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**2016 HUMAN SERVICE FUND
RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

Human service programs are a vital component of quality of life. United Community Services (UCS) commends city and County government leaders for recognizing the important role of local government in supporting human service programs. Thank you for your support of the **Human Service Fund** in 2016.

Together, Johnson County Government and 15 cities committed \$326,165 for program allocations in 2016. (See appendix A for list of participating jurisdictions.) These contributions directly benefit Johnson County residents who will be served through 13 programs recommended for 2016 Human Service Fund grants. For 2016, jurisdictions were asked for an increase in their support, and as a result the HSF funding pool increased by \$36,065.

The Human Service Fund offers local governments a cost-efficient, accountable mechanism to support an array of services that help residents of every city and township who are facing difficult circumstances. Funding is awarded to local nonprofit agencies which provide safety net programs that meet the needs of Johnson County residents who live with income at or near the federal poverty level. Priority is given to programs that address child care, job training, emergency aid and shelter, child/adult abuse, child welfare, and health care. (See appendix B for all funding priorities.) Agencies recommended for grants demonstrate positive outcomes and are working collaboratively with others in the community.

Through these programs, thousands of individuals and their families benefit. But, these programs benefit more than just the individual and their family; the entire community, including local government, benefits. Without a strong human service infrastructure to address issues such as unemployment, lack of child care, homelessness, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and untreated medical conditions, our community will experience higher crime rates and lower tax revenue, a decline in the standard of living, and weakened economic health.

Jurisdictions are asked to accept the funding recommendations by December 31, 2015.

2016 Human Service Fund Recommendations

Applicant	2014 & 2015 Grant	2016 Request	2016 Recommendation	Program Description
CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$25,465	Court-ordered intervention by trained volunteers for children determined by judge to be "Child in Need of Care" due to abuse or neglect. Volunteers focus on the child and submit reports to judge.
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas	\$67,500	\$70,000	\$70,000	Emergency assistance and case management to meet basic needs of low-income families and help them work towards self-sufficiency.
El Centro	\$17,400	\$25,000	\$20,000	Safety net services for low-income, under-uninsured individuals and families, including emergency assistance (utilities and housing), assistance with access to healthcare, financial education and assistance with income tax filing.
Growing Futures Early Education Center (prior to Jan. 2015: Head Start of Shawnee Mission)	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	Scholarships for child care fees for enrolled low-income families during financial hardship, and crisis assistance for enrolled families who need help with food and housing.
Harvesters	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$8,000	BackSnack program provides a backpack of food for low-income school children to take home over the weekend.
Health Partnership Clinic	\$45,300	\$45,300	\$45,300	Health and dental care, through a medical home model, for uninsured low-income Johnson County residents.
Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)	\$9,000	\$15,000	\$9,000	Case management for homeless single females and homeless families with children who receive shelter, meals, and transportation assistance from IHN.
Kansas Children's Service League	\$7,000	\$25,000	\$19,800	Home-based education and family support for new parents whose children are at-risk for child abuse and neglect.
KidsTLC	\$15,400	\$15,400	\$15,400	The Street Outreach Services Program serves runaway and homeless youth, with goal of safe housing. Addresses youths' immediate needs; related services and case management are available.
SAFEHOME	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	The Economic Empowerment Program promotes economic self-reliance for victims of domestic violence who are living in shelter, and for women in agency's outreach programs.
Salvation Army Family Lodge (Olathe)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	Emergency and transitional housing for homeless and near homeless families in Johnson County, including related services and case management.
Sunflower House	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500	Personal safety and prevention programs for children and youth. Prevention and education programs for child care professionals and caregivers, including mandated reporters.
The Family Conservancy	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	New program for HSF in 2016: The Family Conservancy's "Talk, Read, Play" Intensive Model will be delivered at two early childhood centers which serve low-income children. TRP strengthens parents' abilities to support their child's early learning and literacy development.
Total	\$268,100	\$327,700	\$301,965	The 2015 federal poverty level for a family of three is \$19,790.

2016 Human Service Fund Recommendations Report

CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties

\$25,465
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for the Children in Need of Care (CINC) program, a court-ordered program that serves children a judge has determined to be a "Child in Need of Care." CASA is court-ordered to a CINC case because of conflicting case information, extreme neglect or abuse, or concerns about implementation of services. A trained CASA volunteer advocate focuses on the child's situation and gathers information from the child, family, social worker, attorney, and teacher, then with the CASA supervisor, identifies needed assessments or treatment for the child. CASA's report is submitted to the judge who uses it to make more informed decisions regarding the child's future.

Results Projected: Program results include children who do not experience additional abuse or neglect, have a stable adult presence in their lives, and remain in safe and permanent homes. CASA anticipates serving 315 Johnson County children during 2016.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

\$70,000
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for the Emergency Assistance and Supportive Housing program which operates out of two centers in Johnson County. The program provides assistance and strengths-based case management, without regard to religious affiliation, to families living at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Emergency Assistance services include those that meet residents' basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, as well as financial assistance with prescription medication and medical supplies, utilities, child care, and transportation. The case management delivery model emphasizes modes of self-sustainment, including asset development/financial literacy, and education on life skills.

Results Projected: During 2016 the agency anticipates serving 27,000 Johnson County residents with assistance that includes food and/or financial support to maintain housing and utilities. Every client who receives financial assistance will undergo a case manager-led financial assessment, and 75% of clients who complete the assessment will attend financial literacy education services.

El Centro, Inc.

\$20,000
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for El Centro Services – Olathe/Johnson County Office. A set of safety net services are provided to low-income and/or under-/uninsured Johnson County individuals and families. Service include Emergency Assistance (utility and housing assistance, financial literacy classes), Health Navigation (access to health services, health care case management and patient navigation, translation and interpretation), and Economic Empowerment (budgeting, asset-building, income tax assistance).

Results Projected: During 2016 El Centro expects to serve 2,515 Johnson County residents at the Olathe office. Results include that clients' basic needs are met and healthcare access is improved.

**Growing Futures
Early Education
Center (prior to Jan.
2015: Head Start of
Shawnee Mission)**

\$8,500
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for Growing Futures' Head Start Wrap Around Care program which provides extended day care (before and after hour care) for families in the preschool program. The majority of children in the Wrap Around Care program are Head Start-eligible (meet federal poverty guidelines). Human Service Fund scholarships pay Wrap Around Care fees for enrolled families having financial difficulties, which allows for continuity of early childhood care and education. Crisis assistance is provided to families in need of short-term help, particularly with housing (those in jeopardy of losing Section 8 eligibility because of inability to pay rent on time).

Results Projected: Children maintain enrollment in the program even though families face financial hardship, and children will show gains in 11 developmental domains. During 2016 Growing Futures projects serving 90 Johnson County children with the Wrap Around Care program.

Harvesters

\$8,000
Recommendation

Funding is recommended to support Harvesters BackSnack program which is provided within Johnson County schools. Through this program a backpack filled with food is provided to low-income children who take it home for the weekend, when school meals are not available. Harvesters purchases food for the backpacks and links schools to a community partner, and transports the food kits to the partner. Community partners clean backpacks, place food kits in backpacks and distribute backpacks to schools every week. School staff identify children in greatest need of food assistance. Currently Harvesters collaborates with 52 schools and 28 community partners in Johnson County.

Results Projected: In 2016 the agency plans to serve 2,150 Johnson County children and distribute 75,000 backpacks. Results include positive effects on children's grades, behavior and health.

**Health Partnership
Clinic (HPC)**

\$45,300
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for primary and preventative medical care, and dental and behavioral health services which are provided at Health Partnership Clinic's office in Olathe. HPC targets serving individuals living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; 55% of clients are uninsured and 45% have public insurance or Medicaid. Health Partnership Clinic, Johnson County's largest safety-net clinic, utilizes a medical home model which emphasizes prevention and health maintenance while providing a broad scope of services including care for patients with chronic diseases. Specialty care is provided through a network of providers, and HPC assists patients with access to affordable prescription drugs through partnerships with local pharmacies.

Results Projected: Anticipated program results include increased access to a medical and dental home for low-income and uninsured residents, patients achieve better health outcomes, and patients utilize the Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) as their ongoing source of care (i.e. a medical home). During 2016 HPC anticipates serving 21,160 Johnson County residents through 48,760 patient office visits or encounters.

**Johnson County
Interfaith
Hospitality Network
(JoCoIHN)**

\$9,000
Recommendation

JoCoIHN provides shelter, meals, transportation and case management for homeless families and single unaccompanied females. Area congregations provide shelter and meals on a rotating schedule while JoCoIHN staff helps families regain self-sufficiency and independence. Human Service Funds are used to provide strengths-based case management which includes assistance with transportation, referrals to other community resources, assistance with budgeting and money management, and assistance with job and housing searches. JoCoIHN partners with 35 faith congregations.

Results Projected: During 2016 the agency expects to serve 40 Johnson County residents with 2,500 days of shelter and case management. Clients completing the program will increase their economic resources and approximately 50 percent will move into homes of their own.

**Kansas Children’s
Service League
(KCSL)**

\$19,800
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for Johnson County Healthy Families, a child abuse prevention program which provides intensive home-based education and family support services to parents who are experiencing extreme stress and are “at-risk” for child abuse and neglect. Eligibility is based upon risk factors, not income, however, most of the families are low-income. Participants receive routine at-home visits, case management, referrals to community resources and services, child development and parent education, and linkage to health care services.

Results Projected: Families do not have any substantiated child abuse and neglect; children have health insurance and are current on immunizations, and have a developmental screen in the last six months (or are already receiving services for developmental delays). As a result of the increase in KCSL’s HSF grant and with other funding, staffing will increase and 52 Johnson County individuals are expected to be served during 2016.

KidsTLC

\$15,400
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for KidsTLC Street Outreach Program (SOS) which serves runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 12 and 24. The overarching goal of the program is to get homeless and runaway youth into safe and stable housing. In addition, the young peoples’ immediate needs for food and hygiene items are met; youth are educated about sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and domestic violence; and, case management services are available.

Results Projected: During 2016 the organization estimates serving 60 Johnson County youth through this program. Program results include securing housing for youth, and providing case management with an additional focus on higher-risk, higher-needs youth.

SAFEHOME
\$18,000
Recommendation

SAFEHOME provides shelter and other assistance for victims of domestic violence. Funding is recommended to support SAFEHOME's Economic Empowerment Program. Through education, support, and referrals to community agencies, this program assists women in taking control of their finances and moving towards financial independence. The program also includes housing advocacy to help women find safe, affordable housing. Clients participating in SAFEHOME'S outreach/transitional living programs also have access to financial literacy classes.

Results Projected: Program participants secure employment, enroll in job training or education programs, and achieve budgeting/credit goals. The agency projects this program will serve 225 Johnson County residents during 2016.

**The Salvation Army
Olathe**
\$15,000
Recommendation

Funding is recommended to assist low and very low income homeless families in Johnson County with food and temporary shelter at the Johnson County Family Lodge (a homeless shelter) in Olathe. Families are given a private room for the duration of their stay which averages 90 days. Residents meet weekly with a case manager who utilizes the strengths-based case management model, keep a budget, and work on debt recovery and completing a GED, if needed. Services offered at the Lodge include financial literacy and parenting classes, tutoring (from Blue Valley School District volunteers), and a preschool.

Results Projected: In addition to providing safe shelter, results include families who increase their skills or income, and move into transitional or permanent housing. The Family Lodge anticipates serving 175 Johnson County residents during 2016.

Sunflower House
\$32,500
Recommendation

Funding is recommended to support the Personal Safety Education Program, a child abuse prevention education program. The program includes: 1) *Happy Bear*, an interactive play for children ages four through seven enrolled in public and private early childhood centers and elementary schools; 2) *Let's Talk About Personal Safety* delivered in elementary schools (third through fifth grade) which includes lessons on personal safety (unwelcome touching), bullying, and internet and cell phone safety; 3) *Let's Cyber-Chat*, an internet safety program delivered to fifth through eighth grade students; 4) *P.S. It's My Body*, a curriculum which includes lessons on personal safety, bullying, and sexual abuse; 5) *Keeping Kids Safe Online*, a workshop for parents provided in partnership with the FBI Cyber Crimes Unit; 6) *Abusive Head Trauma Prevention* for parents and others who provide care for young children; 7) *Stewards of Children*, a child sexual abuse prevention training for adults which is appropriate for youth-serving and faith-based organizations; and, 8) *Mandated Reporter Training* which teaches attendees to recognize signs of sexual abuse, how to appropriately report it (procedures/law), and how to handle a child's disclosure.

Results Projected: Children are knowledgeable of strategies to recognize, resist and report abuse; youth increase their knowledge of online safety and indicate they will report unwanted communication, and can identify how to report it; and, mandated reporters and caring adults are trained to identify and report child abuse and neglect. The agency anticipates reaching 15,000 Johnson County residents during 2016.

**The Family
Conservancy**

\$15,000

Recommendation

Funding is recommended for “Talk, Read, Play” (TRP), a parent-child initiative lead by The Family Conservancy since 2011. The TRP Intensive Model will be implemented at Olathe Head Start and JoCo Community College Hiersteiner Child Development Center (HCDC). TRP trains child care providers and addresses parents’ basic abilities to support their child’s early learning and literacy development. It helps parents interact intentionally with their children, furthering at home the lessons child development educators begin building with children in the classroom. TRP places special emphasis on reaching low-income parents where research suggests it has potential to have a greater impact on children’s healthy development. All of the children at Olathe Head Start are from low-income families. HCDC is open to JCCC students and faculty, as well as the community, including those who are on the free/reduced lunch program and/or are receiving state subsidy.

Results Projected: Parents increase in frequency of talking, reading and playing with their children. Child care providers increase utilization of TRP strategies in the classroom, distribution of TRP materials to families, and on-site parent event activities. During 2016 The Family Conservancy plans to serve 564 individuals at Olathe Head Start and HCDC.

APPENDIX A

**2016 HUMAN SERVICE FUND
PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS**

JURISDICTION	CONTRIBUTION
Johnson County	\$121,275
De Soto*	\$2,000
Edgerton	\$1,650
Gardner	\$5,500
Leawood	\$11,500
Lenexa	\$17,000
Merriam	\$3,000
Mission	\$7,000
Olathe	\$46,000
Overland Park	\$75,700
Prairie Village	\$7,000
Roeland Park	\$3,930
Shawnee	\$21,500
Spring Hill	\$1,650
Westwood	\$1,260
Westwood Hills	<u>\$200</u>
Total from County Government & Cities	\$326,165
UCS Administration	<u>\$24,200</u>
Total Available to Allocate	\$301,965

*De Soto's contribution is pending.

APPENDIX B

2016 HUMAN SERVICE FUND GUIDELINES & REVIEW COMMITTEE

HUMAN SERVICE FUND

The HSF is a competitive process that awards grants to nonprofit organizations for operating human service safety net programs that meet the needs of Johnson County residents who live with income at or near the federal poverty level. The human service safety net cares for and protects the vulnerable, and provides pathways and opportunities for the disadvantaged to become contributing members of society. Components of the safety net that are supported by the HSF are: 1) basic needs, 2) work and income supports, and 3) health, wellness and personal safety.

FUNDING PRIORITIES 2016

The HSF supports programs that benefit local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government.

2016 Funding Priorities:

1. Programs funded by the HSF must deliver measureable outcomes which benefit Johnson County residents and, in the long-term, benefit local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government.
2. Programs funded by the HSF must fit the definition of "Safety Net or Work Supports." Priority is given to programs that address child care, job training, emergency aid and shelter, child/adult abuse, child welfare, and health care.
3. Priority will be given to programs that serve individuals and/or families with income below or near the federal poverty level.
4. Priority will be given to programs that are not primarily funded or delivered by local, state or federal governments.
5. Priority will be given to programs that demonstrate innovation and/or collaboration in program delivery.

ELIGIBILITY

- Current §501(c)(3) designation and in good standing in Kansas or Missouri as a nonprofit corporation, i.e. may not be an entity of city or county government.
- Agency must provide an independent certified audit of the previous year's financial records; or, if total agency revenues were less than \$250,000, an independent review of financial statements prepared by a Certified Public Accountant. The audit or review must have been completed within nine (9) months of the close of the fiscal year. Upon request, the agency may need to provide additional financial information, such as, but not limited to, the most recent IRS Form 990.
- The program serves primarily Johnson County, Kansas residents who live with income at or near federal poverty level. Programs that do not meet this criterion may still be eligible if the program leads to the prevention of poverty, and primarily serves Johnson County residents.
- The program clearly defines and measures outcomes for participants.
- The program benefits local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government.
- The applicant complies with Agency Standards.
- Applicants must affirm that the agency does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, ethnicity, disability, race, color, ancestry, political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, mental health disability or national origin.

- Only one HSF application may be submitted by an agency. Applications will not be accepted for both the HSF and Alcohol Tax Fund (managed by Drug and Alcoholism Council, a program of UCS) for the same program during the same funding cycle. However, applications may be submitted for both funds by the same agency or department for discrete programs during the same funding cycle.
- Applications for substance abuse programs are not accepted and should be directed to the Alcohol Tax Fund.

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