basic needs of low-income and homeless families in Corvallis and Benton County as well as those staying in our shelters. We do not currently track whether clients served are in the city limits or elsewhere in Benton County. We offer shelter, food and kitchen facilities, and medical and behavioral healthcare. We also offer a number of services designed to ensure that our clients receive the support they need to achieve self-sufficiency. Last fiscal year we served approximately 9,000 duplicated clients with our basic services, and we expect to serve approximately 9,000 next year.

- Icon City and Hand Up are charitable giving platforms that connect the needs of our clients with the resources of our community. Icon City users receive a weekly text message alerting them to the needs of COI clients such as clothes, furniture, and household goods. We have also joined HandUp, a charitable giving website that supports client goals such as providing repairs on a work vehicle or funds for a job certification. Funds are raised through HandUp's community of online donors. Donations are coordinated with the help of an AmeriCorps VISTA member and COI case managers.

- Crisis Intervention, Information, and Referral provides walk-in services Monday-Saturday from 8a.m.-9p.m. and includes showers, free hygiene supplies, bus tickets, phone, mail, and message services, and we have Spanish speaking staff on site. Social Service Assistants provide walk-in clients with information or direct them to other COI or community services. We provide walk-in crisis intervention for domestic violence, drug abuse, mental illness, and other issues, and we offer access to one of our onsite counselors. Our information and referral line works in conjunction with 2-1-1, and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Social Service Assistants answer the calls, talking individuals through a crisis, and providing them with information to alleviate their crisis.

- Direct Client Assistance includes transportation and limited monetary assistance for needed services such as the cost of obtaining identification cards, furniture share delivery fees, rental application fees or other financial barriers to self-sufficiency. Direct client assistance is coordinated through experienced COI case managers who work regularly with clients.

A key component is meeting our clients where they are at and focusing on their strengths over their weaknesses. With support from our case managers and other staff we strive to give our clients the tools and resources to self-advocate as they work towards self-sufficiency.

Recommended: \$ 0

Food Services \$20,000 request

Basic Need Category:

Statement of Need:

In Benton County 21.6% of the population lives below the federal poverty level, and 15.8% or 13,480 individuals lack a consistent source of food, a third of which are children. Low income households are often confronted with the choice of paying for food or paying for other essentials. According to a study done by Feeding America, a majority of food insecure households report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities (69%), transportation (67%), medical care (66%), or housing (57%) at some point during the year. Among households making these difficult decisions, typically one-third report doing so every month. We partner with agencies at the local, state, and federal level to offer a myriad of food related services, and we continue to experience record numbers of individuals served through our food program.

Program Description:

Our food program serves clients in our integrated shelter, those supported by other COI programs, and families from Corvallis and Benton County. We do not currently track whether clients served are in the city limits or elsewhere in Benton County. Our clients range in age from newborns to people in their mid-eighties. Every visitor to Community Outreach first sees our community pantry, which is available to anyone to drop in and take what they need to supplement their food at home. Donations from community

members, local restaurants, and grocers are a key component of our food program, and demonstrates our community's commitment to working with COI to fight hunger.

We also provide emergency food boxes to individual households, which include enough food to feed a family for three days. Food boxes are available six days a week from 8 am to 9 pm, including Saturdays when many other food banks are closed. Each box includes a balance of protein, fruits, vegetables, grains, and dairy products that improve the overall health of our clients, and include information about other food resources available to them. We also provide the kitchen facilities for families to prepare food, including access to a sink, table, chairs, microwaves, utensils, and supplemental food from our food pantry.

Additionally, we provide clients with information about nutrition and cooking. Every other week the Linus Pauling Institute comes to COI to teach nutritious cooking for families, fostering peer support and communication among the families. COI staff provides childcare so the parents may learn to enjoy cooking. At the end of each class the families have a nutritious meal for their family as well as a recipe they have learned to prepare. We also offer life skills classes on food and nutrition including healthy meal planning, grocery shopping on a budget, and getting the most for their SNAP benefits.

Last year we provided 1,747 food boxes feeding 5,321 duplicated community members, as well as 337 shelter clients served through our food pantry. We expect to serve 5,500 duplicated individuals next fiscal year. The Social Services Director and Assistant Social Services Director oversee the food program, working along with our Social Service Assistants who order food and assemble the food boxes. Additionally, our Volunteer Coordinator recruits volunteers to assist in the process.

Recommended: \$ 10,000

Health Services \$60,000 request

Basic Need Category:

Statement of Need:

More than a year after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, many of our clients who now have access to healthcare are scheduled out for appointments with a provider between three and nine months, resulting in usage of Emergency Departments or Immediate Care Centers, and many low-income patients are still unable to afford the copayment or prescriptions they may need.

The Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Issues Surrounding Housing and Homelessness identifies low cost medical and dental care as an essential supportive service to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness achieve stability. Additionally, the City of Corvallis Housing Division's Five Year Consolidated Plan identifies a need for expanded medical and dental care for people not covered or inadequately covered by existing healthcare. Both of these plans identify Community Outreach as a provider of these services.

According to a study done by the National Coalition for the Homeless, 25% of the homeless population in the United States suffers from some form of mental illness, 38% were dependent on alcohol, and 26% abused other drugs. Mental illness and substance abuse issues disrupt an individual's ability to carry out essential aspects of daily life such as self-care, holding a job, and maintaining positive relationships. Counseling for those who struggle with mental health or substance abuse issues fosters stability and leads to positive outcomes including a drop in arrests, shorter incarceration times, and improved social, emotional, and vocational functioning.

Program Description:

Community Outreach provides behavioral, medical, and dental health services to the uninsured, newly insured individuals who do not have immediate access to providers, low-income and homeless community members, and those staying in our shelters. Last year we served 2,480 unduplicated individuals in Corvallis and Benton County, and we expect to serve 2,500 in the upcoming year. We do not currently track whether clients served are in the city limits or elsewhere in Benton County.

Behavioral health services are provided by professionally trained counselors and includes state-certified outpatient mental health, marriage and family counseling, substance abuse treatment, and domestic abuse intervention and prevention. Mental health and substance abuse treatment offer individualized treatment plans that identify goals and objectives and incorporate group and individual sessions. Mental health focuses on clients improved understanding of their condition and increased ability to manage their symptoms. Substance abuse treatment addresses barriers clients may encounter during treatment, relapse prevention, and creating healthy support systems. We also offer Domestic Abuse Prevention with a focus on developing personal skills and a support network as they work to rebuild their lives. Domestic Abuse Intervention teaches coping strategies; nonviolent ways of talking, thinking, and behaving towards others; and works to address beliefs that contribute to generational violence.

Medical services provide acute and primary care at clinics in Corvallis Mondays and Fridays 8a.m.-10a.m. and Wednesdays 5:30pm-9p.m, and Lebanon clinics are Tuesdays and the first and third Wednesday of each month 5:30p.m.-9p.m. We provide specialty clinics by appointment for physical therapy, diabetes education, gynecology, and psychiatric services. Clients are also referred to specialists, as needed, and receive lab and radiology tests and prescriptions at little to no cost. Through Advantage Dental and the Linn-Benton Community College Dental Assistant program, we provide basic dental care services one or two times per month, based on need and availability of services. Medical and dental services are provided on a volunteer basis by community providers, and are overseen by our Health Services Director.

Additionally, Community Outreach has recently partnered with local medical providers, translators, farms, and businesses to provide preventative and acute medical care at temporary rural clinic locations for individuals throughout Benton County who still face barriers to healthcare. Patients range from 18-50 years old, and approximately 50% of patients seen at each clinic need more than one service at a time.

<p>Recommended: \$ 46,940</p>

Integrated Shelter \$70,000 request

Basic Need Category:

Statement of Need:

In Benton County 21.6% of the population lives below the federal poverty level, and According to the 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report families with children make up 37% of all homeless people. Community Outreach operates the only emergency shelter able to accommodate families with children in Benton County, and the only transitional shelter program for veterans, unaccompanied young adults and families. We consistently operate at full capacity, and last year we had to turn away 95 families due to a lack of space. Children who experience frequent moves and multiple episodes of unstable housing are more vulnerable to develop health issues and have higher rates of asthma, ear infections, stomach problems, and speech problems. Additionally, homeless children are also at-risk for more mental health problems including anxiety, depression, and withdrawal. They are twice as likely to experience hunger, and four times as likely to have delayed development.

The Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Issues Surrounding Housing and Homelessness identifies both emergency and transitional shelter as well as our supportive services as a vital resource to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness achieve stability. Additionally, the City of Corvallis Housing Division's Five Year Consolidated Plan identifies a need to support agencies that provide direct services to individuals, families with children, victims of domestic violence, veterans, and unaccompanied young adults. Both of these plans identify Community Outreach as a provider of these services.

Program Description:

Integrated shelter is available year round, seven days a week, and is divided into three categories. Emergency shelter provides a warm and safe place to sleep for homeless families, and serves as a first step of getting off the street. Emergency shelter was created to meet the basic needs of homeless families, providing food and kitchen facilities, showers, free hygiene supplies, crisis counseling, and

information. Our zero tolerance policy for illegal drugs and alcohol is temporarily suspended to offer this service to homeless families in need. Families in emergency shelter also have access to case management with a focus on problem solving, and can apply for temporary shelter which is available to single men, women, and includes access to health services, space to store their belongings, and information.

Transitional shelter provides full-time housing in a structured and supportive environment as clients work towards stability. We require clients in temporary and transitional shelter be drug free for the safety of children in shelter, the clients in our substance abuse programs, and our staff. Clients who apply for transitional shelter have acknowledged a desire for stability and identified goals and an action plan to achieving those goals. Clients in transitional shelter are encouraged to access our supportive services including medical and dental care, substance abuse and mental health counseling, domestic abuse intervention, referral services, affordable childcare, and are paired with a case manager who will help identify their goals and the barriers to achieving them.

Clients in transitional shelter also attend life skills classes that teach coping skills, including health and nutrition, communication, financial fitness, and job skills. Additionally, we offer life skills classes tailored to veterans, young adults, and families with children that incorporate peer support to encourage development of positive relationships and support systems in the community.

Last year we served 335 individuals through integrated shelter program, and we expect to serve 370 unduplicated individuals next fiscal year. Our Social Services Director and Assistant Social Services Director oversee the program working with our life skills coordinator and case managers to ensure all of the clients' needs are met along with the Social Service Assistants who are onsite 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist clients. For individuals and families who are staying in shelter, COI becomes their home and neighborhood. We do not currently track whether clients came from within the city or elsewhere in Benton County.

Recommended: \$ 60,000

Mari's Place \$35,000 request

Statement of Need:

Childcare affordability is a major county issue as local rates are among the highest in the state. According to a 2012 study conducted by Oregon State University, the median annual cost of childcare in Benton County was \$11,940 compared to the \$6,679 annual average price of public university tuition. The cost of toddler care in Benton County for a minimum wage worker is a staggering 65% of their income. Mari's Place was created, in part, to assist families by providing tuition on a sliding fee scale based on a parent's income, so that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. In response to the growing need of local families, COI has recently doubled the number of childcare slots available at Mari's Place.

Program Description:

Mari's Place is a state certified childcare center serving children six weeks to five years old who have experienced early childhood trauma both within Corvallis and Benton County. We do not currently track whether clients served are in the city limits or elsewhere in Benton County. Mari's Place is available Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to serve homeless families, single parents, and the working poor who are in need of affordable childcare so they can work, continue their education, or save money as they move to permanent housing. One in four of the 30 families served by Mari's Place live in Community Outreach Transitional shelter.

Inspired by the Waldorf model, Mari's Place was created to help children feel safe and protected in their environment. The children who attend Mari's place are encouraged to talk about their feelings, play outdoors, and simply be children. They eat fresh food, grow their own vegetables, and learn how to interact in healthy ways to address conflict with their peers. Our nurturing caregivers and calm, secure atmosphere helps children establish positive feelings about themselves and the world around them.

While the focus of Mari's Place is the children, addressing the needs of the entire family is a key

component of breaking the generational cycle of neglect, abuse, and poverty faced by so many of those we serve. Parents are required to volunteer in classrooms one hour a week and attend a minimum of three parenting classes every quarter. We also provide frequent updates to parents and give them the tools to understand the developmental stages that are generally expected of children at various ages. Additionally, the families of Mari's Place also have access to agency services that suit their family's needs including shelter, life skills classes, mental and behavioral health counseling, addiction counseling, and crisis intervention and information referral services.

COI hires professionally trained staff and assistants to support the families and children of Mari's Place. The Director of Mari's Place has more than 25 years of experience working with children and families, and in our expansion efforts we have hired an additional teacher's assistant and increased the hours of a certified teacher by .5 FTE. Last year we served a total of 24 unduplicated children, and so far this fiscal year we have served 30 children from 28 families. We expect to serve a total of 60 unduplicated children next fiscal year.

<p>Recommended: \$ 25,000</p>

Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets

SNAP Incentives \$3,640 request

Statement of Need:

Households receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps) struggle to serve healthful meals and often pick calories over nutrients to stretch SNAP and other food resources.

Diets high in processed foods and low in fruits, vegetables and other nutrient-dense foods often result. SNAP lifts many families out of poverty but often not at a good nutritional level supporting engaged performance at work and school.

Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap finds a 15.8 percent rate of food insecurity in Benton County in 2012, compared with 16.7 percent for Oregon. Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) reports show Oregon still has 1 in 5 residents receiving SNAP. Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon lists Benton is the county with the lowest participation among eligible persons in the state – 39 percent vs. 73 percent statewide in 2012. That equals 10,089 people a month. Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets (CAFM) has offered SNAP since 2007, but redemption at farmers' markets is low for a variety of reasons.

SNAP recipients often need help to overcome barriers separating them from healthy foods. CAFM runs incentive programs that can add \$12 a week to a food budget, which can double the amount available to spend on healthier food.

A 2013-14 study published by Ten Rivers Food web found all respondents indicated they ate healthier, fresher food, including more vegetables, and were more selective in general. It also found SNAP use at market highest among women between 25 and 34 and those with annual incomes under \$5,000.

Program Description:

Since 2010, CAFM has sporadically offered a \$6 incentive for SNAP customers who converted \$6 or more to our SNAP tokens. SNAP participants are eligible once per market day -- twice per week in Corvallis. This doubles food budgets if exactly \$6 of SNAP is redeemed. Some SNAP cardholders redeem higher amounts of SNAP per market but are not eligible beyond the \$6 incentive.

Incentive tokens are good for all SNAP-eligible foods at market. Farmers, many of modest means themselves, benefit from serving people who might not otherwise afford their products. Current estimates say \$1 in SNAP generates \$1.79 in economic activity. That is likely true of SNAP incentives, and our farmers will spend some of that money in Corvallis even if they live in a neighboring county. We maintain a wireless card reader, merchant services and part-time administrative staff to issue tokens, keep detailed records and accept token returns from farmers, who are later reimbursed by check. This

requires 4.5 hours at 64 events per year in Corvallis, plus 2-4 hours per week on spreadsheets, reconciliation and payment by the market director (or designee.)

In 2014 we redeemed \$30,434 in SNAP in Corvallis and issued \$11416 in SNAP incentives. Our high water mark for incentives was \$5,508 a year, but our SNAP transaction records indicate we could distribute into five figures if we could raise it. We have been accepted for an Oregon proposal to the federal Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Program (FINIP) process in the 2014 Farm Bill. If funded, that would be available in 2016 and we would use any Basic Needs allocation as match.

We have designed the 2015 and 2016 seasons on the concept of Second Saturday and Second Wednesday distributions to create some certainty at achievable funding levels. Most SNAP cardholders will have funds on their cards at this point of the month. We expect to issue 405 incentives of \$6 in the 2015 portion of the service year. In 2016 through June, we would issue 265 incentives of up to \$10 in accordance with the FINIP program. The scope will change to only fruits and vegetables.

Service counts represented here are duplicated. Unduplicated counts are difficult to achieve without outside help.

With stable funding, we can resume outreach, including handbills in places where food assistance is offered and more coverage in our regular customer communications channels.

<p>Recommended: \$ 2,000</p>

Corvallis Environmental Center

SAGE Food for Families \$10,000 request

Statement of Need:

In Benton County, 15.8% of households (13,480 individuals) are food insecure--lacking consistent access to adequate amounts of food--and the number seeking food assistance has risen 35% since 2007. Local agencies report that 25% of families they serve have never accessed emergency food before. Unfortunately, at the same time that the need for food assistance is increasing, the food available at agencies is not adequately feeding these vulnerable populations. In particular, families turning to relief agencies to close their food gap find little in the way of fresh vegetables. The more nutrient-rich vegetables are expensive and perishable, difficult to store and transport, and not part of the typical allotment emergency food agencies receive. As a result, food pantries and soup kitchens do not provide a sufficient and consistent array of vegetables. This lack of fresh vegetables in the food assistance safety net is especially impactful for children, who at the South Corvallis Food Bank are 41% of the recipients of emergency food. According to Benton County Health Department, food insecurity in children compromises physical health and impairs cognitive ability more than in any other age group.

In "Ending Hunger Before It Begins: Oregon's Call to Action", Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon call for "increasing availability of and access to Oregon grown fruits and vegetables" as one of the recommended actions to strengthen our regional food system, improve the safety net, and ultimately end hunger in Oregon. The SAGE Food for Families program answers this call in Corvallis.

Program Description:

The SAGE Food for Families program partners with local emergency food distribution and social service agencies to provide fresh vegetables to vulnerable populations in Corvallis. Three or more times per week during the majority of the year and weekly in the winter, the SAGE Food for Families program delivers fresh vegetables to local food pantries, feeding sites, and other agencies in Corvallis--providing a consistent, year-round supply of fresh, nutrient-dense vegetables to food insecure families. In 2015, over three tons of vegetables will be grown for the project at the SAGE garden, the Corvallis Environmental (CEC) 1-acre production garden.

Produce from SAGE is a critical part of the food safety net in Corvallis. The South Corvallis Food Bank

estimates that SAGE supplies 30%-50% of the produce they provide their clients, depending on the season. "Besides being a large percentage of our produce donations, SAGE is one of three organizations we count on for reliable, ongoing donations." Stone Soup, Corvallis' free meal program, calculates that SAGE provides 80% of their fresh vegetables.

Target Populations and numbers served: The SAGE Food for Families program targets low-income and vulnerable populations in Corvallis. The project significantly impacts the individuals and families who utilize local emergency food services—in particular the 1,100 individuals a month served by the South Corvallis Food Bank, the 2,250 low-income students who access food at the OSU Food Pantry, and the predominately homeless individuals who eat the 19,700 free meals served annually by Stone Soup. The project also reaches seniors at the Senior Center, homeless and runaway teens at Jackson Street Youth Shelter, and families seeking services at Old Mill Center for Children and Families. (Counts are from partner agencies and contain duplicates.)

Current and projected service: In 2014, SAGE produced 5,224 pounds of food for distribution. In 2015, SAGE will produce 6,000 pounds, an increase of 15%. Based on feedback from partner agencies, we will focus on increasing vegetables available during shoulder and winter seasons as a means to improve (and not duplicate) service to partner agencies.

Key staff: The primary staff involved in the project is the SAGE Garden Manager. This is the only paid position at SAGE. The garden manager is responsible for planning and growing the garden as well as recruiting and working with the more than 550 volunteers who come to SAGE annually to help plant and harvest.

Recommended: \$ 0

Dates of service: SAGE operates year-round.

Furniture Share

Sustaining Client Services to Target Populations Through Furniture Delivery and Landfill Diversion \$30,000 request

Statement of Need:

The program Sustaining Client Services to Target Populations through Furniture Delivery and Landfill Diversion program will administer the redistribution of quality used furniture to individuals and families in need to ensure safety, health, comfort and quality of life and maintain current client services and help increase those services to our communities' crisis populations within Benton County. The program anticipated impact on our target population we are requesting support for is to ensure the safety, health, comfort and quality of life within Benton County. BEDS for KIDS, Feeding Our Future and Furniture for Individuals in Crisis projects is part of our on-going effort to provide furniture to 1725 community members with the greatest need to promote self-sufficiency including homeless, elderly/frail, and any person(s) that suffers the consequences of social or economical detriments. This project will also preserve our environment by diverting 5,175 furniture and household items equating to 129.375 tons of REUSEABLE home furnishings from the landfill.

Program Description:

The program Sustaining Client Services to Target Populations through Furniture Delivery and Landfill Diversion program will be administer through the following three projects: BED for KIDS, Feeding Our Future and Furniture for Families in Crisis. The key staff involved in service delivery is Michelle Maddux-Robinson, Executive Director, Jennifer Puma, Administrative Assistant, Robert Rogers and Wayne Rennels, Warehouse Delivery Coordinator. The organizations hours of service are Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. The current unduplicated clients expected to be served for 2014 are 1725 and we project to serve 2225 unduplicated clients for the year 2015.

The "BEDS for KIDS" project we are requesting support for will ensure the safety, health, comfort and quality of life by providing 750 beds to 750 children within Benton County. The purpose of our request is

to distribute beds to children who are moving into stable housing from domestic violence, homelessness and other crisis situations.

“Feeding Our Future” project seeks to provide 125 dinner tables and chairs to families and individuals (a combined anticipated 375 individuals) within Benton County. This program provides tables and chairs, recipes with five ingredients or less. Research data supports the fact that families that eat together, live together supporting each other with improved nutrition (less obesity), improved vocabulary and grades at school, and improved family behavior resulting in less violence. This project is designed to improve health, education, and family stability along with performance at school, the workplace, and community. “Furniture for Individuals in Crisis” project seeks to provide basic furniture needs such as a sofa/love seat, end table, coffee table, book shelf, TV, adult bed and linens, dresser and other furniture needs to 1,000 individuals and families within Benton County. Without a functional living space, families are unable to stabilize their lives or move toward self-sufficiency, improved health and independence. The challenge of living in an inadequate environment can adversely affect mental and physical health, and significantly increase the probability of repeat hardship. Our services effectively impact the people we assist by reducing mental stress; strengthening productivity at work and school; increasing family connections and enhancing relationships; and offering an opportunity to create a meaningful life. Providing individuals and families with recycled furniture and household items can ensure smooth transitioning to a better quality of life.

Recommended: \$ 0

Heartland Humane Society

Emergency and Safe Housing Program \$3,000 request

Statement of Need:

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.

Program Description:

Through the Emergency and Safe Housing Program Heartland hopes to serve an unserved local population; individuals and families in crisis or transition needing aid, for which their pet guardianship is a barrier to receiving the assistance that they need. This program's goal is to temporarily remove this barrier so that the client may receive necessary aid and be reunited with their pet after their crisis resolution or successful transition has occurred.

Services offered through this program are not, to our knowledge, available in any other way locally at low or no-cost to the client.

This program served 26 unduplicated clients in 2014. Two of these clients lived outside of Corvallis city

limits, the rest had residential addresses within city limits or did not list a permanent address. This number was an all-time high for us. We conservatively expect to serve 24 clients in 2015, as this is more in line with the trend of previous years.

This program is administrated by a part time staff member and serviced by all staff, meaning that a call or request for service can come in at any time and be received and processed by any staff member and reviewed by the program administrator within a 24 hour period. This program's services are available year round.

<p>Recommended: \$ 1,500</p>

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc.

Emergency and Transitional Shelter for Runaway and Homeless Youth \$30,000

Statement of Need:

"I have been in and out of Jackson Street Youth Shelter since I was 13. My home environment was abusive, emotionally and physically.....I was called worthless every day, and I began to believe it."

This is a typical story of youth served by our shelter. National studies report that 36-50 percent of runaways say they left home to escape abuse. Some youth find themselves in situations where there parents are unable to take care of them because of poverty, substance abuse, and/or mental illness. Some youth are asked to leave home because of their behavior or conflicts with family.

Because runaway and homeless youth often lack the skills and support to find legitimate work, they are likely to be involved in illegal activities or trade sex for food and shelter. Portland State University completed a study in 2009 that found the cost of not intervening could be \$470,000 to \$3,000,000 over one person's lifetime because of incarceration and other services.

Although Benton County is often in the top 10 counties for conditions for children, our county was ranked 21st out of Oregon counties by Children First of Oregon for rates of homelessness among children in 2014. In 2014, Benton County School Districts reported 301 homeless students, 151 of these students are in Corvallis. Although school districts reported no unaccompanied youth, our experience is that there are youth in our community who are on their own and not connected with school. The Benton County Juvenile Department reported 52 incidents of runaway youth in 2013.

Program Description:

Runaway and Homeless youth need a safe place to be while they increase their well-being. Our Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living Programs provide safe, stable housing and services for runaway and homeless youth ages 10-20. Runaway and Homeless Youth ages 10-17 are served in our Corvallis Overnight Shelter on Jackson Avenue. The majority are in need of Emergency Shelter which serves youth up to 21 days until they can be safely reunited with their families or other caregivers. Some youth cannot return to their families and enter our Transitional Living Program where they learn skills to live on their own. If youth turn 18 while in our Transitional Living Program, they are eligible to enter our Transitional Living Program house which provides a supported environment and programming to help them to live more independently. Both of these programs offer a continuum of services such as family mediation, educational support, case management and referrals for services, Independent Living Skills classes, mentoring, and Positive Youth Development activities to improve their safety and well-being. Last year, we served 36 Benton County youth in Emergency Shelter (unduplicated), 8 youth in Transitional Shelter, and generally serve 40-60 youth from Benton County each year. Most of these youth are from Corvallis. The Corvallis Overnight Shelter Supervisor oversees all staffing and emergency case management for youth served, caseworker staff work shifts at the shelter 24/7/365 days a year and work with youth and their families to complete goals outlined in their case plan. Our Transitional Living Program Coordinator provides oversight of youth living at our Transitional Living Program house for homeless youth ages 18-20. Our Program Director, Kendra Sue Phillips Neal is responsible for oversight of all our program staff, providing program guidance and enforcement. Our Emergency Shelter program

is licensed by Oregon DHS and both our Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living Programs follow guidelines outlined by the Runaway and Homeless Youth program of the federal Administration on Children and Families.

In the past we have submitted applications for both Emergency Shelter and our Transitional Living Program, however, both of these programs provide shelter and services to homeless and runaway youth with the same outcome; ensuring youth exit to safety.

<p>Recommended: \$ 25,000</p>

Linn Benton Food Share

Linn Benton Food Share \$40,000 request

Statement of Need:

Food insecurity continues to be a problem in Corvallis, OR. For calendar year 2014, Linn Benton food Share provided a total of 937,263 pounds of food to our network of local non-profits serving the Corvallis community. The emergency food box program provided services to 12,179 individuals (unduplicated) in 2014. This represents fully 22 percent of the residents of Corvallis. This is in line with a higher-than-expected poverty rate for both Benton County and Corvallis (21.6% and 29.5% respectively, according to US Census). In addition, Benton county has the dubious distinction of having one of the lowest participation rates in the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Program, formerly known as Food Stamps) program. In fact, it is estimated that only 39% of those eligible in Benton County actually participate in SNAP. Due to this low rate, a greater burden is put on the emergency food system. Linn Benton Food Share is committed to helping increase SNAP participation.

Furthermore, Oregon continues to be ranked in the top ten nationwide in childhood food insecurity rates. Ominously, Benton County (15.8%) is above the state average (15%) for food insecurity, with the rate for childhood food insecurity for Benton County at an alarming 21.6 percent (Map the Meal Gap, FeedingAmerica.Org; city data is not available). In addition, emergency meal sites served 92,668 meals to Corvallis residents. Most of these clients would not otherwise have access to a hot meal in a secure location. LBFS is committed to the proposition that no one go hungry in our community.

People seek emergency food due to a host of reasons. A sudden loss of work income, an unexpected transportation failure, illness or family emergency can leave a family that is just scraping by in a situation where putting food on the table comes at the cost of paying rent. Having to cut your child's meal so one can pay the electric bill is a choice no one should have to make. This is why Linn Benton Food Share exists.

Program Description:

LBFS is the regional food bank for Linn & Benton counties. LBFS is affiliated with the Oregon Food Bank and Feeding America. We serve a network of 74 local nonprofits. In Corvallis, LBFS serves the following emergency food pantries: Community Outreach, St Vincent de Paul, South Corvallis food bank, OSU Food bank. Each food pantry serves a unique geographic territory of Corvallis. We serve the following emergency meal programs: Stone Soup, First Christian, Room @ the Inn, Corvallis Family Table, Corvallis Homeless Shelter, CARDV, and Jackson St Shelter. We serve non-emergency programs, too, including: Grace Center, Janus House, among others. We also provide food to the Mary's River gleaners.

LBFS seeks to provide emergency food help to anyone who cannot afford to buy food on their own. Recipients of the Emergency Food Box (EFB) program must be at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. We also provide food and technical assistance to 14 gleaning groups in Linn & Benton counties. The largest gleaning group, Mary's River Gleaners, serves approximately 900 individuals throughout the year with weekly supplemental food. Approximately 70 percent of Mary's River Gleaners are Corvallis residents. You must be at or below 200% of poverty to join a gleaning group.

Non-emergency programs affiliated with LBFS particularly benefit by the cost savings they realize on food and non-food items. These savings can then be put toward better programming for their at-risk clients.

Linn Benton Food Share also operates the Food Rescue/Fresh Alliance program. This program picks up product at OSU dining halls as well as area grocery stores and distributes fresh, high-quality food to our network of agencies. This food would otherwise be landfilled. All told, Food Rescue/Fresh Alliance provided over 100,000 pounds to Corvallis residents.

Emergency Food Box Use, Corvallis, 2014: 42,627 (duplicated); 12,179 (unduplicated).
 Estimated Emergency Food Box use, Corvallis, 2015: 42,500 (duplicated); 12,100 (unduplicated)
 Emergency Meals, Corvallis, 2014: 92,688 (duplicated)
 Estimated Emergency Meals, Corvallis, 2015: 94,000 (duplicated)
 Gleaning Membership, Mary's River Gleaners: 900 (70% Corvallis residents, 30% outside city limits).
 2015 membership should remain approximately the same.

Linn Benton Food Share plans to invest in strategies that improve the nutritional content of all food we provide to our agencies. The strategies involved will also have the intended outcome of helping support local agriculture.

Key Staff:

Ryan McCambridge, Director
 Susan James, Gleaning & Volunteer Coordinator
 Tim Lair, Warehouse
 Colleen Dyrud, Agency Relations
 LBFS Operations Manager *to be filled*
 Morrie Orth, Fresh Alliance Driver
 Brody Colgan, LBFS Driver

Linn Benton food share operates normally Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. The nature of the work involved, however, places Food Share staff out in the community or responding to requests on weekends, evenings, etc.

<p>Recommended: \$ 30,000</p>

Old Mill Center for Children and Families

Relief Nursery – Outreach Services \$14,000 request

Statement of Need:

Children who are born into families with risk factors such as generational poverty, mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction; parental history of sexual abuse and/or physical abuse and neglect; being a single parent; homelessness are at a high risk of child abuse and neglect and developmental and educational delays. The risk factors impact the parents' ability to provide a nurturing, loving and safe environment for their children.

According to statistics from the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority in Benton County between 40.5% and 47.8% of the 2,443 children ages 0-6 are considered "at risk." 21% of parents in Benton County are single parents according to the 2010-2012 American Community Survey of Households & Families. 7% of the Benton County residences are Latino (2012 US Census). 19% of children live in poverty with an income less than 125% of the FPL (2008-2012 American Community Survey.) State wide data shows that 36% of low income mothers suffer from depression as compared to 16% of mothers with higher income.

While having one of the lowest child abuse rates in the state, Benton County's rate was still 8.4% per 1,000 Children in 2013 (Source: 2013 Oregon DHS), up 2% from 2012.

The Benton County Health Department has identified the top six issues negatively impacting children's health in the Linn, Benton and Lincoln County areas. These include food insecurity; hospitalization due to asthma (children 0-4); child abuse/neglect; lack of immunizations; limited access to oral health; and physical inactivity and poor diet.

Program Description:

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.

The Relief Nursery State funding model is based on a local match of at least 25% of the total cost.

Families not served through the therapeutic classrooms are served through Outreach Services. Outreach provides the intervention services necessary through home visits (including visits in temporary shelter) to assure that children are meeting developmental milestones that meet the goal of kindergarten readiness; parents are accessing the services needed to maintain safe housing and have adequate food and child supplies; access needed child care or preschool; and access the additional services needed to remain a stable and attached family. Outreach workers also may support children struggling in other early childhood environments, such as Head Start, in-home and child care centers.

Home visits are conducted by qualified home visitors and frequency of visits is tailored to the needs of the family (from weekly to every other month). We served 80 families (unduplicated)/ 220 (duplicated) in our Outreach program in 2014 and plan to serve 90/250 families in 2015. Approximately 75% of these families live in Corvallis.

Outreach Services are provided to stabilize families and provide additional support in difficult times. This transitional support allows families to gain the skills to support their children and keep their children safe and behavioral challenges.

<p>Recommended: \$ 10,000</p>

Relief Nursery Parent Support Group \$10,000 request

Statement of Need:

Children who are born into families with risk factors such as generational poverty, mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction; parental history of sexual abuse and/or physical abuse and neglect; being a single parent; homelessness are at a high risk of child abuse and neglect and developmental and educational delays. The risk factors impact the parents' ability to provide a nurturing, loving and safe environment for their children. State wide data shows that 36% of low income mothers suffer from depression as compared to 16% of mothers with higher income.

Within the families that the OMC Relief Nursery has served last year, 98% are low income; 17% are Latino or have other ethnic identification; 34% have a child with special needs or challenging behaviors; 59% struggle with some sort of mental health issues; and 100% have stressors in their lives that impact parenting or relationships.

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The Relief Nursery State funding model is based on a local match of at least 25% of the total cost.

The Relief Nursery Parent Support Group is an intricate blend of mental health and parent education offered weekly for three hours with child care provided. Currently 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 their stress while learning new age-appropriate parenting techniques. Some parents only attend for one ten week block while others need the services for a longer period until they feel confident on going it alone.

The program is conducted by an experienced .2 FTE Parent Educator and a .2 FTE Mental Health Counselor with input from the clients. During the Parent Support Group children receive age appropriate child care and therapeutic classroom interventions. Facilitators participate in bi-monthly staffing with key Relief Nursery staff who serves the families in other parts of the program (Outreach, Therapeutic classrooms and child care.)

We served 71 families (unduplicated)/ 96 (duplicated) in our Parent Education program in 2014 and plan to serve 50/110 families in 2015.

Parent support groups are mainly offered at our Corvallis location, but we plan to offer them in Monroe, an underserved area, during the 2015-2016 year as well. Clients are supported through gas cards to attend the group. Approximately 75% of all families live in Corvallis.

<p>Recommended: \$ 10,000</p>

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments

Senior Meals / Meals on Wheels \$15,000 request

Statement of Need:

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of new referrals and requests for home delivered meals. This increase was somewhat expected due to the number of baby boomers becoming seniors. In our service area (Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties) we projected purchasing 120,000 hot meals from our food contract and so far this fiscal year (July – January) we have purchased 101,776 meals. That equates to 32,073 meals over annual projection or 84.8% of the total years projection after only 7 months. We are also seeing a much larger demand for our frozen meals, which are provided to our consumers for our non-serving days. We had projected 47,000 freezer meals and have already purchased 37,979 after only the first 7 months of the fiscal year. At 80.8%, that is 10,562 ahead of where we anticipated being at the end of January. We are receiving no additional state or federal funding to help offset these new referrals. This will result in a large budget gap for next fiscal year.

Program Description:

The Senior Meals/Meals on Wheels program serves nutritious meals to seniors that are over 60 and qualifying adults with disabilities. All Benton County meals are served from the Corvallis meal site located at the Senior Center. Volunteer drivers deliver hot noontime meals to home bound clients, Monday through Friday. Frozen meals are available for non-delivery days. Our program also provides socialization and a safety net, created when people congregate for meals or have a friendly volunteer checking-in with vulnerable home bound clients.

The goal of the program is to ensure that seniors and people with disabilities receive quality food,

assisting them to remain independent and healthy in their own homes for as long as possible. All clients who receive meals are assessed in person in their homes. During the assessment, staff can identify other needs and connect consumers with needed community programs. Clients also receive annual reassessments. Delivery drivers and meal site helpers are all volunteers. One part time staff manages the Corvallis meal site. The volunteers are trained to identify and report health concerns and potential safety issues. These are reported to Senior & Disability Services staff, ensuring their connection to other social service programs. Seniors often have low fixed incomes, and with the rising costs of food, and limited transportation options, it is difficult for many seniors to meet their basic needs. These most vulnerable citizens of Benton County can have food delivered to their homes via Meals on Wheels. The added value to home delivered meals is the social connection to the volunteers who provide safety and social check-ins daily, alleviating isolation and depression.

So far this fiscal year (7/1/14 – 1/31/15), we have served 17,017 meals to Benton County residents. This is an increase of 2,380 meals for the same time period of last year. We delivered 14,954 of these meals to consumer's homes, and served 2,063 in the Corvallis dining room. We have currently served 150 unduplicated meals on wheels consumers and 53 unduplicated dining room participants so far this fiscal year. The program is voluntary donation based, and all qualifying participants are served regardless of their ability to contribute. We served 242 unduplicated clients last year, project about 265 for the current year, and expect that number to continue to rise. The majority of consumers served live in Corvallis, however, we serve about 25 in Philomath and approximately 6 more from Adair Village and Alsea.

<p>Recommended: \$ 7,860</p>

Philomath Youth Activities Club

Girls Circle \$450 request

Statement of Need:

Girls Circle addresses the same issues that girls and young women have faced for years. It is designed to help increase self-efficacy and foster a sense of belonging and confidence in it's participants. We are excited that the "Wise & Well" unit addresses some relatively new issues that face young women today. The description from the One Circle organization is "Wise & Well addresses 21st Century challenges such as cyberbullying, social networking, binge drinking, marijuana use, the stigma of mental health and more. In this guide, girls and facilitators walk through the myriad of common 21st Century risks with discussions and activities that inspire eyes wide open, minds sharp and aware, and hearts willing to step up to leadership for their own health and safety."

Specifically PYAC is asking the United Way for \$450.00 to be spent directly on supplies for the Girls Circle groups. This will cover three groups during the year. Supplies are arts and crafts supplies and journals. They vary slightly depending on which curriculum is being used.

Program Description:

Girls Circle is a structured support group of eight to ten girls, ages 9 – 18 years, it is led by trained facilitators. Each topic is covered for between 8 and 10 weeks, once a week for approximately two hours. The group may serve 8 – 10 girls per unit. Girls Circle is research based and is considered a "promising practice" program. It is designed to increase self-esteem, help build personal connections with peers as well as adults, and allow for self-expression through verbal sharing and creative activity.

The topics covered by Girls Circle are as follows: Friendship, Being a Girl, Honoring Diversity, Who I Am, Relationships with Peers, Expressing My Individuality, Mind Body and Spirit, Body Image, and Paths to the Future. The "One Council" organization has recently added new units: Wise and Well, My Family My Self, and Mother Daughter Circle.

Girls Circle is an amazing program for girls from all social situations and backgrounds. It was designed to help all girls, not just those deemed at-risk, to develop into productive and strong young women. This group is strengths based and creates a safe space for girls and women to address risky behaviors and

build on protective factors together while building healthy relationships.

PYAC will provide 3 cycles of Girls Circle per year, preferably built into the school day, but possibly after school. Philomath Middle, High and Elementary Schools may be included.

Recommended: \$ 450

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Scholarship Program \$5000 request

Statement of Need:

PYAC offers scholarships for each program: after school childcare, summer day camp childcare, afterschool drop in clubhouse, athletics and Safety Town. We have seen our scholarship requests increase each year since 2006. In 2014 we served more children and families than the previous year. We have hoped that as the economy makes small improvements our level of requests would drop, but this has not happened to date. More than 37% of students in our district are participating in the free and reduced lunch program, and over half of kids the age we serve receive free or reduced lunch at school. This percentage accounts for over 500 youth. It is our goal and policy to include all children in our programs, even if their family is unable to pay.

Typically scholarships are offered based on financial need and number of people in a household. We typically do not scholarship more than half of a program cost. At times, we have families in dire need or that are crisis or a transition time and for those families we may scholarship up to 100% of their services on a temporary basis. They are then required to check back in with us and reassess after circumstances have hopefully improved.

Program Description:

Each family is required to fill out a scholarship application and provide supporting documentation of income and other kinds of assistance. Scholarships are awarded based on income and number of household members. Sometimes adjustments are made based on unusual circumstances. In 2014 we awarded scholarships to 54 unduplicated families, resulting in 83 unduplicated children.

We serve Philomath and the surrounding areas, including Blodgett, Kings Valley, Wren, Alsea, Burnt Woods, Eddyville and more.

We provide athletics up to six days per week (depending on level, age, etc) for youth in Kindergarten through 8th grade. We provide afterschool childcare on weekdays until 6:00 p.m. for 5 - 12 year olds and in the Clubhouse program for 4th - 8th graders. During non school days and summer we provide care from 7:30 a.m - 5:30 p.m. for youth ages 5-12years.

Childcare staff follow all requirements by the State for our Certified Childcare Program. Our Program Directors, Executive Director and Administrative Coordinator all play a role when awarding scholarships, especially to families in crisis or with unusual circumstances. For example when a family has lost housing, had a death in the family, or lost a job, they may need childcare while they are looking for work, or when they return for work. We can assist them while they get back on their feet.

Recommended: \$ 5,000

Room @ the Inn

Shelter Program \$7500 request

Statement of Need:

R@N is an emergency cold weather shelter for women, located at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis. It is the only shelter in Benton County that accepts women who have been drinking or using drugs. If their behavior is not threatening to others, they can stay at the shelter as long as they do not use substances while on site. Homeless women are among the most vulnerable members of any community. Most have been victims of abuse, and many experience some level of PTSD. In addition, many homeless

women suffer from mental illness, chronic health conditions, physical disabilities, and substance abuse. The need for homeless women in Corvallis to have a safe place to sleep is considerable. In each of the past two years more than 50 homeless women have stayed at the shelter between November 1 and March 31, with most women averaging about 10/nights per month in the shelter. Meals or hearty snacks are provided, and showers are available three times weekly. The shelter has only two paid employees, thus, community volunteers contribute many hours to keep the shelter open. Staff and regular volunteers at R@N form ongoing relationships with the guests and help with finding needed services, filling out forms, making appointments, and encouraging efforts to find employment and stable housing. Without R@N, these women have few housing options in the cold wet winter months, sometimes forcing them to make unsafe choices.

Program Description:

R@N offers housing for up to 15 women each night from November 1 until March 31. Women are allowed to enter the shelter between 7 and 8 pm each night, and they must leave the shelter by 7 am each morning. Women who are substance abusers are allowed at the shelter as long as they are not disruptive or threaten other guests or staff. A hot dinner is provided on site two times per week (when not available elsewhere in the community) and a substantial snack is available the other nights. Breakfast is provided in the morning before the women leave for the day. The shelter receives food from Linn-Benton Food Share at greatly reduced cost, and volunteers also contribute food (mostly fresh fruit and vegetables) each week. The women each have their own twin beds and sleep together dormitory style. Clean bedding is provided for all of the guests, with sheets and towels laundered regularly. The shelter has a limited supply of emergency clothing (including socks and underwear), and coordinates with Love Inc. to provide the opportunity for women to do their personal laundry for free two times per month. Each woman who stays at the shelter for more than one night has a small amount of space next to her bed to store personal belongings during the day.

In the winter of 2013/2014 56 unduplicated women spent at least one night at the shelter. Thus far in the winter of 2014/2015 55 individual women have spent at least one night at the shelter, indicating that the need has been consistent over the time the shelter has been open. Furthermore, most women spend more than just a few nights at the shelter: this year the average number of nights per month spent at the shelter by an individual has ranged between 9.6 and 11.3. The shelter is currently staffed by an unpaid evening staff member who works from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., an overnight staff person who works from 11:00 pm until 7:00 am, two nightly volunteers who come from 6:30-11:00, and an overnight volunteer who sleeps at the shelter from 11:00 until 7:00 am. Some volunteers are interns from OSU and may be at the shelter for many hours. Others are OSU students doing occasional community service, or volunteers from the community (including many associated with faith-based organizations). Janitor service is provided daily. The shelter board members have decided to create a paid position for an evening staff member to cover, on average, 2 1/2 hours of the evening shift. Without a regular staff member present, volunteers (often college students or community members) could potentially find themselves in a situation that they were unprepared to handle without assistance. A paid staff member would have extensive training in handling the occasional crises that arise at the shelter.

<p>Recommended: \$ 5,000</p>

South Corvallis Food Bank

Emergency Food Boxes \$22,000 request

Statement of Need:

Food insecurity is an ongoing problem nationwide and locally. The most recent (2012) data from Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap project shows 15.9% of people nationwide are food insecure, including 16.8% of Oregonians and 15.8% of Benton County residents. That's 13,480 people right here in Benton County with limited or uncertain access to adequate food. The percentage of children who are food insecure is even higher at 21.6% nationwide, 27.3% in Oregon and 21.6% in Benton County. That's 3,240 children here in Benton County with limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

The South Corvallis Food Bank exists to provide the short-term answer to food insecurity. The emergency food box we provide feeds the client and their family until the next paycheck arrives or newly-applied-for government benefits such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program aka food stamps) become available.

It's important we be in the local community to provide these emergency food boxes. Owning and maintaining a motor vehicle is too expensive for many of our clients who come by foot, bicycle, or public transportation. Corvallis' other food pantries would be beyond their reach. Getting from south Corvallis to other parts of town requires a bus transfer downtown. In addition to the time required, imagine trying to change buses, with children, carrying several days of food. Our location on the bus route in south Corvallis allows for a single bus ride to get our clients from the food bank to their home.

Program Description:

The South Corvallis Food Bank provides emergency food boxes to low-income households 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 and lives in south or downtown Corvallis. The monthly emergency food boxes provided in 2014 averaged 25 pounds per person. Clients may also visit weekly for bread and produce.

We provided emergency food boxes for 3085 non-duplicated individuals in FY2013/14 (12,557 duplicated). We expect to provide food boxes for 3208 non-duplicated individuals in FY2014/15 (11,690 duplicated) and 3336 non-duplicated individuals in FY2015/16 (10,883 duplicated). Approximately 40% of these individuals are children.

The South Corvallis Food Bank treats each client with compassion and respect. We provide a welcoming environment, including a comfortable client waiting area and a children's play area. We are a shopping style pantry, meaning the clients go around the food bank with a grocery cart, selecting their food from our shelves. A volunteer accompanies each client to offer assistance and explain quantities allowed. This provides a much better experience for the client than the traditional model of handing the client a pre-filled box. It allows the client to select the foods they will enjoy, as well as catering to diet restrictions. We have recently added a separate shelf for gluten-free products, to prevent their contamination from nearby wheat products as much as possible.

We are open to clients Mondays and Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm, Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm, and Saturdays from 10am to noon. In January 2015 we began delivery of food boxes to home-bound clients on the third Saturday of each month. The program is mainly volunteer-staffed with one 0.25FTE employee. Each month approximately 60 volunteers donate 450 hours of their time to keep the food bank running.

Recommended: \$ 15,000

Stone Soup Corvallis Inc.

Stone Soup \$10,000 request

Statement of Need:

Stone Soup's request is based on the immediate hunger needs of families, couples, and individuals in the greater Corvallis community. The need is growing, based on the number of meals served throughout the past five years: 33,815 in 2010; 34,526 in 2011; 39,258 in 2012; 38,314 in 2013; and 39,834 in 2014. Additional demographics are unavailable because we ask no questions and impose no qualifications on those who come to eat. Cost of each meal hovers around \$1.

Because work is done by volunteers, the greatest expense is food. Stone Soup partners with Linn-Benton Food Share to purchase as much as possible at a low poundage rate. Food Share also supplies food from OSU Food Services and provides access to items from local markets. SAGE Garden, Master Gardeners, and local citizens supply fresh produce. It is necessary to purchase food from wholesale

suppliers, especially milk and meats. Individuals donate some ingredients. Specialty items, such as turkeys at Thanksgiving, are paid for through donations.

Stone Soup began in 1982 when the federal government cut Meals on Wheels by 20 percent, effectively cutting one meal each week. Volunteers worked to fill that gap, starting with Wednesday lunch designed mostly for seniors. Volunteer helpers outnumbered the eight diners that first meal, but as word spread, more and more came to the meal each week. Community groups joined in the effort by providing dinners throughout the week. (See collaborations below.) Through booms and busts, the operation grew to its present status, serving 40,000 meals a year.

Program Description:

Stone Soup provides a free, full meal to needy Corvallis and Benton County residents seven days a week, 366 days a year. Meals, served to all who come and on alternating days at two donated spaces, one in downtown Corvallis, the other across from Chintimini Park and the Senior Center. Stone Soup has been in continuous operation as a community resource since August 1982, almost 33 years.

Target populations are hungry people: homeless, semi-homeless, veterans, seniors, residents of downtown residential hotels, and the mentally and physically disabled who are unable to prepare their own meals. Families also attend, especially toward the end of the month when food stamps run out. Many are unemployed or have seasonal jobs. High rents in the Corvallis area leave little left over for food. Best guess, because no questions are asked, and no qualifications imposed, 90 percent are city residents, 10 percent outside Corvallis.

Each daily meal averages approximately 105 diners across both sites and all seven days – nearly 40,000 a year. The greatest number for one meal last year was 170. Numbers have been increasing each year, from 33,815 in 2010 to 39,834 in 2014.

Dinners and lunches always include salad, soup, main dish, dessert, bread, drinks. Breakfasts include eggs, French toast, oatmeal, cold cereal, pastries, fruit, drinks. Dinners are served 5:30-6:30 Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; lunches 11:30-12:30 Wednesdays and Fridays; breakfast 10:00-11:00 Saturdays.

All workers – board members, cooks, servers, dishwashers – are volunteers. Approximately 15-20 individuals perform tasks at any one meal.

A major change occurred in 2014. Beginning July 1, Stone Soup has been operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, registered with the state of Oregon, after St. Mary's Parish decided to no longer sponsor the project for a variety of legal and financial reasons. Our two partner meal sites, St. Mary's and First Christian churches, provide free space, utilities, and some maintenance costs. Now, however, costs have increased significantly to pay for liability insurance, accountants, state and kitchen certification fees, clerical supplies, and part of security service charges. There is still no payroll cost.

These changes have affected Stone Soup's budget by reducing support and increasing costs. Figures in the proposed 2015 budget (and extended to match United Way's 2015-16 fiscal cycle) are based on operational costs and financial support for July-December 2014 and extrapolated to January 2015 – June 2016.

Recommended: \$ 0

Strengthening Rural Families

Alesea Preschool \$15,000 request

Statement of Need:

By focusing on building a solid foundation for a successful preschool-12th grade school experience, SRF is promoting education and school readiness for children, their families and the community. We have proven that the preschool increases students' ability to learn. This data comes from the test scores of current elementary students at the Alesea School.

Our experience in rural Benton County, seeing first-hand the negative long-term consequences of children who enter school unprepared to learn, is corroborated by abundant research on this topic. Said impacts are especially evident in the rural communities we serve, where community resources and alternatives are limited.

The Alsea School serves many low-income students - nearly 80% of the student population qualify for free and reduced lunch. Children who are from low income families are at risk to be less successful in school for multiple reasons.

We are asking United Way for funding to support staffing costs.

Program Description:

Strengthening Rural Families currently operates the preschool in Alsea for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old on the Alsea School schedule for 4 days a week, Monday/Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am and Tuesday/Thursday from 8:00am-3:20pm. School begins in late August and ends in mid-June, following the Alsea School District calendar.

There are currently 18 children enrolled and we anticipate up to 20 for next year. This is an unduplicated number. All live in Benton County, of the 18, 15 live in Alsea, 1 lives in Philomath and 2 live in Corvallis.

Our key staff is our lead teacher, who works 25-29 hours a week and our assistant teacher, who works the morning class hours. She is paid by Alsea School District as an instructional aide and is receiving training to qualify as a lead teacher.

Recommended: \$ 10,000

Support for Rural Families \$10,000 request

Statement of Need:

Strengthening Rural Families' programs help families gain skills in parenting and to provide workshops that will help promote their healthy development. Our experience in rural Benton County, seeing first-hand the negative long-term consequences of children who enter school unprepared to learn, live in unhealthy environments or experience abuse or neglect, is corroborated by abundant research on this topic. Said impacts are especially evident in the rural communities we serve: Alsea, Kings Valley, Philomath and Monroe, where community resources and alternatives are limited. We are asking United Way for \$10,000 in funding to provide support for rural families by providing education classes and workshops to 50 families (approximately 150 youth and adults.)

Program Description:

SRF will provide workshops and evidence-based parenting education classes in our rural Benton communities. The funds we are requesting will cover instruction costs or facilitator fees, materials, staffing, childcare and food costs. Classes will include Squishtivities (using Parenting Now! curriculum, with parent involvement and the guidance of a parent educator, children explore cause and effect, gross and fine motor skills, cognitive skills, creative expression through games, arts and crafts, music and 'messy' play), Incredible Years (promotes social, emotional, and academic competence), and/or Make Parenting a Pleasure (parenting education and support program for parents with children 0-6 years of age, designed to address the stress, isolation, and lack of adequate parenting information so many parents experience). Workshop topics will vary in response to families' needs and interests. They will focus on parent support, healthy eating and positive discipline. At least 2 of these will be provided to our Latino families, with a Spanish speaking instructor.

Recommended: \$ 0

Vina Moses Center

FISH Emergency Services \$6000 request

Statement of Need:

The most pressing needs we encounter are rent, utilities and prescriptions. We had 1582 people requesting assistance last year. The number of requests and they continue to grow are a statement of the needs of these families in Corvallis and Benton County.

Program Description:

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.

We currently have eleven volunteers that take the request from the client, collects the information necessary to determine their eligibility. The information is past on to our Administrative Assistant or Director for the final determination. Our hours are Monday –Friday 9am – 4 pm.

We served 663 individuals with our program in 2014. 528 of the clients served reside in Corvallis 72 of the 528 were homeless in the Corvallis area. The remaining individuals reside in other parts of Benton County. 28 of the clients served received more than one area of assistance ie: rent and laundry. Our policy is to help with only once per year and utilities twice in a year,

Our goal is to assist 700 people in 2015.

<p>Recommended: \$ 3,000</p>

We Care

Financial Assistance \$8,000 request

Statement of Need:

“We Care Financial Assistance” (We Care’s only program) provides funding for Benton County families who have a short-term financial emergency that is not covered by other programs. Most of our clients have income of less than the federal poverty level; more than 19,000 persons in Benton County have incomes that low. A single adverse incident (for example, health crisis, loss of work hours) can trigger a financial emergency for families at the poverty level. Requests for our help increased rapidly, from 894 inquiries in 2013 to 1140 last year, a 28% increase. Our grants help to reduce homelessness by one-time payments of rent for those in danger of eviction (136 families; 42 % of our recipients) and move-in costs (92; 28 %) for those seeking a home. We make one-time payments to utility providers (64; 20 %) to prevent shut-off of electricity, water, and gas, and to help restore service that has been lost, helping maintain basic services (and thus a healthy environment) for families). We provide other grants (35; 10%) to help persons maintain or qualify for employment, with medical bills, with phone service and transportation when required for safety, and with retaining storage of critical possessions. Unmet need included six fully-qualified cases that we could not fund.

Program Description:

We Care helps solve short-term financial emergencies for which there is no assistance. Anyone in Benton County may apply; 77% of grantees are from the city of Corvallis. Our Board receives no information about applicants beyond that required to understand their financial situation. Many recipients have monthly income below \$1000. Some have only food stamps; many are families with only TANF and food stamps; some live in subsidized housing and would lose the subsidy without our help. Many of our recipients are single parents; are disabled or have disabled family members; are victims of domestic violence; have completed programs that aid recovery from substance abuse; or have lost jobs or work-hours. Many are in transition.

During 2014, there were 1140 calls inquiring about We Care; of those, 265 were referred elsewhere. The Board approved 327 of 362 applications they considered (unduplicated number of families, with up to 7 members). We anticipate more qualified applicants in 2015, but may have funds to help fewer, perhaps 300. Our usual maximum grant is \$400; our average grant in 2014 was \$338.

A Community Services Consortium (CSC) staff member receives applications (hours: 9-5, M-F), checks information and summarizes it for the Board before each weekly meeting. Priority for funding increases for families with children; an eviction or utility shut-off notice; and a chance to escape homelessness or regain a utility. We also favor first-time recipients and those who can become financially sustainable. We write checks to the vendor (for example, landlord). Our CSC staffer informs applicants of board decisions.

We receive funding from our 20 faith community members; an annual fund-raising letter; other donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, city governments and other community organizations; and our Benton County Foundation endowment (5.1% of 2014 income). Although our income comes inconsistently, we try to keep weekly spending constant. During 2014, we discovered that errors in our fund-allocation process during 2012 and 2013 had caused an unwanted surplus of \$26,000; the board decided in June to spend that surplus during the next 1-2 years, increasing our spending by ~25%. Our ability to help more families came during very high demand in 2014, fortunately. After late 2015, when we exhaust our surplus, we will return to our sustainable spending level. Thus, we foresee a major increase in unmet needs, without further income or a decline in applicants.

Recommended: \$ 4,000

**Corvallis Police Department
Memorandum**

To: Human Services Committee

From: 
Jonathan M. Sassaman, Chief of Police

Date: May 13, 2015

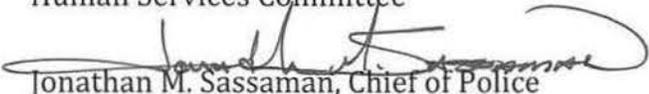
Subject: Community Police Review Advisory Board – Annual and Sunset Reviews

As required by the City of Corvallis Administrative Policy, the Community Police Review Advisory Board is scheduled for its four year Sunset Review, report attached.

Additionally attached is the Annual Report prepared by Chair Gary Evans.

**Corvallis Police Department
Memorandum**

To: Human Services Committee

From: 
Jonathan M. Sassaman, Chief of Police

Date: May 12, 2015

Subject: Community Police Review Advisory Board – Four Year Sunset Review

Issue:

The Community Police Review Advisory Board (CPRAB) is scheduled to sunset at the end of fiscal year 2014/2015. Human Services Committee reviews the CPRAB and Council is needed for re-authorization.

Discussion:

The Community Police Review Advisory Board is detailed in Corvallis Municipal Ordinance 1.16.330 (Attachment 1) and was established in 2007. In summary, the mission/charge of the Community Police Review Advisory Board is to provide the community with an objective, unbiased, citizen-based, accessible process for the review of complaints against the Police Department and Police Officers as well as to provide transparency and information regarding the accountability of its Police Department in a way that builds trust and enhances communication between the Police and all members of the community.

As required by the Municipal Ordinance, the Board has met at least quarterly since its inception. During the past four years the Board has reviewed policy, complaints and commendation summaries. The Board has not had a formal complaint review or a formal hearing in the past four years. The Board's schedule and minutes are posted on the City's web page and available for anyone to review. The CPRAB is unique in its responsibilities and does not overlap with any other Board or Commission of the City.

While there has been minimal work for the Board, what is most important is the process that is followed. The complaint procedure requires the Police Department to immediately advise all complainants in writing that if they are not satisfied with the findings of the police complaint investigation they have the right and opportunity to request a hearing by the Community Police Review Advisory Board. By doing this, the complainant is fully informed, there is transparency in the process and additional options are available beyond the Police Department investigation. The Board recognizes the value of its presence and charge and therefore believes it important for this Board to continue in its current capacity.

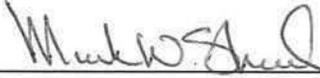
Recommendation:

For the reasons noted above the Community Police Review Advisory Board is of great value and there is a continuing public need for its existence.

Action Requested:

The City Council approve continuance of the Community Police Review Advisory Board under Municipal Code chapter 1.16.330.

Review and concur:



Mark W. Shepard, City Manager

- **Section 1.16.330 - Community Police Review Advisory Board.**

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 - j) Conducting public outreach to educate the public on the mission of the Board including direct outreach to the Community Policing Forum.
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- 5) The Board shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently if necessary.
(Ord. 2014-16, § 16, 11/17/2014; Ord. 2007-08 § 1, 04/16/2007)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD

May 8, 2015

Members: Rich Hein, Gary Evans, Jim Swinyard, Phyllis Lee, Denson Chatfield, Stewart Wershow, Tyler Jacobson

Staff: Kathy Brennan, Jon Sassaman **Council Liaison:** Mike Beilstien

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Prior Year Report:

Activities and work completed:

As required by the Municipal Ordinance, the CPRAB has met quarterly since its inception, including this past year. The CPRAB and the Community Policing Forum met together and reviewed the policies and processes relative to complaints and investigations which resulted in no change to existing systems. At each quarterly meeting, the CPRAB additionally reviewed summaries of complaints and commendations of sworn staff.

Activities and work in progress:

During the past year, there has not been an incident causing the CPRAB to hold a formal complaint review or a formal hearing. There are no activities or work efforts in progress.

Next Year Proposed Work Plan:Regular activities and work (ongoing or annual):

The nature of the CPRAB is to be ready and available to review unresolved complaints of sworn members of the Police Department. In doing so, the CPRAB would review the Police Departments investigation of the complaint, take further testimony, make findings and written recommendations to the City Manager and Chief of Police. As such, the regular activity of the CPRAB is to meet quarterly and review summaries of complaints and commendations of sworn staff. Trends, if any, are evaluated. This work will continue.

Special activities and work for the year:

There are no special activities for the upcoming year.

Resources:Prior Year:

Resources supporting the CPRAB require the exempt Administrative Assistant and the Chief of Police to prepare materials, schedule and secure the meeting room, set up and take down tables and chairs, minute taking and posting minutes and meeting schedule on the web. This work is done quarterly.

Needed for the next year:

No additional resources are required.

Attachment 1

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MEMORANDUM



To: Human Services Committee
From: Karen Emery, Director Parks and Recreation Department
Date: May 13, 2015
Subject: Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report and Sunset Review

Issue:

The Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report and Sunset Review are both scheduled for June 2015. Attached you'll find the Annual Report document and the Sunset Review staff report.

Attachments: PNARAB Annual Report and Sunset Review

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKS, NATURAL AREAS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 2015

Members:

Simone Frei, Deb Rose, Jon-Marc Soule, Tatiana Dierwechter, Marc Vomocil, Ralph Alig, Phil Hays, Anthony Stumbo, Lynda Wolfenbarger, Kevin Bogatin (non-voting 509J representative)

Staff:

Council Liaison: Joel Hirsch

Karen Emery, Parks and Recreation Director

Jude Geist, Parks Supervisor

Jackie Rochefort, Parks Planner

Other staff as appropriate

Purpose/Mission summary (CMC Section is Attachment 1):

Prior Year Report:

Activities and work completed:

1. Supported the construction of Willamette Park Picnic Shelter and naming it the Rotary Shelter;
2. Supported the reconstruction of the Marys River Natural Area Boardwalk;
3. Supported the restoration plan and 30 acre project for the Herbert Farms and Natural Area;
4. Supported the development of the Heritage Tree Program;
5. Supported the naming process and recommended that Park Ave. becoming Heron View Ave.;
6. Supported and recommended a memorial playground equipment project be named for Ronald Naasko;
7. Supported the City's Levy;
8. Supported the relocation of the Sunnyside School House to Owens Farm and Natural Area;
9. Supported a potential land donation on Witham Hill from Campus Crest development;
10. Reviewed the Cost Recovery Annual Report and recommended that City Council approve;
11. Supported the rehabilitation and construction of Shooting Star Trail;
12. Reviewed the Capital Improvement Project Plan and recommended City Council approve;
13. Supported discontinuing the Senior Center Gold Pass Program;
14. Recommended to City Council to not support Linn-Benton Community College's interest to purchase a part of Washington Park;

15. Supported the Department budget process;
16. Reviewed and recommended to City Council to adopt the Department Master Plan;
17. Recommended to City Council to add the Pump Track project to CIP;
18. Supported making changes to the Family Assistance program in an effort to extend the number of families served;
19. Supported Parks and Recreation operating the Majestic Theatre;
20. Developed recommendations to improve interactions with dogs in parks;
21. Assessed the condition of recreation trails at Bald Hill;
22. Supported the grant and development of Shooting Star Trail;
23. Worked on the Board's adopted goals;
24. Ongoing and periodic review of facility use and management issues.

Activities and work in progress:

1. Prioritize improvements to existing neighborhood parks, trails and natural areas.
2. Implement efficiencies between City, County, OSU, LBCC and School District, sharing equipment and personnel.
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Next Year Proposed Work Plan:

Regular activities and work (ongoing or annual):

1. Assist with the development of the annual budget.
2. Review annual Capital Improvement Project Plan and make recommendations to CIP Commission and City Council.
3. Review Cost Recovery Annual Report and make recommendations to City Council.
4. Hold an annual meeting of the Greenbelt Land Trust, Benton County Natural Areas and Parks and Corvallis Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Boards.
5. The Board shall advise the Council and the Department in all matters pertaining to recreation, parks, natural areas and other services and activities of the Department.

Special activities and work for the year:

1. Review and revise goals in September, 2015
2. Support implementation of recommendations from the dog park use subcommittee.

Resources:Prior Year:

Annual Budget Impact:

Staff	Item	Frequency (Monthly)	Hours	cost/hr.	Annual cost	Non-exempt
Director	Monthly Meeting	12	2	\$55.62	\$1,334.88	
Assistant Director	Monthly Meeting	6	2	\$43.06	\$516.72	
Parks Ops Super	Monthly Meeting	12	2	\$36.45	\$874.80	
Parks Planner	Monthly Meeting	12	2	\$34.02	\$816.48	\$816.48
Director	research/Agenda	12	0.5	\$55.62	\$333.72	
Director	minutes review	12	0.5	\$55.62	\$333.72	
	room rent	12			\$160.00	
SAS	PNARB packets	12	1	\$22.82	\$273.84	\$273.84
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					\$0.00	
Services	Recorder/minutes	12	4	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	
Total					\$5,844.16	\$1,090.32

Needed for the next year:

Same.

Attachment: Corvallis Municipal Code Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board

Section 1.16.265 - Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board.

- 1) A Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board is hereby created for the City.
- 2) This Advisory Board shall consist of 11 voting members. The voting membership shall include one representative nominated by the Greenbelt Land Trust. In addition, a member of the School Board or School District staff shall serve as a non-voting, liaison participant. Appointments to the Advisory Board should be selected to typify the functions of the broad services and activities of the Department, in order to represent the diverse nature of the community.
- 3) The functions of the Advisory Board may be accomplished using subcommittees, task forces, or stakeholder committees.
- 4) The Advisory Board shall advise the Council and the Department in all matters pertaining to recreation, parks, natural areas and other services and activities of the Department. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a) Recommend policies regarding Department services for approval by the City Council.
 - b) Advise and propose strategies to the City Council on acquisition, protection, maintenance, and enhancement,
 - c) Cooperate with other governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, nonprofit, for-profit and City-related organizations in the advancement of Department planning and programming.
 - d) Advise on development of recreation facilities, programs, and improved Department services.
 - e) Recommend the adoption of standards on areas, facilities, programs, and financial support.
 - f) Recommend and support financing alternatives and resources for all activities related to Department activities.
 - g) Interpret and communicate the policies and functions of the Parks and Recreation Department to the public.
 - h) Oversee the development and implementation of management plans and best management practices.
 - i) Promote outreach to and solicit involvement of the community to inform and engage residents.
 - j) Develop a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for the City's network of parks and natural areas and their role in the regional environment.
 - k) Advise Department regarding dogs in parks, natural areas, and other facilities.

(Ord. 2014-16 § 10, 11/17/2014; Ord. 2011-10 § 1, 06/20/2011; Ord. 2007-21 § 2, 08/06/2007)



MEMORANDUM

To: Human Services Committee
From: Karen Emery, Director Parks and Recreation Department
Date: May 15, 2015
Subject: Sunset Review - Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board

Issue:

The Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board (PNARAB) is scheduled for sunset review at the end of the fiscal year. Review by a standing committee and the City Council is needed for re-authorization.

Background:

City Municipal Code 1.16.225 outlines the purpose and objectives of the Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board. PNARAB was established in 1981 and has been advising the City Council on parks and recreation issues since that time. PNARAB consists of eleven (11) voting members and 1 non-voting School Board member, serving as a liaison. The areas addressed by PNARAB include, but are not limited to:

1. Cooperate with other governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and City groups in the advancement of parks and recreation planning and programming;
2. Recommend policies on parks and recreation services for approval of City Council;
3. Advise on development of recreation facilities, programs and improved parks and recreation services;
4. Recommend the adoption of standards for parks, facilities, and programs;
5. Recommend acquisition of park lands;
6. Interpret the policies and functions of the Parks and Recreation Department to the public.

Administrative Policy 96-2.02 *Sunset Review of Boards and Commissions* provides the guidelines for the process to review the City's boards and commissions. This review covers the period of May 2011-April 2015.

Discussion:

Accomplishments and Activities

- A. Reviewed and supported annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP), providing advisory recommendations regarding capital improvements to the parks and recreation system;
- B. Supported annual budget development process;
- C. Reviewed Departmental fees;

- D. Assisted in the development of the Cost Recovery Methodology and recommended Council adoption;
- E. Reviewed annual Cost Recovery financial report;
- F. Recommended entering a memo of cooperation with Benton County Natural Areas and Parks (BCNAP) and Greenbelt Land Trust (GLT);
- G. Supported the development of an integrated trails website with BCNAP and GLT;
- H. Held four joint annual board meetings with BCNAP and GLT;
- I. Supported the development of dog off leash areas guidelines to use for evaluation of current and future areas;
- J. Developed recommendations to improve dogs use of parks;
- K. Supported memo of understanding with other government agencies for the Willamette River Trail;
- L. Supported the development of Coronado Park;
- M. Recommended City Council resolve to support GLT's purchase of Bald Hill Farms;
- N. Recommended renaming Central Park Plaza to The Arts Center Plaza;
- O. Supported the construction of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Kiosk;
- P. Reviewed and supported the development of the Community Garden Master Plan;
- Q. Recommend to City Council to not support the construction of a water treatment system at Orleans Natural Area;
- R. Supported the feasibility study of becoming a Parks and Recreation District;
- S. Supported the rehabilitation and construction of Shooting Star Trail;
- T. Supported the construction of Willamette Park Picnic Shelter and naming it the Rotary Shelter;
- U. Supported the reconstruction of the Marys River Natural Area Boardwalk;
- V. Supported the restoration plan and 30 acre project for the Herbert Farms and Natural Area;
- W. Supported the development of the Heritage Tree Program;
- X. Supported the naming process and recommended that the north/south segment of Park Avenue be renamed Heron View Avenue;
- Y. Supported and recommended a memorial playground equipment project be named for Ronald Naasko;
- Z. Supported the City's Levy;
- AA. Supported the relocation of the Sunnyside School House to Owens Farm and Natural Area;
- BB. Supported a potential land donation on Witham Hill from Campus Crest development;
- CC. Supported discontinuing the Senior Center Gold Pass Program;
- DD. Recommended to City Council to not support Linn-Benton Community College's interest to purchase a part of Washington Park;
- EE. Recommended to City Council to add the Pump Track project to CIP;
- FF. Supported making changes to the Family Assistance program in an effort to extend the number of families served;
- GG. Supported Parks and Recreation operating the Majestic Theatre;
- HH. Worked on the Board's adopted goals;
- II. Ongoing and periodic review of facility use and management issues.

Future Activities/Action Plan

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- A. Assist with the implementation of goals and objectives outlined in the adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan;
- B. Review the Family Assistance Program annually;
- C. Review and recommend to City Council the Department's annual capital improvement projects;
- D. Establish goals for PNARAB;
- E. Increase volunteerism for the Department;
- F. Ongoing and periodic review of facility use and management issues;
- G. Support City Council goals as appropriate;
- H. Prioritize improvements to existing neighborhood parks trails and natural areas;
- I. Implement efficiencies between city, county, OSU, LBCC and school district;
- J. Develop a plan to increase funding for Parks and Recreation;
- K. Expand public awareness, communication and advocacy for all Parks and Recreation facilities, land and programs;
- L. Develop and expand access and recreational opportunities, such as outdoor education, for underserved youth and families;
- M. Develop or expand community relationships and partnerships to pursue joint goals (non-governmental);
- N. Hold annual joint board meetings with Benton County Natural Areas and Greenbelt Land Trust.

Analysis of Shared Responsibilities

PNARAB interfaces with the Budget Commission by providing recommendations for budget priorities. This interface is an evaluative and supportive nature and is not a duplication of service.

PNARAB interfaces with the Arts and Culture Advisory Board and may review the same community request. In this case, ACAB would review a proposal and refer to PNARAB if there were Department impacts. This does not occur regularly.

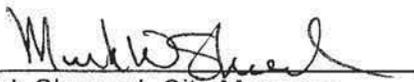
Analysis of Responsibilities that May Be Added to the "Charge"

There were no changes recommended.

Recommendation:

PNARAB recommends that the City Council renew the Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board to continue meeting the needs of the community, as outlined in the Municipal Code, Section 1.16.225.

Review and Concur:


 Mark Shepard, City Manager


 Nancy Brewer, Finance Director