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## 2017 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 2017.

Together, Johnson County Government and 15 cities committed \$335,165 for program allocations in 2017. (See appendix A for list of participating jurisdictions.) These contributions directly benefit Johnson County residents who will be served through 14 programs recommended for 2017 Human Service Fund grants.

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 vital 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.

Thanks to your support, last year programs receiving Human Service Fund grants served approximately 68,500 Johnson County residents in-need. 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 16, 2016.**

## 2017 Human Service Fund Applicant History and Recommendations

Applicant	2016 Grant	2017 Request	2017 Recommendation	Program Description
CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties	\$25,465	\$32,000	\$32,000	Court-ordered intervention by trained volunteers for children determined by judge to be a "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	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	Emergency assistance, supportive housing and case management to meet basic needs of low-income families and help them work towards self-sufficiency.
El Centro	\$20,000	\$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	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$9,265	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	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	BackSnack program provides a backpack of food for low-income food insecure school children to take home over the weekend.
Health Partnership Clinic	\$45,300	\$45,300	\$42,000	Health and dental care, through a medical home model, for uninsured low-income Johnson County residents.
Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas	No request	\$10,000	\$5,000	Transitional housing for homeless youth including case management, budget counseling, and supportive services.
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.
Jewish Family Services	No request	\$35,000	0	Career Skills and Connections for unemployed or underemployed individuals; includes career exploration, job search skills, career coaching.
Kansas Children's Service League	\$19,800	\$19,800	\$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	\$22,500	\$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	\$18,000	\$18,000	Emergency and transitional housing for homeless and near homeless families in Johnson County, including related services and case management.
Sunflower House	\$32,500	\$37,500	\$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	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	Implementation of "Talk, Read, Play" Intensive Model at two early childhood centers which serve low-income children. TRP strengthens parents' abilities to support their child's early learning and literacy development.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$301,965</b>	<b>\$385,500</b>	<b>\$310,965</b>	The 2016 federal poverty level for a family of three is \$20,160.

## 2017 Human Service Fund Recommendations

**CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties** 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 informed decisions regarding the child’s future.

\$32,000

Recommendation

**Results Projected:** Program results include children who will not be substantiated as victims of additional abuse or neglect, have a stable adult presence in their lives, and when eligible, will complete high school or earn a GED. CASA anticipates serving 390 Johnson County children during 2017.

**Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas** 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, education on life skills, and connection to other resources.

\$70,000

Recommendation

**Results Projected:** During 2017, the agency anticipates serving 27,580 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 will attend financial literacy education, and receive one-on-one coaching according to assessed financial need and capability.

**El Centro, Inc.** Funding is recommended for El Centro Family Services Center – Comprehensive Safety-Net Services in Olathe/Johnson County Office. A set of safety net services is provided to low-income and/or under-/uninsured Johnson County individuals and families. Services include Economic Empowerment (emergency assistance, budgeting, asset-building, income tax assistance), Health Navigation (access to health services, health care case management and patient navigation, translation), and Promotores de Salud (trained volunteers who work in community promoting health lifestyles, and provide education about issues relating to health), and OSHA “Security at Work” (certified classes on prevention of workplace safety and health hazards).

\$20,000

Recommendation

**Results Projected:** During 2017 El Centro expects to serve 1,950 Johnson County residents at the Olathe office. Results include that clients’ basic needs are met, healthcare access is improved, and clients are educated about workforce safety.

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

\$9,265  
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 2017 Growing Futures projects serving 100 Johnson County children with the Wrap Around Care program.

**Harvesters**

\$10,000  
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 54 schools in Johnson County.

**Results Projected:** In 2017 the agency plans to serve 2,150 Johnson County children and distribute 72,550 backpacks. Results include positive effects on children's grades, behavior and health.

**Health Partnership Clinic (HPC)**

\$42,000  
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. In July 2016, HPC opened a pediatric practice in Shawnee which serves a majority of Medicaid patients. 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 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 2017 HPC anticipates serving 21,160 Johnson County residents through 48,760 patient office visits or encounters.

**Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas**  
\$5,000  
Recommendation

First time HSF grant support is recommended for Hillcrest’s Transitional Housing Program – Homeless Youth program. Transitional housing for homeless youth, ages 16-21, will be provided in four apartments located in Overland Park. Youth will receive individual case management and budget counseling, and be connected to community services to address immediate and ongoing needs as applicable, such as medical, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse treatment, employment training, tutoring, and mentoring. A food and basic-needs pantry is also provided at the Overland Park facility.

**Results projected:** Four homeless youth will be provided transitional housing and work toward achieving an education goal. They will also receive an individual assessment and achieve at least one goal from their assessment plan.

**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 2017 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 within three months of entering the network.

**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 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). With an increase in KCSL’s 2016 HSF grant along with other funding, a second Family Support Specialist was added to the program and 90 Johnson County individuals are expected to be served during 2017.

<p><b>KidsTLC</b></p> <p>\$15,400 Recommendation</p>	<p>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 permanent housing, or refer them to shelter and transitional living programs. A first step may be meeting the young person’s immediate needs for food, clothing and hygiene items. When youth accept further engagement, strength-based case management is provided, as well as an array of services such as referral to behavioral health services and medical and dental services, crisis and trauma intervention, and follow-up support.</p> <p><b>Results Projected:</b> During 2017 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 youth.</p>
<p><b>SAFEHOME</b></p> <p>\$18,000 Recommendation</p>	<p>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. Clients participating in SAFEHOME’S outreach/transitional living programs also have access to financial literacy classes.</p> <p><b>Results Projected:</b> 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 2017.</p>
<p><b>Salvation Army Olathe</b></p> <p>\$15,000 Recommendation</p>	<p>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. The Lodge provides up to 90 days of shelter. Residents meet weekly with a case manager who utilizes the strengths-based case management model. Parenting and financial literacy classes are offered, as well as skill building in becoming gainfully employed and building a support system, and navigating mainstream resources. Clients are assisted in accessing affordable child care, and a portion of HSF provides funding for daycare to allow parents to work while their application for State childcare assistance is being processed.</p> <p><b>Results Projected:</b> 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 2017.</p>
<p><b>Sunflower House</b></p> <p>\$32,500 Recommendation</p>	<p>Funding is recommended to support the Personal Safety Education Program, a child abuse prevention education program. The program includes: 1) <i>Happy Bear</i>, an interactive play for children ages four through seven enrolled in public and private early childhood centers and elementary schools; 2) <i>Think First and Stay Safe</i>, a newly updated curriculum for PreK-fifth grade that reinforces personal and digital boundaries; 3) <i>E-Safety Presentation</i>, targeting sixth through eighth graders and educating them on safety topics such as sexting, bullying, child exploitation, and social networking; 4) <i>Keeping Kids Safe Online</i>, a workshop</p>

for parents provided in partnership with the FBI Cyber Crimes Unit; 5) *Stewards of Children*, a child sexual abuse prevention and education training for adults; 6) *Mandated Reporter Training* which teaches attendees to recognize signs of sexual abuse, correct procedures/laws for reporting, and how to handle a child's disclosure; and, 7) *Child Protection Project*, a presentation designed to raise the awareness of child sexual abuse among parents and caregivers, and give them tools needed to be proactive in protecting children.

**Results Projected:** Children are knowledgeable of strategies to recognize, resist and report abuse; youth who receive mobile technology and web education will indicate they will report unwanted electronic 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 2017.

**The Family  
Conservancy**

**\$10,000  
Recommendation**

Funding is recommended for "Talk, Read, Play" (TRP), a parent-child initiative lead by The Family Conservancy since 2011. The TRP Intensive Model, developed in 2014, will be implemented at Growing Futures Early Education Center in Overland Park and in another Johnson County child care program (to be determined), both of which serve families who receive state subsidy for child care costs. 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.

**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. If provided the full amount of its HSF request, during 2017 The Family Conservancy plans to serve 300 (this number may decrease, depending upon availability of other funding support).

**Not Recommended for Funding**

**Jewish Family Services - Career Skills and Connections Program**

Jewish Family Services, a first-time HSF applicant, requested \$35,000 for its Career Skills and Connections program. Created in 2010 for members of the Jewish community, this program expanded beyond the Jewish community in 2015 with the addition of 35 clients from the general community. The program serves unemployed or underemployed individuals, and offers services that include career exploration, technical job search skills, career coaching, and activities and referrals for emotional and psychological support.

United Community Services Human Service Fund Grant Review Committee did not recommend funding from the 2017 Human Service Fund for Jewish Family Services. UCS acknowledges the contribution this agency makes to Johnson County residents. However with limited funding, the grant review committee focused on recommending allocations for programs with more secure funding sources and stronger alignment with funding priorities, and applicants that demonstrate wider collaboration with other programs which serve similar populations (in this case other supportive employment programs).

APPENDIX A

2017 HUMAN SERVICE FUND PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

JURISDICTION	CONTRIBUTION
Johnson County	\$121,275
De Soto	\$2,000
Edgerton	\$1,650
Gardner	\$5,500
Leawood	\$12,500
Lenexa	\$17,000
Merriam*	\$11,000
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>
<b>Total from County Government &amp; Cities</b>	<b>\$335,165</b>
UCS Administration	<u>\$24,200</u>
<b>Total Available to Allocate</b>	<b>\$310,965</b>

\*Portion of Merriam’s support includes funds received in 2016.

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The Human Service Fund 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 2017**

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

#### **2017 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.
- Applications for substance abuse programs are not accepted and should be directed to the Alcohol Tax Fund.