



United Community Services of Johnson County

2019 HUMAN SERVICE FUND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

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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 2019.

Together, Johnson County Government and 14 cities committed \$359,801 for the Human Service Fund in 2019. (See appendix A for list of participating jurisdictions.) These contributions directly benefit Johnson County residents who will be served through 14 programs recommended for 2019 Human Service Fund grants.

The Human Service Fund (HSF) 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. Funding recommendations represent the maximum HSF award for the calendar year, and UCS is not responsible for reductions in grant awards that may occur due to reduction in allocated funds by participating jurisdictions.

Thanks to your support, in 2017 programs receiving Human Service Fund grants served nearly 55,000 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 January 1, 2019.

2019 Human Service Fund Applicant History and Recommendations

Applicant	2017 Grant	2018 Grant	2019 Recommendation	Program Description
CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties	\$32,000	\$40,000	\$43,500	Court-ordered intervention by trained volunteers for children determined by a judge to be a "Child in Need of Care" due to abuse or neglect, or as high concern for safety and placement. Volunteers focus on the child and submit reports to judge.
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	Emergency assistance and supportive housing, including case management to meet basic needs of low-income families and help them work towards self-sufficiency.
Community Center of Shawnee, Inc.	No request	No request	\$5,000	Food pantry transportation- Costs associated with transporting food from source (food outlets and Harvesters) to the Community Center in Shawnee where it is distributed without cost to Johnson County households.
El Centro	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$22,736	Safety net services for low-income, under/uninsured individuals and families: economic empowerment (emergency assistance, financial literacy, assistance filing taxes), and access to healthcare (Health Navigation and health promotion).
Growing Futures Early Education Center	\$9,265	\$9,265	\$9,265	Scholarships for child care fees for enrolled low-income families during financial hardship, which allows parents to maintain full-time education or employment. Emergency assistance for enrolled families who need help with food and housing.
Harvesters	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	BackSnack and Kids Café program provides a backpack of food for low-income school children to take home over the weekend, and meals in afterschool locations and summer sites.
Health Partnership Clinic	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	Health and dental care, through a medical home model, for uninsured low-income Johnson County residents.
Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica*	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$9,500	Transitional housing for homeless youth, single adults and families, including case management, budget counseling, and supportive services. *Formerly known as Hillcrest Transitional Housing.
Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	Case management for single females and families with children who are homeless. Clients receive shelter, meals, and transportation assistance from IHN.
Jewish Family Services	\$0	\$5,000	No request	The Food, Shelter and Employment program provides an array of safety-net services to low-income families.
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	\$17,500	\$17,500	Street Outreach Services Program serves youth and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Helps clients obtain/maintain housing and provides related services and/or referral to services as needed.
SAFEHOME	\$18,000	\$19,865	\$21,000	The Economic Empowerment Program promotes economic self-reliance for victims of domestic violence who are living in shelter, and for clients in the agency's outreach programs.
Salvation Army Family Lodge (Olathe)	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	Temporary and transitional housing for families in Johnson County who are homeless, including related services and case management.
Sunflower House	\$32,500	\$37,500	\$37,500	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	\$10,000	\$10,000	No request	Implementation of "Talk, Read, Play" Intensive Model at early childhood centers which serve low-income children.
Total	\$310,965	\$335,930	\$339,801	The 2018 federal poverty level for a family of three is \$20,780.

2019 Human Service Fund Recommendations

CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Funding is recommended for the Child Advocacy Program, a court-ordered program that serves children from birth to age 18. Most children in the program are those whom a Juvenile Court Judge has determined to be a “Child in Need of Care” due to abuse or neglect by parent or caretaker (commonly placed in foster care). Children may also be referred by a Family Court Judge when child safety and placement are of great concern in a high conflict divorce or separation. In these cases the judge is determining if the child can reside in a safe placement without having to be placed in state custody (foster care). A trained CASA volunteer advocate regularly meets with the child and focuses on the child’s situation (safety, mental health and education needs, etc.). The volunteer also gathers information from the parents, foster parents, social workers, attorneys, and teachers, then with the CASA supervisor, identifies service needs. CASA submits a report to the judge which includes information about the child’s statements, behavior, and interaction with parents. Court reports support the judge’s critical decisions about where the child should live and what services should be court-ordered.

\$43,500

Recommendation

Results Projected: Children are safe from additional abuse or neglect. Children have a stable adult presence in their lives, and when eligible will complete high school or earn a GED. CASA anticipates serving 435 Johnson County children during 2019.

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 practices to accomplish self-sufficiency, including asset development/financial literacy, life skills, and referrals to other available community resources.

\$70,000

Recommendation

Results Projected: During 2019 the agency anticipates serving 35,000 Johnson County residents with assistance that includes food and/or financial support to maintain housing and utilities. Every client who receives financial assistance will engage in budget coaching and a financial review with their case manager. Seventy-five percent of clients will attend financial literacy education classes and receive one-on-one coaching according to assessed financial need and capability.

Community Center of Shawnee, Inc. For the first time, funding is recommended for the Food Pantry Transportation component of the organization doing business as Shawnee Community Services. The organization transports food from Harvesters and a variety of food outlets to its center in Shawnee where families may receive one free food package per month which consists of nonperishable foods, frozen meat, fresh produce, bread and dairy products. Shawnee Community Services also provides free clothing, household goods at a nominal cost, and referrals to other community resources.

\$5,000

Recommendation

Result Projected: During 2019 4,680 households will receive free food packages, and 1,050,000 pounds of food will be distributed. The agency anticipates serving 5,880 Johnson County residents.

El Centro, Inc. Funding is recommended for the Johnson County Family Services Center located in Olathe where a set of safety-net services are provided to low-income and/or under-/uninsured Johnson County individuals and families. Services include economic empowerment (emergency assistance, financial literacy classes, assistance filing taxes), and access to healthcare (health navigation and promotion).

\$22,736

Recommendation

Results Projected: During 2019 El Centro expects to serve 1,675 Johnson County residents at the Olathe office. Results include meeting clients' basic needs, assisting clients in obtaining an ITIN (if needed) and filing income taxes, and clients successful access of community healthcare resources.

Growing Futures Early Education Center Funding is recommended for Growing Futures' Head Start Childcare and Emergency Assistance Scholarships. Most of the families served by Growing Futures are living at or below federal poverty guidelines. Through the Human Service Fund grant, scholarships (child care assistance) help low-income families experiencing financial hardships who are unable to pay their share of child care fees (federal Head Start grants fund 3.5 hours of the day and parents are responsible for costs wrapped around the Head Start funded hours). Scholarships allow for continuity of early childhood care and education while parents are working or attending school. Emergency 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), and food.

\$9,265

Recommendation

Results Projected: Children demonstrate kindergarten readiness and maintain enrollment in the program even though families face financial hardship. Families attain at least one family goal based upon family determined strengths and needs. During 2019 Growing Futures projects serving 30 Johnson County children with scholarships.

Harvesters Funding is recommended to support Harvesters BackSnack program which is provided within Johnson County schools, and Kids Café which is provided in after-school locations and summer sites in Johnson County. Through the BackSnack program a backpack filled with food is provided to low-income children who take it home for the weekend. 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. During the 2019 school year, Harvesters will collaborate with approximately 51 schools in Johnson County for BackSnack (number of schools is subject to change). Harvesters delivers meals directly to Kids Café sites and provides meals there at no cost to children and youth. Free and reduced lunch school statistics help determine location of Kids Café sites. During 2019 school year, there will be 20 Kids Café sites in Johnson County, and Harvesters will start a blended BackSnack/School

\$15,000

Recommendation

Pantry pilot where food is delivered to schools for distribution to families that need help feeding everyone in their household (not just the student).

Results Projected: In 2019, through the BackSnack program, the agency anticipates serving 1,850 Johnson County children and distributing 57,100 backpacks; and, providing 42,000 meals to children through Kids Café sites. 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, which are provided at Health Partnership Clinic's office in Olathe, a pediatric clinic in Shawnee Mission, and a school-based clinic in Merriam. HPC's patients are primarily low income (82%), with 48% uninsured and 38% having public insurance. 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. HPC also provides dental and behavioral health services. Specialty care is provided through a network of providers.

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 2019 HPC anticipates serving 12,255 Johnson County residents through 36,137 patient office visits or encounters.

**Hillcrest
Ministries of
MidAmerica**

\$9,500

Recommendation

Funding is recommended for Hillcrest's Transitional Housing – Homeless Youth and Families program. Transitional housing for homeless youth (up to age 21), families (children and adults), and single adults will be provided in seven apartments located in Overland Park. Four apartments are for youth, and 3 are for families, singles and couples. Hillcrest uses either the HUD or McKinney-Vento education definition of homeless. The majority of clients are at or below federal poverty guidelines. The youth program provides up to 24 months of housing and services, including individual case management and budget counseling, and connection 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. Adults and families receive similar services, however, for a shorter period of time (3 months). A food and basic-needs pantry is also provided at the Overland Park facility.

Results projected: 35 homeless children/youth and adults will be provided transitional housing and achieve at least one goal from their assessment plan. Homeless youth will work toward achieving an education goal; 12 homeless adults will maintain or improve their employment.

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (JoCoIHN) 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, money management, and job and housing searches. Services are provided by 3,400 volunteers through partnerships with 36 faith congregations.

\$9,000
Recommendation

Results Projected: During 2019 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 four months of entering the network.

Kansas Children’s Service League (KCSL) Funding is recommended for Healthy Families Johnson County, 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. Parent engagement includes Parent Cafés, parent support groups, and a Parent Leadership Council.

\$19,800
Recommendation

Results Projected: During 2019, 195 Johnson County individuals are expected to be served. Anticipated results are that families do not have any substantiated child abuse and neglect; and, 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).

KidsTLC Funding is recommended for KidsTLC Street Outreach Services Program (SOS) which provides intervention services to families with children and transitional-age youth who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The main referral sources to the program are Olathe and Shawnee Mission School Districts through their IMPACT Olathe and Project Home programs. Referrals also come from other service providers, word-of-mouth, etc., and may include youth who have run-away or are transitioning out of foster-care. The primary goal is to assist clients in obtaining/maintaining permanent housing and navigating mental health and social service systems, including referrals to mental health services at KidsTLC, and guidance about accessing other services in the community.

\$17,500
Recommendation

Results Projected: During 2019 the organization estimates serving 150 Johnson County residents through this program. Program results include that people’s life sustaining basic needs are met, clients experience increased access to services and barriers to services are reduced, and clients express increased stability and awareness of resources.

<p>SAFEHOME</p> <p>\$21,000</p> <p>Recommendation</p>	<p>SAFEHOME provides shelter and other assistance to survivors of domestic violence. Funding is recommended to support SAFEHOME’s Economic Empowerment Program. Through education, support, and referrals to community agencies, this program assists clients in taking control of their finances and moving towards financial independence. Clients participating in SAFEHOME’S outreach programs also have access to financial literacy classes.</p> <p>Results Projected: Program participants secure employment, enroll in job training or education programs, and complete a budget. The agency projects this program will serve 230 Johnson County residents during 2019.</p>
<p>Salvation Army Olathe</p> <p>\$18,000</p> <p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Funding is recommended to assist low and very-low income homeless families in Johnson County with food and shelter at the Johnson County Family Lodge in Olathe. In most cases, the Lodge provides up to 90 days of shelter (temporary and transitional housing – maximum stay of 180 days). Residents meet weekly with a case manager who utilizes the strengths-based case management model. Classes and/or skill building opportunities include parenting, financial literacy, maintaining employment, housing searches, daily living/life skills, developing a support system, and navigating mainstream resources.</p> <p>Results Projected: In addition to providing safe shelter, results include families increasing their skills or income, applying for mainstream services (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, etc.) and moving into transitional or permanent housing. The Family Lodge anticipates serving 150 Johnson County residents during 2019.</p>
<p>Sunflower House</p> <p>\$37,500</p> <p>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 to seven enrolled in public and private early childhood centers and elementary schools; 2) <i>Think First and Stay Safe</i>, a curriculum for grades PreK-5 that reinforces personal and digital boundaries and emphasizes that bullying and sexual abuse are against the law; 3) <i>E-Safety</i>, provides middle school students with information about how to protect themselves from online predators, and includes safety topics such as sexting, bullying, child exploitation, and social networking; 4) <i>Keeping Kids Safe Online</i>, a workshop for parents and caregivers provided in partnership with the FBI Cyber Crimes Unit; 5) <i>Stewards of Children</i>, a child sexual abuse prevention and education training for adults; 6) <i>Mandated Reporter Training</i> which teaches attendees to recognize signs of sexual abuse, correct procedures/laws for reporting, and how to handle a child’s disclosure; and, 7) <i>Child Protection Project</i>, 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.</p> <p>Results Projected: Children are knowledgeable of strategies to recognize, resist and report abuse; youth and adults increase their knowledge of online safety; and, mandated reporters and other adults are trained to identify and report child abuse and neglect. The agency anticipates reaching 15,000 Johnson County residents during 2019.</p>

APPENDIX A

2019 HUMAN SERVICE FUND PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

JURISDICTION	CONTRIBUTION
Johnson County	\$131,775
De Soto	\$2,180
Edgerton	\$1,800
Gardner	\$6,000
Leawood	\$15,000
Lenexa	\$18,500
Merriam	\$7,600
Mission	\$7,600
Olathe	\$50,100
Overland Park	\$80,200
Prairie Village	\$7,600
Roeland Park	\$4,371
Shawnee	\$23,900
Spring Hill	\$1,800
Westwood	<u>\$1,375</u>
Total from County Government & Cities	\$359,801
Interest	<u>\$5,000</u>
Subtotal	\$364,801
UCS Administration	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Available to Allocate	\$339,801

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APPENDIX B

2019 HUMAN SERVICE FUND GUIDELINES

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 building a healthy community where every resident is empowered to reach their full potential. 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 2019

Programs funded by the HSF must deliver measurable outcomes which benefit county residents and, in the long-term, benefit local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government.

1. Programs funded by the HSF must fit the definition of “Safety Net or Work Supports.” Priority is given to programs that address child care and early childhood development, job training, emergency aid and shelter, child/adult abuse, child welfare, and health care.
2. Priority will be given to programs that serve individuals and/or families with income below or near the federal poverty level.
3. Priority will be given to programs that demonstrate innovation and/or collaboration in program delivery.
4. Priority will be given to programs that are consistent with an evidence-based program, best practices or promising practices, or replicate a successful model.

ELIGIBILITY

- Recognized by the IRS under section §501(c)(3), provide health and human services programming as their primary mission, and be in good standing in Kansas or Missouri as a nonprofit corporation.
- 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.
- 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, gender identification, mental health disability, national origin or any other characteristic covered by law.
- 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. Criteria of discrete programs include, but are not limited to, programs for which expenses are recorded separately for purposes of functional accounting, programs that, if serving a population targeted by another program, serve a distinct need of that population, and/or employ distinct strategies and projected outcomes.
- Applications for substance abuse programs are not accepted and should be directed to the Alcohol Tax Fund.