



United Community Services of Johnson County

2021 HUMAN SERVICE FUND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

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Human service programs are vital to addressing the well-being, safety, and stability of Johnson County residents. 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 2021.

Together, Johnson County Government and 14 cities have budgeted \$395,176 for the Human Service Fund in 2021. (See appendix A for list of participating jurisdictions.) These contributions directly benefit Johnson County residents who will be served through 14 programs recommended for 2021 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 childcare, 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 other organizations 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 2019 programs receiving Human Service Fund grants served approximately 60,000 Johnson County residents. 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 22, 2020.

2021 Human Service Fund Applicant History and Recommendations

Applicant	2019 Grant	2020 Grant	2021 Recommendation	Program Description
CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties	\$43,500	\$48,000	\$48,000	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.
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.
Cultivate Kansas City	No request	\$0	No request	Nutrition Incentives Program: Matching funds for SNAP participants and for seniors in KS Senior Market Nutrition Program.
El Centro	\$22,736	\$22,800	\$22,800	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).
FosterAdopt Connect	No request	\$5,000	\$5,000	Family Advocacy Program: Peer-to-peer support connecting foster and adoptive families with advocates to navigate and resolve issues related to interaction with child welfare system.
NCircle, replacing Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas	No request	\$15,696	\$19,696	Training and Employment Services: skills training, certification instruction, financial education, mentorship & job placement for clients in Adult Residential Center (ARC) and Therapeutic Community, Juvenile Detention Center and adults on probation upon release from the ARC.
Growing Futures Early Education Center	\$9,265	\$9,000	\$9,000	Scholarships for wraparound childcare fees for enrolled low-income families during financial hardship; allows parents to maintain full-time education/employment. Crisis assistance for enrolled families who need help with housing costs.
Harvesters	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	BackSnack and Kids Café programs provide 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	\$45,000	\$49,500	Health and dental care, through a medical home model, for uninsured low-income Johnson County residents.
Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica	\$9,500	\$10,000	No request	Transitional housing for youth, single adults and families experiencing homelessness; case management, budget counseling, and supportive services.
Jo. Co. Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	Case management, including shelter, meals, and transportation for single women and families with children experiencing homelessness.
Kansas Children's Service League	\$19,800	\$20,280	\$20,280	Home-based education and family support for new parents whose children are at-risk for child abuse and neglect.
KidsTLC	\$17,500	\$18,500	\$17,500	Thriving Families: Crisis counseling, parent education, help for families navigating health care, housing, and community resources.
SAFEHOME	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	Economic Empowerment Program promotes economic self-reliance for domestic violence survivors.
Salvation Army Family Lodge (Olathe)	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$23,000	Temporary and transitional housing for families in Johnson County experiencing homelessness, including related services and case management.
Sunflower House	\$37,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	Personal safety and prevention programs for children and youth. Prevention and education programs for childcare professionals and caregivers, including mandated reporters.
Total	\$339,801	\$371,776	\$372,276	The 2020 federal poverty level for a family of three is \$21,720.

2021 Human Service Fund Recommendations

CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties

\$48,000
Recommendation

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, 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.

2021 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 470 Johnson County children during 2021.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: CASA experienced disruption in the delivery of some services due to the shutdown of courts and the fingerprinting and background check processes for intake of new clients; however, service providers were able to pivot to online services for some clients.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 412 Johnson County children were served. The presence of a stable adult is a key factor in building resilience from a history of trauma. 96% of children served by CASA had a stable adult presence in their CASA volunteer during their court involvement. While assigned to a CASA advocate, 99% of the children served did not have an additional affirmed or substantiated report of abuse to Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF). Of the CASA-served youth eligible for graduation, 83% graduated.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

\$70,000
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for the Emergency Assistance and Supportive Housing program which operates within 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, childcare, and transportation. The case management delivery model emphasizes practices to achieve self-sufficiency, including asset development/financial literacy, workforce development and job-seeking assistance, life skills, and referrals to other available community resources.

2021 Results Projected: During 2021, the agency anticipates serving 25,110 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. 75% of clients will attend financial

literacy education classes and receive one-on-one coaching according to assessed need and capability.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Catholic Charities experienced a reduction in the delivery of some services during the emergency shutdowns but anticipates meeting or exceeding its anticipated 2020 service statistic projections due to a significant increase in demand.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 24,859 Johnson County residents were served and visits to Catholic Charities for food assistance totaled 41,049. This included assistance with applications for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and food from the agency's pantry. Direct financial assistance enabled 736 individuals to maintain safe housing for at least 30 days. 1,164 individuals benefited from utility service assistance which enabled them to sustain utility services for 30 days. All individuals who received direct financial assistance completed a financial assessment with their case manager. 91% of individuals who received financial assistance also attended financial literacy education which included Money Smart, Your Money-Your Goals, and one-on-one budget coaching.

El Centro, Inc.
\$22,800
Recommendation

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 promote self-sufficiency, well-being, and personal safety. Services include economic empowerment (emergency assistance, financial literacy classes, assistance filing taxes), access to healthcare (health navigation and promotion) and policy education.

2021 Results Projected: During 2021, El Centro expects to serve 2,500 Johnson County residents at the Olathe office. Results include meeting clients' basic needs (sustain housing and utility services, completion of financial classes), assisting clients with work and income supports (filing taxes, obtaining an Individual Tax Identification Number if needed) and clients leading healthier lives (successful access of community healthcare resources and increased knowledge of chronic disease prevention and healthy consumer behaviors).

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: In 2020, El Centro is on track to serve anticipated number of clients in 2020 despite the COVID-19 shutdown. El Centro had to limit its provision of tax filing services and class and group education. However, El Centro pivoted and provided new programming to assist in the filing of unemployment applications and began hosting weekly drive-thru food distribution events, serving nearly 4,300 individuals (not unduplicated) in Johnson County.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, approximately 2,890 Johnson County residents were served. Clients' basic needs were met: 47 households received utility assistance and were able to maintain utilities for minimum of 30 days. 86 individuals completed financial empowerment classes. 84 people were assisted with the process that enabled them to receive an Individual Tax Identification Number and thus file income taxes. 123 individuals were assisted with applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP) and received benefits; 484 enrolled in KanCare with assistance; 1,350 were assisted in filing income taxes.

**FosterAdopt
Connect**

\$5,000
Recommendation

In its second year of application to HSF, funding is recommended for FosterAdopt Connect's Family Advocacy Program. Through this program peer-to-peer support connects foster and adoptive families with trained advocates (experienced foster parents) who help families navigate and resolve issues related to interaction with the child welfare system. Examples of challenges include delays in reimbursement, problems accessing school-based services, as well as mental health services. The program forms the foundation of the agency which offers multiple programs/services in the Kansas City area. Founded in 1998, the agency operates five resource centers, including one in Lenexa.

2021 Results Projected: In 2021, FosterAdopt anticipates serving 228 Johnson County residents in providing Family Advocacy services. Outcomes include increasing the retention rate of families (assisting in developing and pursuing an action plan), increasing access to resources and knowledge (resolution of needs), and decreased traumatic moves for children (retaining placement).

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Due to the pandemic, FosterAdopt responded to the shift in need of its clients toward basic necessities by transitioning its clothing closet and food pantry into a delivery service for clients. Child placements dropped off during shutdowns; however, FosterAdopt anticipates a greater need for services in 2020 and 2021.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, FosterAdopt Connect's Lenexa office served 73 households through its Family Advocacy services. 58% of families developed and maintained an action plan within 30 days of initial contact; 73% of families demonstrated increased access to resources and knowledge through having indirect advocacy needs met within 3 business days; 100% of families maintained placement of children - decreasing traumatic moves for children.

**NCircle DBA
Cultivate, Inc.,**

\$19,696
Recommendation

NCircle, subcontractor to Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas for a 2020 HSF grant, is replacing Goodwill in 2021 and expanding the Digital Literacy and College of Trades programs through a recommended \$4000 increase in funding. These programs provide skills training, certification instruction, financial education, job placement, and mentorship for individuals in Johnson County Department of Corrections Adult Residential Center (ARC) and Therapeutic Community, as well as adults on probation upon release from the ARC. In an expansion of this program, NCircle is working with partners and Johnson County Department of Corrections to set up the first learning lab at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC); residents will be provided digital literacy training and STEM-based projects. Through these programs, new life skills, employment training, and case management resources will be provided to clients (most of whom return to Johnson County upon completion of sentence/probation period). Founded in 2012, NCircle has multiple programs that currently work with clients from the ARC and JDC. Participants in this program demonstrate increased rate of employment, increased income, decreased recidivism and decreased new charges.

2021 Results Projected: In 2021, NCircle plans to serve 110 Johnson County residents through this program with 70 residents of ARC and the Therapeutic Community completing the College of Trades and/or Digital Literacy Program and 40 residents of JDC completing

the Digital Literacy Program. Participants will increase their workplace skills and digital skills, increase the number of persons with in-demand workforce credentials in Johnson County, and demonstrate a reduction in recidivism and costs to the County.

2020 Results Projected: In 2020, Goodwill and Cultivate are on track to serve 75 Johnson County residents through this program. Clients will increase their knowledge of essential skills in the workplace and digital skills needed in the workplace. There will be an increase in the number of persons with in-demand workforce credentials, and a reduction in recidivism.

**Growing Futures
Early Education
Center**

\$9,000
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for Growing Futures' Scholarship Assistance for Wrap Around Care (WAC) Program. 99% of the families served by Growing Futures are living at or below federal poverty guidelines. Through the Human Service Fund grant, childcare scholarships help low-income families experiencing financial hardships who are unable to pay their share of childcare fees. Families who meet Head Start income guidelines pay for seven hours of the 10.5 hour-day (7am-5:30pm) at rate of \$135/week. 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.

2021 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 2020, Growing Futures projects serving 40 Johnson County residents.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Growing Futures will be serving more children and families through the WAC Program and HSF scholarship subsidization than anticipated in 2020 due to an increase in demand because of increased unemployment and/or partial loss of employment; they anticipate serving 48 Johnson County residents in 2020.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2018, 37 Johnson County residents were served through families receiving short term help or fee subsidies which allowed parents to remain working or in school while facing financial challenges. No children left the program due to inability to pay fees and all assisted families took steps toward completion of a large family goal. 89% of children achieved kindergarten readiness.

Harvesters

\$15,000
Recommendation

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. 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 the 2020 school year there will be 21 Kids Café sites in Johnson County, and Harvesters will continue to

encourage families to transition to the new School Pantry program. The School Pantry program provides BackSnack families the option of receiving food from a School Pantry instead of a weekly BackSnack (in order to feed everyone in the household, not just the student).

2021 Results Projected: In 2021, through the BackSnack program, the agency anticipates serving 1,800 Johnson County children and distributing 55,100 backpacks; and, providing 21,000 meals to 5,190 children through Kids Café sites. Harvesters anticipates addressing the basic needs of 26% of the food insecure children in Johnson County through these programs; results include positive effects on children’s grades, behavior and health.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Harvesters continued to operate the BackSnack and Kids Café during the COVID crisis by utilizing State waivers to allow children to pick up Kids Café meals to go from schools and through community partners. During school closure, BackSnacks were delivered through a variety of new methods: school bus drivers making home deliveries, school staff distributing at school sites, and community partners hosting pick-up locations.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: Harvesters provided 62,800 backpack carriers of food and 27,456 Kids Café meals to Johnson County children. In 2019, Harvesters offered a combination of both BackSnack and Kids Café meals at 11 Johnson County schools, serving 5,206 children through Kids Café and 3,485 through BackSnacks.

**Health
Partnership
Clinic (HPC)**

\$49,500
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. A \$4,500 increase in funding in 2021 will support a Nurse Practitioner providing care to uninsured patients at the Olathe Clinic. HPC’s patients are primarily low income with majority being uninsured or publicly-insured. Health Partnership Clinic, Johnson County’s largest safety-net clinic and only Federally Qualified Health Center, 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, and works in partnership with homeless shelters, delivering onsite health care services and case management. Specialty care is provided through a network of providers.

2021 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 are satisfied with services they receive, thereby continuing to utilize HPC as their health home. During 2021, HPC anticipates serving 9,300 Johnson County residents through 25,000 patient office visits or encounters.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: During the stay-at-home order, HPC was required to close its dental clinics and its school-based clinics. Like other medical providers, it saw a significant drop in patients attending preventive care and well visits as residents complied with the stay-at-home orders. The dental clinics have reopened and school-based clinics are anticipated to reopen in the fall; however, HPC anticipates that it will be at 50% capacity for 2020 and returning to full capacity in 2021.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 9,235 Johnson County residents were served through 24,881 patient office visits and/or clinical encounters. Approximately 91% of patients surveyed indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with overall care they received as a patient. Patients achieved positive health outcomes as indicated by 66% of hypertensive patients who had their blood pressure under control with readings below 140/90, and 69% of diabetic patients who achieved HgA1c (blood glucose) level of 9.0 or below during the last half of the year (compared to 59% before the clinic opened).

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

JCIHN provides shelter, meals, transportation and case management for families and single unaccompanied females experiencing homelessness. Area congregations provide shelter and meals on a rotating schedule while JCIHN 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 3,500 volunteers through partnerships with 40 faith congregations.

\$9,000

Recommendation

2021 Results Projected: During 2020, 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% will move into homes of their own within four months of entering the network. Volunteers will increase their awareness of human service needs in Johnson County.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: As a safety measure, JCIHN was closed to new admissions between March 23 and June 15, 2020, which will reduce their overall service statistics for 2020. JCIHN has begun serving new admissions and anticipates that need for their services will increase over the next year.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 50 Johnson County residents were served. Of those completing the program, 95% reported increasing their income by 25% or more while in the program, and 43% moved into homes of their own within three months of entering the network. Johnson County residents received 1,941 cumulative days of shelter and strength-based case management.

**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 advisory group. Funding is also recommended for the \$480 annual cost of webhosting the Johnson County Early Learning Collaborative, a collaborative of organizations (including KCSL) which serve young children. The website is used to connect caregivers and providers with programs that serve children, and as link to My Resource Connection when other services are needed.

\$20,280

Recommendation

2021 Results Projected: During 2021, 250 Johnson County individuals are expected to be served. Anticipated results are that families will not have any substantiated child abuse and

neglect; children have health insurance and are current on immunizations; and, children have a developmental screen in the last six months (or are already receiving services for developmental delays).

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: KCSL staff pivoted to providing virtual and phone visits and are beginning to implement porch visits to engage families. KCSL anticipates an increase in need in 2020 and 2021 as families are experiencing multiple and increased stressors, especially loss of income, during the COVID-19 disaster.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 316 Johnson County residents were served. 98% of the families served remained free from substantiated abuse and neglect while in the program. 99% of children enrolled for at least six months had health insurance and 94% had a developmental screening.

KidsTLC

\$17,500

Recommendation

Funding is recommended for KidsTLC Thriving Families program which offers resource referral, parent support groups, and health care navigation to families who struggle with behavioral and mental health issues with their children. The program serves families in the community and families who have children in one of KidsTLC's programs. Eligibility is not based upon income, however, most of the families are low-income (58% of KidsTLC's clients are living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level). The program serves as the navigation arm for the agency, helping families find mental health/health care, housing and community resources/support. It also provides education and support to Spanish-speaking families. The program is a health navigation resource for schools and participates in Olathe and Shawnee Mission School Districts' IMPACT Olathe and Project Home programs which serve youth and families who are at-risk for homelessness. The goal of Thriving Families is to educate families about health issues, trauma, and raising healthy children; and, to provide health navigation resources so parents can raise healthy children.

2021 Results Projected: During 2021, the organization estimates serving 375 Johnson County residents through this program. Program results include that people's life sustaining basic needs are met through crisis intervention or referral to direct assistance, clients experience increased access to services, barriers to services are reduced, and clients express increased awareness of resources.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: KidsTLC was able to quickly pivot to online education services and online engagement with clients and had an increase in attendance in virtual meetings and in completion of training through Facebook.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: Through crisis intervention, housing support, and health navigation, the Thriving Families program served 294 individuals. KidsTLC supported 27 households through crisis intervention services, 11 through assistance with rent, deposits, or mortgage payments, and 17 through food or hygiene direct assistance. KidsTLC referred 46 clients to KidsTLC services, such as Que Onda Families, Lotus Clinics, Trellis, or Intensive Outpatient services), whilst 25 other clients and households were referred to benefits assistance, employment opportunities, mental health services, and/or shelter and transitional living programs. 88% of clients reported an increase knowledge of available in resources in an exit survey.

Safehome

Safehome provides shelter and other assistance to survivors of domestic violence. Funding is recommended to support Safehome's Economic Empowerment Program. Through

\$21,000
Recommendation

education, support, and referrals, this program helps clients become employed and self-sufficient. All shelter clients take an assessment and are recommended to one of three tracks: budget, job seeker or job training. Basic and advanced financial literacy classes are offered in English and Spanish. Specialized workshops are tailored to clients' needs. Funds are provided for clients to attend GED and ESL classes off-site.

2021 Results Projected: Program participants complete a budget and career assessment inventory, enroll in job training or education programs, and/or have job interviews and secure employment. The agency projects this program will serve 120 Johnson County residents during 2021.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Safehome responded to shift in client needs for urgent employment, as compared to job training and career changes, and additional life stressors by providing different job training/employment services. Safehome is examining online training options for financial literacy courses.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 93 Johnson County residents were served. After five weeks of participation in the Job Search track, 41% completed a career assessment inventory with 97% attending at least two job interviews. After 90 days in shelter, 36 clients secured employment. 67% of clients on the Budget track completed a household budget.

**Salvation Army
Olathe**
\$23,000
Recommendation

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. A \$3,000 increase will be utilized to provide direct financial assistance toward payment of back rent and back utilities to support residential clients in obtaining new housing. In most cases, the Lodge provides up to 90 days of shelter (temporary 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.

2021 Results Projected: In addition to providing safe shelter, results will include families increasing their skills or income, applying for mainstream services (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, etc.), moving into transitional or permanent housing, and children begin or continue to receive daycare services as a work support for guardians. The Family Lodge anticipates serving 125 Johnson County residents during 2021 with more intensive services and longer stays than in 2019 due to loss of employment and housing during COVID-19.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Room turnover between March and June was significantly reduced as all residents lost employment due to shutdowns. New families are being admitted to the Lodge, allowing for social distancing and quarantine.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: The Family Lodge provided 33,398 units of service which it defines as "one bed night and/or one meal provided" to 126 Johnson County residents. 88% of families exiting the program moved into transitional or permanent housing. 97% of eligible families applied for and received mainstream services (medical assistance, childcare

subsidy, WIC, and SNAP). 97% of participants who successfully completed the program increased their skills or income.

Sunflower House Funding is recommended to support the Personal Safety Education Program, a child abuse prevention education program. The program includes: 1) *Happy Bear*, an interactive drama in Spanish and English for children ages four to seven enrolled in public and private early childhood centers and elementary schools; 2) *Think First and Stay Safe*, a curriculum for grades PreK-5 that reinforces personal and digital boundaries and emphasizes that bullying and sexual abuse are against the law; 3) *E-Safety*, 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) *Keeping Kids Safe Online*, a workshop for parents and caregivers 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.

\$42,500

Recommendation

2021 Results Projected: Age-appropriate person safety/abuse education will be provided to children; adults will be educated on child abuse indicators and reporting abuse; youth and adults will increase their knowledge of online crimes against children, including online safety steps and proper reporting. The agency anticipates reaching 19,000 Johnson County residents during 2021.

2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response: Due to school closures, Sunflower House was not able to provide as many trainings in spring of 2020 as planned. It has prepared plans for alternate delivery of trainings, through smaller groups and online platforms, for the fall.

Outcomes achieved during 2019: During 2019, 17,665 Johnson County residents were served. In post-program surveys, 98% of children indicated they would report unwanted contact, including physical touches and electronic communications. 98% of adults, including those within the special needs community, who were educated on child abuse indicators and reporting abuse, indicated they gained new information and 97% said they would monitor the electronic communications of children more closely.

APPENDIX A

2021 HUMAN SERVICE FUND PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

JURISDICTION	CONTRIBUTION
Johnson County	\$141,775
De Soto	\$2,380
Edgerton	\$2,000
Gardner	\$6,600
Leawood	\$16,500
Lenexa	\$20,350
Merriam	\$8,300
Mission	\$8,300
Olathe	\$60,000
Overland Park	\$86,200
Prairie Village	\$8,300
Roeland Park	\$4,771
Shawnee	\$26,200
Spring Hill	\$2,000
Westwood	\$1,500
Total from County Government & Cities	\$395,176
Interest	\$3,100
Subtotal	\$398,276
UCS Administration	\$26,000
Total Available to Allocate	\$372,276

2021 HUMAN SERVICE FUND GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

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APPENDIX B

2021 HUMAN SERVICE FUND GUIDELINES

The Human Service Fund is a competitive process that awards grants to nonprofit organizations for operating health and human service programs that promote self-sufficiency, well-being and/or personal safety of Johnson County residents who live with income at or near the federal poverty level. Funded programs provide pathways and opportunities for building a healthy community where every resident is empowered to reach their full potential. Components of the safety net investment that are supported by the HSF are: 1) basic needs, 2) work and income supports, and 3) health, wellness and personal safety.

FUNDING PRIORITIES 2021

Health and human service programs funded by the Human Service Fund must:

- promote self-sufficiency, well-being and/or personal safety of Johnson County residents and fit within safety net investment components of basic needs, work and income supports, or health.
- offer county-wide services or fill a gap which results in county-wide benefit
- offer equal access to all clients and prospective clients who could benefit from the program.
- 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.

Priority is given to programs that:

- address emergency aid and shelter, child/adult abuse, child welfare, health, work support services such as childcare and early childhood development, and job training.
- serve individuals and/or families with income below or near the federal poverty level.
- demonstrate innovation and/or collaboration in program delivery.
- are consistent with an evidence-based program, best practices or promising practices, or replicate a successful model.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must deliver direct services to Johnson County residents, be 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, i.e. may not be an entity of city or county government.
- Agency must provide most recent IRS form 990 and 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.
- The applicant complies with Agency Standards.
- Applicant affirms compliance with any applicable nondiscrimination ordinances and/or policies of the municipalities that provide resources to the Human Service Fund.
- Funded program must:
 - promote self-sufficiency, well-being and/or personal safety of Johnson County residents and fit within safety net investment components of basic needs, work and income supports, or health.

- primarily serve Johnson County, Kansas residents who live with income at or near federal poverty level. However, programs that do not meet this criterion may still be eligible if the program addresses child/adult abuse, and/or leads to the prevention of poverty, and primarily serves Johnson County residents.
- clearly define and measure outcomes for participants.
- benefit local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government.
- offer county-wide services or fill a gap which results in county-wide benefit.
- offer equal access to all clients and prospective clients who could benefit from the program.
- Only one HSF application may be submitted by an agency. Applications will not be accepted for both the HSF and Alcohol Tax Fund (ATF, 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 ATF.