

## **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**Admin Item**

Meeting Date: January 9, 2020

Staff Contact: Fred Sherman, CAO / City Clerk

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Agenda Item: United Community Services of Johnson County - Human Service Fund payment

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### **Background / Description of Item:**

Since 1990, United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) has worked in partnership with cities and Johnson County Government to support programs that improve the quality of life through human service strategies. In 2016, 68,000 people benefited from these programs.

The Human Service Fund offers local governments a cost-efficient, accountable mechanism to support an array of services that help residents of every city who are facing difficult circumstances. Funding is awarded to nonprofit agencies to support programs that build economic self-reliance and protect personal and community safety. Through these programs, thousands of individuals and their families benefit. With this, the entire community, including local government, benefits. Approximately 64,000 residents benefited from programs designed offer support or create opportunities to help people avoid or escape poverty.

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 of our entire community.

In 2013 the City of Westwood contributed \$1,146. No funds were contributed by the City of Westwood in 2014, \$1,150 was contributed in 2015, \$1,260 was contributed in 2016 and 2017, and \$1,375 was Westwood's 2018 and 2019 contribution amount.

Funding for the City of Westwood's contribution of \$1,500 was included in the FY 2020 approved budget.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Authorize the payment of \$1,500 to United Community Services of Johnson County for the City of Westwood's FY 2020 contribution to the Human Services Fund.



# United Community Services of Johnson County

## 2020 HUMAN SERVICE FUND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

### Board Members

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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 2020.

Together, Johnson County Government and 15 cities have budgeted \$394,776 for the Human Service Fund in 2020. (See appendix A for list of participating jurisdictions.) These contributions directly benefit Johnson County residents who will be served through 15 programs recommended for 2020 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 2018 programs receiving Human Service Fund grants served approximately 63,200 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 27, 2019.**

2020 Human Service Fund Applicant History and Recommendations

Applicant	2018 Grant	2019 Grant	2020 Recommendation	Program Description
CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties	\$40,000	\$43,500	\$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.
Community Center of Shawnee, Inc.	No request	\$5,000	No request	Food pantry transportation; distribution of free food.
Cultivate Kansas City	No request	No request	\$0	Nutrition Incentives Program: Matching funds for SNAP participants and for seniors in KS Senior Market Nutrition Program.
El Centro	\$20,000	\$22,736	\$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	No request	\$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.
Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas	No request	No request	\$15,696	Training and Employment Services: Partner with Cultivate, Inc. to provide skills training, certification instruction, financial education & job placement for clients in Adult Residential Center and Therapeutic Community, and adults on probation upon release from the ARC.
Growing Futures Early Education Center	\$9,265	\$9,265	\$9,000	Scholarships for child care 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	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$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	\$45,000	Health and dental care, through a medical home model, for uninsured low-income Johnson County residents.
Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica	\$6,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	Transitional housing for homeless youth, single adults and families; case management, budget counseling, and supportive services.
Jo. Co. Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	Case management for single females and families with children who are homeless. Clients receive shelter, meals, and transportation.
Jewish Family Services	\$5,000	No request	No request	Food, Shelter and Employment
Kansas Children's Service League	\$19,800	\$19,800	\$20,280	Home-based education and family support for new parents whose children are at-risk for child abuse and neglect.
KidsTLC	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$18,500	Thriving Families: Crisis counseling, parent education, help for families navigating health care, housing, and community resources.
SAFEHOME	\$19,865	\$21,000	\$21,000	Economic Empowerment Program promotes economic self-reliance for victims of domestic violence who are living in shelter/
Salvation Army Family Lodge (Olathe)	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	Temporary and transitional housing for families in Johnson County who are homeless, including related services and case management.
Sunflower House	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$42,500	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	No request	No request	Implementation of "Talk, Read, Play"
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$335,930</b>	<b>\$339,801</b>	<b>\$371,776</b>	The 2019 federal poverty level for a family of three is \$21,330.

## 2020 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.

\$48,000

Recommendation

**2020 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 440 Johnson County children during 2020.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 384 children were served. The presence of a stable adult is a key factor in building resilience from a history of trauma. Ninety-seven percent of children served by CASA had a stable adult presence in their CASA volunteer during their court involvement. While assigned to a CASA advocate, all 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, 87% graduated.

**Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas**

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, child care, 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.

\$70,000

Recommendation

**2020 Results Projected:** During 2020, the agency anticipates serving 25,000 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. Eighty percent of clients will attend financial literacy education classes and receive one-on-one coaching according to assessed need and capability.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 27,568 Johnson County residents were served and visits to Catholic Charities for food assistance totaled 46,355. This included assistance with applications for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and food from the agency's pantry. Direct financial assistance enabled 1,068 individuals to maintain safe housing for at least 30 days. 2,439 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. Eighty percent 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.** 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.

\$22,800  
Recommendation

**2020 Results Projected:** During 2020, 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).

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 1,630 Johnson County residents were served. Clients' basic needs were met: 233 households received utility assistance and were able to maintain utilities for minimum of 30 days, and 52 households received rent assistance which enabled them to sustain housing for minimum of 30 days. Seventy people were assisted with the process that enabled them to receive an Individual Tax Identification Number and thus file income taxes. Nearly 120 individuals were assisted with applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and received benefits.

**FosterAdopt Connect** A new HSF applicant, 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 resources centers, including one in Lenexa which recently expanded capacity.

\$5,000  
Recommendation

**2020 Results Projected:** During 2020, the agency expects to serve 328 Johnson County residents through this program. Results anticipated include an increase in retention rate of foster and adoptive families, and kinship placements (parents develop and maintain an action plan), increase access to resources and knowledge for families (needs resolved), and a decrease in traumatic moves for children (placements are preserved).

**Goodwill of  
Western MO and  
Eastern KS**

\$15,696  
Recommendation

This program will be impacted if funds noted as pending are not received in total.

A new HSF applicant, funding is recommended for Goodwill's enhanced Training and Employment program. This program will collaborate with Cultivate, Inc. to provide skills training, certification instruction, financial education, and job placement 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. Founded in 2012, Cultivate, Inc. has two programs that currently work with clients from the ARC. Founded in 1894, Goodwill currently provides the following services in Johnson County: Vocational Rehabilitation, Ticket to Work, Benefits Counseling, and Digital Skills (training and certification). Through the Training and Employment program, new training and case management resources will be provided to clients (most of whom return to Johnson County upon completion of sentence/probation period).

**2020 Results Projected:** During 2020, Goodwill expects 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 Full Day Program. 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. Families who meet Head Start income guidelines pay for seven hours of the 10.5 hour-day (7am-5:30pm) at rate of \$130/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.

**2020 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 25 Johnson County children with scholarships.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 15 Johnson County residents were served and six families received short term help or fee subsidies which allowed parents to remain working or in school while facing financial challenges. Most of the families received short term help. One family experienced a catastrophic health event (father was diagnosed with brain cancer and was unable to continuing working) and scholarship support enabled their three children to continue in preschool while the mother remained in college to complete her degree. During 2018, one child withdrew due to financial issues.

**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).

**2020 Results Projected:** In 2020, through the BackSnack program, the agency anticipates serving 1,800 Johnson County children and distributing 55,100 backpacks; and, providing 21,000 meals to children through Kids Café sites. Results include positive effects on children’s grades, behavior and health. (The transition of children and families to the new School Pantry program will result in fewer backpacks distributed; children cannot be served by both BackSnack and School Pantry programs. During school-year 2019, weather related school closures resulted in fewer meals being served at Kids Café sites; therefore, results projected for 2020 are more conservative.)

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** Harvesters provided 64,431 backpack carriers of food and 33,884 Kids Café meals to Johnson County children. During spring of 2018, Harvesters implemented an expansion of its BackSnack program to offer a blended BackSnack and School Pantry model where food is delivered to schools for distribution to families that need help feeding everyone in their household (not just the student). During 2018, Harvesters provided the blended model at 11 Johnson County schools, and there were 20 Kids Café sites in Johnson County. Harvester’s is not able to provide an unduplicated count of children served between the two programs (BackSnack and KidsCafe’) but provided an unduplicated count of recipients specific to each program. Together, a minimum of 4,337 unduplicated children were served between the two programs.

**Health Partnership Clinic (HPC)**

\$45,000

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 with majority being uninsured (47.4%) or publicly-insured (39.1%). 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.

**2020 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 2020, HPC anticipates serving 12,255 Johnson County residents through 36,137 patient office visits or encounters.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 10,262 Johnson County residents were served through 35,275 patient office visits and/or clinical encounters. Nearly 93% of

patients surveyed indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with overall care they received as a patient (3.5% were neutral). Patients achieved positive health outcomes as indicated by 59% of hypertensive patients who had their blood pressure under control with readings below 140/90, and 66% 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).

**Hillcrest  
Ministries of  
MidAmerica**

\$10,000  
Recommendation

Funding is recommended for Hillcrest’s Transitional Housing – Homeless Youth and Families program. Transitional housing for homeless youth (up to age 24), families (children and adults), and single adults will be provided in seven apartments located in Overland Park. Four apartments are for youth, and three 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 (three months).

**2020 Results projected:** Thirty 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; homeless adults will maintain or improve their employment.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 35 Johnson County residents were served. One-hundred percent of youth and families received an individual assessment of needs including health, employment, education and housing. Four homeless youth worked toward achieving education goals (their work toward those goals continues), and 10 adults improved and maintained employment.

**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, money management, and job and housing searches. Services are provided by 3,500 volunteers through partnerships with 40 faith congregations.

**2020 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 percent 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.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 60 Johnson County residents were served. Of those completing the program, 70% reported increasing their income by 25% or more while in the program, and 38% moved into homes of their own within three months of



entering the network. Residents received 3,264 cumulative days of shelter and strength-based case management.

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

\$20,280  
Recommendation

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.

**2020 Results Projected:** During 2020, 250 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).

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 164 Johnson County residents were served. All of the families served remained free from substantiated abuse and neglect while in the program. By the end of the year, 87% of children in the program had health insurance and 97% had a developmental screening.

**KidsTLC**

\$18,500  
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.

**2020 Results Projected:** During 2020, the organization estimates serving 300 Johnson County residents through this program. Program results include that people's life sustaining basic needs are met, clients experience increased access to services, barriers to services are reduced, and clients express increased awareness of resources.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** Through crisis intervention, housing support, and health navigation, the Thriving Families program served 206 individuals, including 12 unaccompanied youth and 53 families. KidsTLC helped permanently house 10 youth and 30

families which included providing rent/utility assistance, as well as referral to shelter and transitional living. KidsTLC referred 53 clients to rental/utility assistance, shelter, food/clothing, postnatal, legal services, employment services, and mental health services. In addition, at least 15 adults were referred to KidsTLC's mental health programming to receive services for their child. Program staff made 63 face-to-face contacts and handled 140 crisis intervention services/crisis calls.

**Safehome**

\$21,000  
Recommendation

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, 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.

**2020 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 150 Johnson County residents during 2020. (Fewer residents are projected to be served in 2020 than in 2018 because Safehome has prioritized serving solely clients who live in their shelter, whereas in 2018 clients living in the community were also served by this program.)

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 190 Johnson County residents were served. After five weeks of participation in the Job Search track, all participants completed a career assessment inventory, and after 10 weeks, 86% had a least two job interviews, and 100% secured a new or better job. After five weeks in the Budgeting track, all participants set budgeting goals, and 15% made plans to address credit problems; after 10 weeks, 80% of participants set up a realistic household budget.

**Salvation Army  
Olathe**

\$20,000  
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. 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.

**2020 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. Another result is children begin or continue to receive daycare services. The Family Lodge anticipates serving 150 Johnson County residents during 2020.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** The Family Lodge provided 32,926 units of service which it defines as "one bed night and/or one meal provided" to 135 Johnson County residents. Ninety-three percent of families who moved out of the lodge moved into transitional or permanent housing. All eligible families applied for mainstream services (medical assistance and SNAP) or completed renewal applications. Ninety-seven percent of

participants who successfully completed the program increased their skills or income (37 of 38). Of those, 23 families increased parenting skills, 37 families developed a working budget, four families began secondary educational programming and one parent completed her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) training.

**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

**2020 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 2020.

**Outcomes achieved during 2018:** During 2018, 17,470 Johnson County residents were served. In post-program surveys, 97% of children indicated they would report unwanted contact, including physical touches and electronic communications. All adults, including those within the special needs community, who were educated on child abuse indicators and reporting abuse, indicated they gained new information.

### **Not Recommended for Funding**

#### **Cultivate Kansas City – Nutrition Incentives Program**

Cultivate Kansas City, a new HSF applicant, requested \$10,000 for its Nutrition Incentives Program which helps low-income households access healthy fruits and vegetables. The program provides dollar-for-dollar match to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants and a \$30 match to low-income seniors receiving the Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The program helps participants save money and eat healthier while supporting farmers and farmers markets.

United Community Services Human Service Fund Grant Review Committee did not recommend funding from the 2020 HSF for Cultivate Kansas City. UCS acknowledges the value of this program to residents and farmers. However, with limited funding, the grant review committee focused on recommending allocations for programs that are more actively engaged in residents' lives and have stronger alignment with funding priorities.

**APPENDIX A**

**2020 HUMAN SERVICE FUND PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS**

<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTION</b>
Johnson County	\$141,775
De Soto	\$2,380*
Edgerton	\$2,000
Gardner	\$6,000
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
Westwood Hills	\$200
<b>Total from County Government &amp; Cities</b>	<b>\$394,776</b>
Interest	\$3,000
Subtotal	\$397,776
UCS Administration	\$26,000
<b>Total Available to Allocate</b>	<b>\$371,776</b>

*\*pending*

**2020 HUMAN SERVICE FUND GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

UCS Board Members

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## APPENDIX B

### 2020 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 2020

Health and human service programs funded by the HSF 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, wellness and personal safety. Funded programs must offer county-wide services or fill a gap which results in county-wide benefit and offer equal access to all clients and prospective clients who could benefit from the program.

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.

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.
- 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.